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Glasser greets Bradley

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Joanne Glasser admitted she got lost on her first day at Bradley.

She rolled down her car window and asked a group of students where Swords Hall is located. They chuckled, pointed her in the right direction and said, "We know who you are. You're the new president."

But since she found her new office three weeks ago, she's hardly been in it.

Glasser, 56, who recently replaced David Broski as university president, has been busy exploring the campus and getting acquainted with the Bradley community.

As the university's first female president, Glasser said she's a trailblazer and wants to start her job the right way – by getting to know students and faculty.

"I'll be spending a good deal of my time the first couple of months getting a sense of what people's dreams and aspirations are," she said. "It's not going to be just my dreams and my visions for the university. It's got be a shared, collective vision – who we are and who we aspire to be and how we're

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Joanne Glasser speaks at a news conference Aug. 7 after her introduction as Bradley's 10th president. *Photo by Erin Wood*

Students charged for friend's death

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Three Bradley students are scheduled to appear in court Thursday, facing charges for the death of fellow soccer teammate and friend, Sheridan "Danny" Dahlquist.

Dahlquist, a Bradley sophomore, died during the early morning of Aug. 12 after he was trapped in his room with a fire caused by a firework prank gone awry.

An autopsy showed the cause of death to be carbon monoxide poisoning, Peoria County Coroner Johnna Ingersoll said.

David Crady, Nicholas Mentgen, Ryan Johnson and Illinois Central College student Daniel Cox are charged with two counts of aggravated arson and one count of possession of an explosive or incendiary device. Each charge carries a prison term of up to 30 years. Probation is not an option for the arson counts.

David Crady

Ryan Johnson

Nicholas Mentgen

Prosecutor Larry Evans said the four men had been drinking prior to placing and lighting a Roman candle under Dahlquist's door, according to the Journal Star. The first one was a dud, so the men lit two more and ran from the house, Evans said.

The men expected the prank to end with Dahlquist running from the house in his underwear.

However, when the men saw a blaze coming from Dahlquist's bedroom window, Evans said they reentered the house and tried to open Dahlquist's door, but the heat was too great. Mentgen was hoisted onto the roof to open the window, but it was also too hot.

Dahlquist was later found near his window, showing that he may have tried to escape before he died.

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15-year plan construction continues on campus

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Construction of Bradley's 15-year plan continued this past summer as workers prepared the site for the Markin Family Student Recreation Center and began building the new parking deck.

Vice President for Business Affairs Gary Anna said the Markin Center will be completed by October 2008 and the new parking deck is expected to be completed a year from now.

"We're full speed ahead," he said of the Markin Center. "A lot of the work right now is foundation work, and hopefully it won't be long and you'll start to see the building take place."

It is undetermined when construction will begin on the new athletic facility that will replace Robertson Memorial Field House.

"Things may become clearer by the end of the year," Anna said.

This summer, the former Sigma Chi fraternity house located on Glenwood Avenue was demolished and a new one was built on Fredonia Avenue. Also, Wyckoff Hall is now air-conditioned.

Anna said Bradley is preparing to start a lighting project that will illuminate campus with new fixtures.

Construction on the 15-year plan continues this school year, including cleanup of the former Alumni Center site. *Photo by Megan Loos*

While Markin Center construction displaces parking adjacent to Haussler Hall, Anna said there are the same amount of spaces as last year although they are further away from Haussler.

"It would probably be ill-informed of me to say, 'No, there aren't any problems,'" he said.

Construction for the new parking deck began two or three weeks ago. It will be located on the corner of Maplewood Avenue and Main Street. The deck will increase the amount of parking spaces on campus by 10 percent.

Anna said he hopes parts of Haussler will be available to students until the Markin Center opens.

"The pool is gone, and it's going to be somewhat of an inconvenience," he said. "But everyone will know what the end game will be."

Anna said demolition of the field house is the first step in beginning the athletic facility's construction.

"Obviously the programs we house [in the field house] would have to relocate," he said.

The relocation could occur during this year, but Anna said it hasn't been determined.

He said interim locations for teams that practice and play in the field house are still being considered.

Men and women's basketball offices will move to Haussler after demolition

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Bradley Briefs

The Smith Career Center will host The Big Event from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Michel Student Center. The mini-conference is designed to prepare students for jobs and internships. Bill Rancic, the winner of "The Apprentice," will speak along with local employers on salary, benefits, resumes and job searching. Door prizes and free food will be provided.

The Smith Career Center will host Job Fair Tips at 4 p.m. Thursday in Baker Hall B53. The program will provide interviewing tips and information about appropriate interview dress.

The band Five Times August will visit campus from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday. The group will perform in Cafe Bradley. The event is part of the Activities Council's Coffeehouse series.

The Smith Career Center will host Caterpillar Career Day from 9 to 4 p.m. Thursday on Olin Quad. For more information visit www.careers@hilltop.bradley.edu or contact the SCC at x2510.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship will host a pool tournament Sept. 14. There is a $5 entry fee for both men and women's divisions. Steve Lillis, a professional pool player, will demonstrate trick shots Sept. 15. For more information and to register for the tournament, call (309) 712-1397. Location and time to be announced.

Around the World

Police crackdown keeps roads safe

No major crashes were reported in the Tri-County area over Labor Day weekend because of Illinois State Police's crackdown on speeders and drunk drivers.

State troopers conducted multiple roadside safety checks over the weekend at various locations throughout Marshall, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell and Woodford counties. Officials said the patrols are proven to cut down the number of deaths and injuries because of drunken driving and speeding.

Troopers arrested 37 drivers and issued 164 tickets. One serious crash occurred Sunday night on I-155 near Delavan.

Senate denies dropping Craig's charges

Late Wednesday, the Senate Ethics committee denied Sen. Larry Craig's request to drop his ethics charges. The committee said it will return to the complaint before his decision to resign.

Craig said he'd resign by the end of September if he fails to get a guilty plea emerging from his June 11 arrest. Craig was charged with vulgar behavior in the men's bathroom at a Minneapolis airport.

Craig hired well-known defense attorney Billy Martin, also Michael Vick's lawyer, to study his legal options.

Ancient beehives unearthed in Israel

Archaeologists have discovered remnants of ancient honeycombs, beeswax and what could be the oldest intact beehives ever found in Tel Rehov, Israel.

The discovery includes 30 hives from about 900 B.C., according to the Associated Press. This finding could prove an advanced beekeeping industry existed in the Holy Land during biblical times.

Israel's biblical reference as "the land of milk and honey" was never linked to beekeeping until now. The discovered hives are made of straw and unbaked clay. Honey was used in ancient times for religious and medicinal purposes, as well as a food source.

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Friends, teammates remember Danny

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

If David Crady is worried about himself, he's not letting it show.

A Bradley soccer player and one of the four men being charged for the prank gone awry that killed sophomore Sheridan "Danny" Dahlquist, Crady, like others who knew Dahlquist, has nothing but positive words to share.

"I loved Danny like he was my own brother, and he will be missed by so many people," Crady said. "Danny is a person that touched everyone he met in a positive way."

Crady said he can't express in words how much the support of the community and the Dahlquist family means to him.

"I have never met such a strong family," he said. "They are absolutely amazing people, and I consider myself very blessed to have known Danny and the rest of his family ... my heart and prayers will be with the Dahlquists always."

Friends and classmates of Dahlquist who knew him from Bradley or Peoria Notre Dame High School, where he graduated in 2006, shared memories of him and paid their respects at various services including a vigil on Notre Dame's soccer field and a visitation at St. Mark's Church, the church Dahlquist grew up in.

Dahlquist's funeral, also held at St. Mark's Church, was standing room only. Bradley soccer players sat near the front with President Joanne Glasser, who flew to campus for the first time from Richmond, Ky., since being announced as Bradley's tenth president just days before.

Now, as the Bradley and Peoria community reflect on the tragedy, Glasser is doing the same.

"It is a tragedy of great significance because it has affected so many lives and families," she said. "It is a tragedy that has caused a lot of emotion, a lot grief and a lot of sadness."

But Glasser said she, like Crady, is impressed with the outpouring of the support for everyone involved in the situation.

"It has reflected a great deal to me, as a new member of this community, of what Bradley and Peoria are all about," she said.

Friends and teammates of Dahlquist shared memories of him and honored his life at the various services, but many have left messages for Dahlquist on his facebook wall, a fitting way to remember a college student.

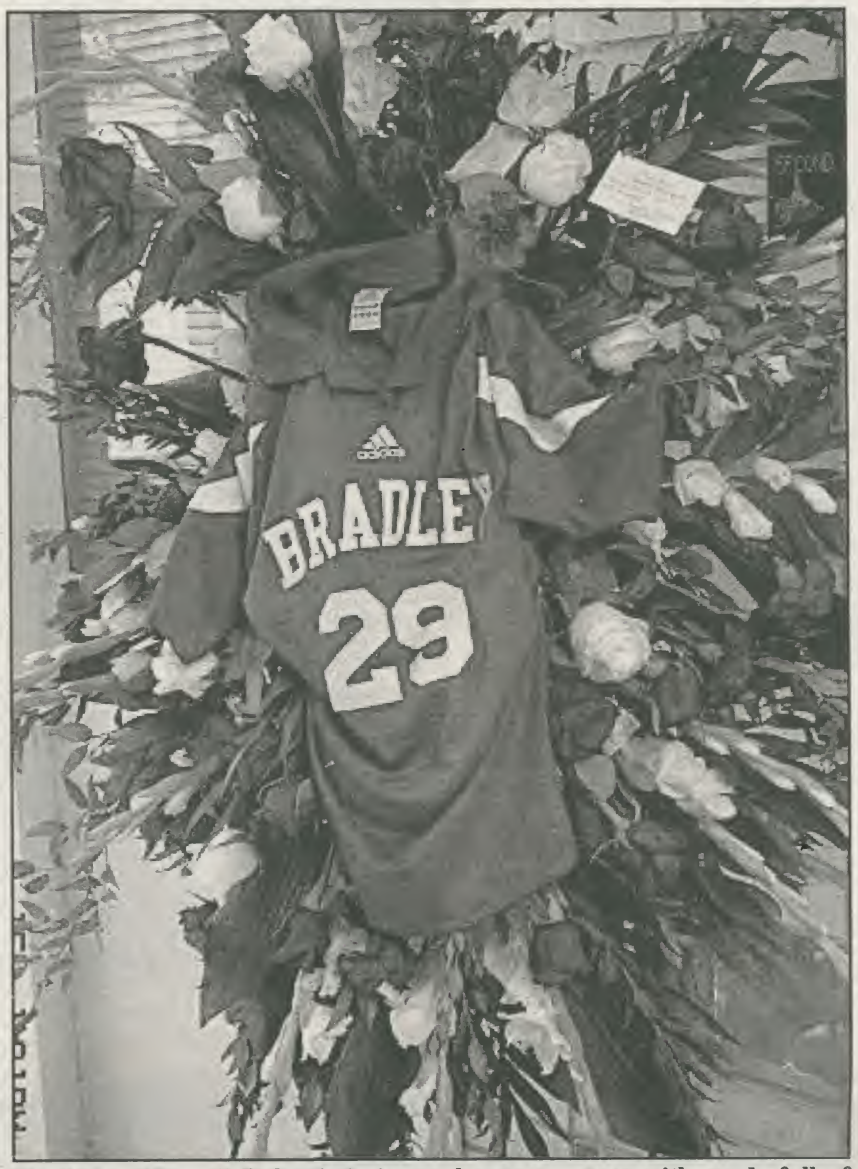
Sophomore history major Sean Kelleher, Dahlquist's freshman year roommate, wrote Dahlquist was "a great person that never said too much, but when he talked people would listen."

Brian O'Malley, who played soccer with Danny when they were growing up, wrote to Dahlquist about how he made everything fun.

"Every time I step out onto a soccer field, I will be thinking of you and how much you loved the game," he wrote. "You were truly a great person who always knew how to get us through the times during conditioning."

Dahlquist included a quote by the band OAR on his Facebook profile that friends said he lived by: "It's about friends, memories, family. We all go somewhere as years pass. Whether it is down the street or across the country. The key is to enjoying it all is remembering where you've been."

Danny Dahlquist is the oldest of seven children of Bradley University Senior Associate Athletic Director for Compliance and Finance Craig Dahlquist and Tricia Dahlquist, a member of the English Department faculty.



Sheridan "Danny" Dahquist's jersey hangs on roses with cards full of memories from friends and teammates. Dahlquist died Aug. 12 in a house fire that was part of a prank gone awry. *Photo courtesy of Abby Swanson*

Technology updates aid communication

Webmail makes way for B-Mail

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

In 253 days, Bradley Webmail will disappear.

This summer, Bradley began using B-Mail, twin brother to Google's G-mail. Google offers the product free to institutions of higher education,

B-Mail will replace Webmail at the end of this academic year.

"We weren't able to keep up with Webmail," said Stephen Patrick, the executive director of Computing Services. "It required significant upgrades to keep running plus problems with ongoing maintenance and support."

Informations, Resources and Technology conducted a pilot last semester to obtain student feedback. Bradley was looking at alternative programs including Microsoft and G-Mail.

"It looked like the sort of thing we wanted to look into," said Sandy Helms Bury, the executive director of Customer Support Services. "If we're going to change technology, we try to do a pilot."

During the pilot process, IRT found students were already familiar with B-Mail because they had experience with G-Mail.

Patrick estimated 90 percent of the students participating in the pilot program preferred B-Mail to Webmail.

Junior civil engineering major Steve Simak participated in the pilot program last semester and now prefers B-Mail to Webmail. He said the program offers more features than Webmail.

B-mail offers more storage space, specialized searches and e-mail grouping. The calendar feature allows students to create their personal calendars, obtain public ones and share with each other.

IRT is trying to get the word out about switching to B-Mail as much as possible.

The Smith Career Center is advising students to put their B-Mail address on resumes. Students may keep the account as long as they'd like long after graduation.

With Webmail, students' accounts are inactive 120 days after graduation. This is problematic when prospective employers try to contact them via e-mail a few months after graduation.

"B-Mail is e-mail for life," Helms Bury said.

After Webmail is fully dismantled, e-mails sent to that account will no longer be forwarded to B-Mail.

Freshmen signed up with B-Mail accounts during orientation to make Bradley's transition to B-Mail easier.

Although there have been minor complaints, Helms Bury said students have reacted positively.

"There is never ever a time to make a change where everyone feels it's convenient," she said.

Patrick said B-Mail is running smoothly with minor transitional problems that will correct themselves in time.

If students are unclear how to access B-Mail accounts, they may contact the Technology Helpdesk at x2964.

B-Mail How To

Go to www.mybu.bradley.edu

Click the B-mail graphic located near the Webmail graphic.

On the B-Mail page, click the "Sign up for B-Mail" link located to the left of the login box.

You will need your BUnetID and password to proceed.

To learn more about the system, click the link "here" on the signup page.

New program offers emergency alerts

BY NAFIA KHAN
for the Scout

A new communication system, foreWarn, will alert students, faculty and parents of campus emergencies.

Since the Virginia Tech shooting incident last April, campuses nationwide have implemented programs to alert university communities of life threatening situations.

Bradley is among the first to introduce such a program, though many other schools have plans in the works.

Bradley's foreWarn program is divided into three parts: a Web site, phone number and text messaging.

The Web site, www.emergency.bradley.edu, allows parents and students to access emergency notifications.

Students and parents can also call for updates. The phone number x4000 provides updated information about campus-wide emergencies.

Students can sign up for optional text messages, notifying them of dangerous activity.

Sandy Helms Bury, Executive Director of the Customer Support Services for the Technology Helpdesk, said the program could be very effective for Bradley.

"The ability to push the emergency information out to the students even when they are not by a computer with a wireless connection is great," she said.

Helms Bury said student phone numbers are kept in a database, and a computer would text message students in case of an emergency, free of charge for Bradley.

Freshman health science major Melissa Buness signed up for the text messaging program. She said she approves of the idea.

"If there was an emergency, I would be aware of what's going on," she said. "It's not hard to sign up. I just went to the Web site, typed my cell phone number in and it's done."

Freshman international studies major Helen Zoumaya said she's in support of foreWarn.

"People are likely to check their phones in class," she said. "It's a better strategy than e-mailing the student body."

Sophomore administration of criminal justice major Megan Brauer said foreWarn is a step in the right direction.

"It's good that Bradley is up there on the forefront of technology," she said.

Sophomore health science major Chelsey Hoshauer said foreWarn is a good medium to relay important information.

"I know everyone has their phone attached to their hip. If something were to happen, it's the quickest way to get to everyone," she said.

Bury said her concern lies in the safety of the campus.

"My hope is we won't ever have to use it," she said. "It's nice to know we have it if something happens."

foreWarn How To

For information about campus emergenices:

- Call x4000
- Log on to www.emergency.bradley.edu
- Sign up for emergency text messaging by clicking the foreWarn link on Bradley's homepage, www.bradley.edu

Bradley receives mixed rankings from Princeton Review

BY PAT OLDENDORF
for the Scout

Bradley made several lists in the Princeton Review's recent rankings.

While the university remains near the top of the list for the best schools in the Midwest, it falls short in other categories.

Bradley is third in "Election? What Election?" This category ranks school in order of student apathy toward politics.

And the university's library is ranked fourth worst in the category called "This is a Library?"

To create the rankings, The Review releases an online survey students can take once a year. The survey is available at www.survey.review.com.

Princeton Review Senior Editor Adrinda Kelly said about 300 students complete the survey on participating campuses. There are safeguards to ensure accuracy, such as e-mail verification.

Kelly said Bradley shouldn't be ashamed of its rankings. The book is published simply as a guideline for potential students and it's an honor to be in the book.

President of Bradley College Democrats Josh Cox said he disagrees.

He said campus apathy is a widespread problem. However, 130 new members signed up to join the group this year.

President of Bradley College Republicans Zephanie Custer also said campus apathy is an issue. But the College Republicans recently had its first meeting of the year, and Custer said it was well-attended and lively with debate.

A main goal of both organizations is to get students interested. Both organizations plan to host outside speakers, ideally candidates for local offices.

"It's not that kids don't have opinions, it's that they don't care enough to get involved," senior finance major Nicholas Palumbo said.

Princeton Review Rankings 2008

Election. What Election?
1. Sacred Heart University
2. Quinnipiac University
3. Bradley University
4. Florida Southern College
5. Worcester Polytechnic Institute

This is a Library?
1. Clarkson University
2. United States Coast Guard Academy
3. Bennington College
4. Bradley University
5. Spelman College

Apathetic attitudes on campus don't only affect political organizations. They affect all organizations.

"It's such a small campus with so many opportunities to fit anyone's needs, but no one gets involved," sophomore social work and religious studies major Cathleen Chandler said.

Apathy also affects the Cullom-Davis Library, as it's ranked fourth worst in the country.

Library Director Barbara Galik said one of her main goals to turn the rankings around is to get students involved in the library. She said she'd like to form a student advisory board to help represent students at the library.

The library is also investing more money into online research methods rather than purchasing more books, which may give it a competitive technological edge.

Galik worked for many other university libraries, and said Bradley's library is small compared to others.

She said Bradley doesn't have as extensive budgets as larger schools.

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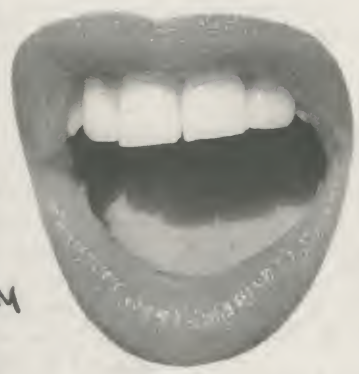

Jack's Mannequin slated for ACBU fall concert

EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

The Activities Council's fall concert headliner Jack's Mannequin is already creating sound waves.

Jack's Mannequin is a piano-rock band from Southern California. The band is the side project of frontman Andrew McMahon, also of Something Corporate.

The band will visit campus Oct. 20 in the Roberston Memorial Field House.

Hallie Duesenberg and Antonio Gentile, the special events reserve fund coordinators for ACBU booked the concert in July.

Duesenberg said ACBU chose the band because of surveys conducted last spring.

"When we got a breakdown of all the bands and artists that people wanted to see last semester, Jack's Mannequin was rated in the top three," Duesenberg said. "They're in the genre that seems really popular right now."

Jack's Mannequin released its debut CD "Everything in Transit" in 2005. However, album promotion and touring were put on hold when McMahon contracted leukemia immediately after recording.

"He's a musical hero to many," Duesenberg said.

After a few brutal months of illness, McMahon recovered and hit the road.

Jack's Mannequin has since opened for OAR and Panic! At the Disco.

The band has headlined two tours and is performing a string of college dates while recording its second album.

Duesenberg said ACBU expects the concert to immediately produce great ticket sales and eventually sell out.

Jack's Mannequin frontman Andrew McMahon.

Junior music business major Julie Hill said she agrees.

"I've been seeing a lot of Jack's Mannequin shirts around campus," she said.

Although Hill doesn't listen to Jack's Mannequin extensively, she said she's excited to see the band live.

"I've been really impressed by all the concerts ACBU has put on, and I really enjoy this genre," Hill said.

Junior psychology major Ronda Papner said she can't wait to see one of her favorite bands perform live for the third time.

"Andrew is a very talented musician and also an inspiration due to his dedication to his fans even throughout his battle with cancer," Papner said. "I'll be right there in the front row throughout the show."

The cost of booking Jack's Mannequin was around $35,000, which is more expensive than Motion City Soundtrack was last spring.

Duesenberg said the choice for picking bands of the same gen for two concerts in a row wasn't a unconscious one.

"I'm sure we'll get criticize for this, but we'll get criticized r matter what," Duesenberg sai "We already know that this gen gets a good response and th Jack's Mannequin is well-liked o campus."

She said Jack's Mannequin ma be the last band to rock the fiel house.

"We don't know when the fiel house is coming down," she sai "We could potentially do a sprin show in February or somethin if the field house is still standin then."

Tickets are available Sept. 17 a the Student Activities Office. The are $5 for students and $20 fo non-students. Only one ticket ma be purchased per Bradley ID.

The Jack's Mannequin concer will begin at 7 p.m. To listen t Jack's Mannequin before this, vis www.myspace.com/jacksmanne quin. Opening bands are Ludo an The Northern Room.

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Peoria NEXT moves in next door

BY JEREMY G. FLEMING
for the Scout

The NEXT best thing in Peoria is only a few blocks away.

Business and community leaders introduced the completion of the Peoria NEXT Innovation Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony Aug. 30. The event marked the completion of the 13 million dollar, 48,000-square foot facility.

The center is located at 801 W. Main Street.

It's the brainchild of Peoria NEXT, a committee launched in 2001.

The center can provide internship and research opportunities for students.

It works to attract entrepreneurs, researchers and scientists. Incentives such as expert mentoring, help acquiring venture capital and utilization of area resources provide the courage needed to motivate start-up businesses.

Peoria's resources for helping those new enterprises include Bradley University, Caterpillar, Methodist Medical Center and OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.

"This is a wonderful day for Bradley University and the entire community," University President Joanne Glasser said at the ceremony. "We know students learn best from real world applications. What this means for industry is our students will have the knowledge and skills to hit the ground running."

Other speakers at the event included U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood and mayor Jim Ardis. Councilwoman Barbara Van Auken, whose district includes the neighborhoods surrounding Bradley's campus, also spoke.

"We are an example of a community that can create opportunities for our own people," said U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood, who recently announced his retirement at the end of his term. "We've all worked together and now we can accomplish great things."

Other examples of assets in the area include the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria and the USDA Agriculture Research Lab.

According to the Peoria NEXT Web site, both of those facilities coordinate millions of dollars in annual technology research, and that information could be segmented into commercial development and successful businesses.

Ultimately, those ideas are designed to promote economic growth within the region and the surrounding neighborhood called Renaissance Park.

Van Auken said initiatives like these help create safe, strong and attractive places to live.

Senior marketing major Dale Hendryx wasn't aware of Peoria's new three-story Innovation Center but was in favor of helping increase employment opportunities.

"It's not that easy for people to get good jobs," he said.

City officials are confident the initiatives launched through Peoria NEXT will be successful and set an example for other communities throughout the Midwest and the nation.

"This is going to work," Ardis said. "People are going to come from a long way to check this out."

Above: A crowd gathers for the grand opening of Peoria NEXT Innovation Center. Below: Chairman of Peoria NEXT Dr. Peter Johnsen and Director of HITEC Nancy Wright cut the ribbon for the grand opening ceremony

Photos by Sarah Maddrell

New club on the block

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Students may find a new Friday, Saturday or mid-week hangout in Carbon, a newly opened downtown club.

Owner Branden Martin said since the club's opening six weeks ago, it's been packed with clubgoers on Fridays and at capacity every Saturday. The club is located at the passageway between Jefferson Avenue and Adams Street.

"It's a really clean crowd," he said. "It's safe and it's fun."

Martin said security at other bars can be "mean and rough."

"We're going to do our jobs but we're not going to upset anyone," he said.

Security will card people once they enter the club. However, senior advertising major Mylynn Lynch said there wasn't any security at the door the two times she's been to Carbon.

"But we came at a really weird, hour so there weren't a lot of people there," she said.

Martin said security can't do anything to stop students from using well-made fake IDs or ones that closely resemble real IDs.

"If they get caught, ... we're not going to have anyone arrested," he said. "We'll take it away."

Lynch said she doesn't think it would be easy for underage drinkers to get in.

"I don't know anyone who would try to get in knowing that all the bars in the downtown area are 21 and over," she said.

Martin said his club is different than 112, the club that sat at Carbon's location before it opened.

"Straight-up ghetto," he said of 112. "Honestly catered to the thug clientele."

He said 112 was a reason why it was difficult for him to receive a liquor license. If Carbon were located in a different location, he wouldn't have had as much trouble.

"When it was 112 ... they rioted on the cops and they beat up one cop," he said.

Martin said he had to change the atmosphere of the club from that of 112. He had to make sure there was sufficient lighting in the alley.

"My deal with the city was they don't want me to play rap because they don't want the same clientele that was down there before," he said.

Carbon boasts weekend drink specials, a large dance floor and a light show. The club offers discounts when clubgoers use their students IDs.

Martin describes the club as "a downtown atmosphere without the downtown prices." Lynch said she's never paid cover to get into the club.

She said the club seems to have a more relaxed environment than other clubs she's been to.

"It's not usually really crowded," she said. "There's a lot of space to interact with other people."

Carbon plays mostly '80s and '90s rock and roll.

"If you go to SOPs, they play like live music. [At] Club Reign, they play like heavy rap," Martin said. "I'm playing everything from Neal Diamond to Johnny Cash."

Air conditioning causes commotion

BY DIANE S.W. LEE
for the Scout

The summer heat was unbearable for freshman AEP major Samantha Sweeney, a resident of Heitz Hall, the only dorm on campus without air conditioning.

"It's frustrating, especially the few days without our own system," Sweeney said. "The first couple of nights, my roommate and I had to stay up until 3:30 to cool down."

They couldn't take the heat, so they had a friend install an air conditioner.

"It's much better, more comfortable," she said.

Freshman entrepreneurship major Sam Kardatzke also decided to install one, but he said it didn't help him cool off.

"It really doesn't make that much of a difference," he said. "It helps, but you can't get it ice cold."

Although the rooms in Heitz aren't air-conditioned, other areas such as the Health Center and recreation room are air-conditioned, said Executive Director of Residential Living and Leadership Nathan Thomas.

"At some point in the future, Heitz will most likely have air conditioning," Thomas said. "But I don't know when or what time table that is."

Thomas said it costs the same amount to live in dorms with air conditioning and Heitz.

He said students get placed in dorms based on when they send in their housing deposits. Students who send in their deposits later than others may not get their first preferences.

Financial constraints and general maintenance, like bathroom work, prevent air conditioners from being installed in Heitz.

Air conditioners were recently installed in Wyckoff and University Halls because more students live there, Thomas said.

"We're doing a lot of work, and there's only so many projects you can take on in a year," he said. "Plus they're huge financial drains. It's not as simple as putting air conditioning into your home."

Thomas said it requires a lot of preparation work, including installation of new chilling towers and digging up trenches, which are often costly and time consuming.

The installation of fire sprinklers to comply with state law takes priority over air conditioners, he said.

If residents want to install air conditioning in their rooms, they can. They won't be charged for installation or electricity use, Thomas said.

"What we tell the students who live in Heitz is that the residence hall has some amenities that other residence halls don't have, one of them being the recreational center that gets a lot of use and is very popular," Thomas said.

Its close location to the Michel Student Center and its tight-knit community for new students also make it an ideal place to live, he said.

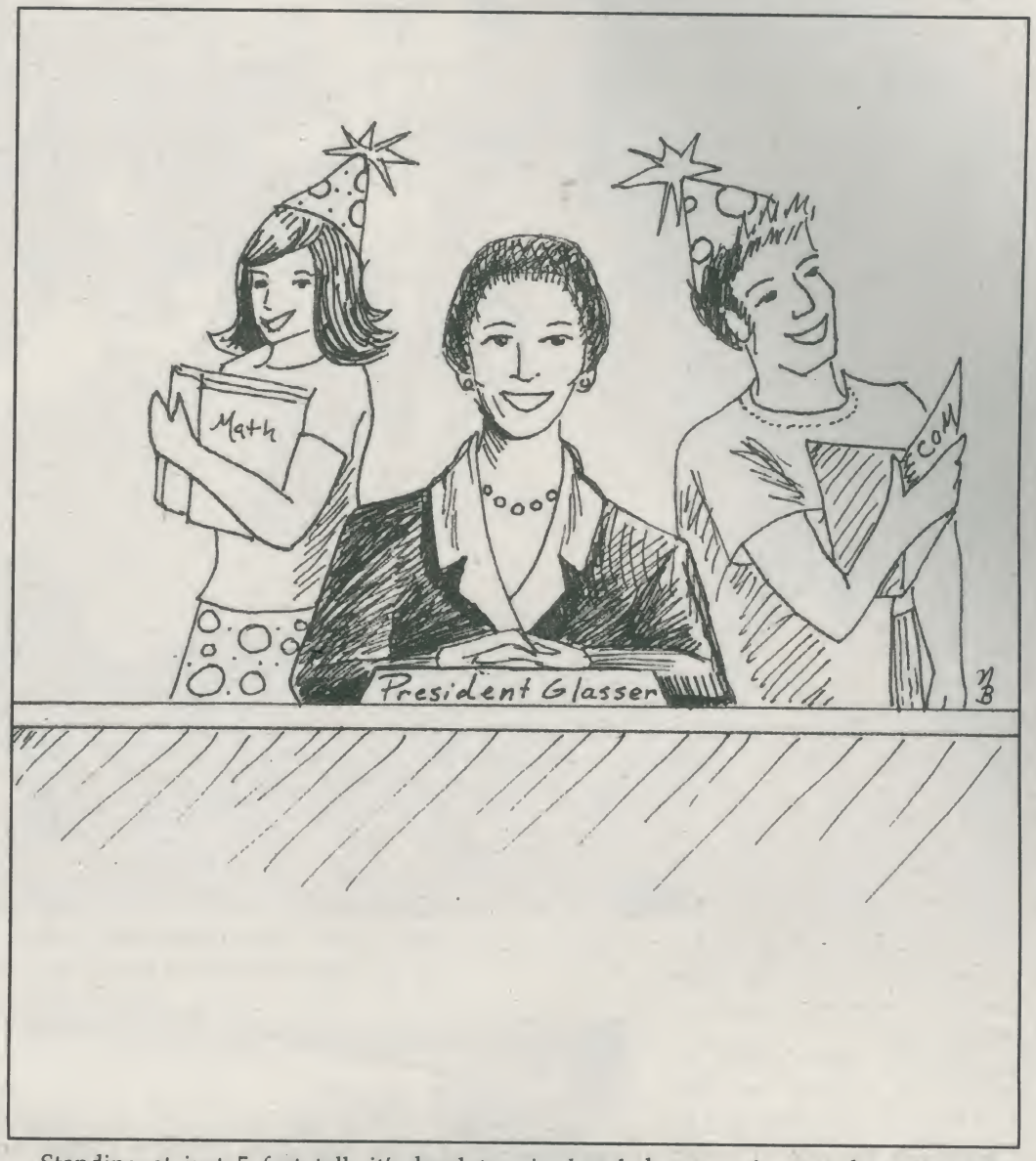
Khang Nguyen, a freshman medical technology major, said she was very unhappy living in Heitz during the first few days after moving in. The temperature made it difficult to stay in her room where she only had a small fan.

With winter approaching, she said she doesn't see a need to install an air conditioner.

"I like Heitz, besides the whole [air conditioner] thing, the people are always open," Nguyen said. "It's the only thing that needs to be changed."

Editorial

The Glasser is full for Bradley



If Bradley's presidency is a talent competition in friendliness and accessibility, Joanne Glasser doesn't have a tough act to follow.

The university's former president David Broski was hardly hospitable – if he could even be found. It's often been joked that "Broski-spotting" was a popular pastime amongst students who attended Bradley during his presidency.

When he was hired in 2000, Broski pledged to make himself available to students, according to Scout archives. But when he officially retired in June this year, many students still probably couldn't pick him out of a crowd.

But Glasser, who's been president for just a few weeks, has already made an effort to show her face at as many campus events as possible.

She attended freshmen move-in and introduced herself to parents. She mingled with greeks at the block party. She competed in a beanbag toss with students at the Taste of Bradley. She braved the heat and visited with organization leaders at the Activities Fair.

And with any luck, this is only a preview of what's to come. Just as Broski promised seven years ago to be visible on campus, Glasser has done the same. But the difference is she has already "walked the talked," in her own words.

"I'm hopeful that students saw in the initial three or four days of my tenure here that I am going to be very visible and accessible," she said.

When she isn't running the campus, or running around campus introducing herself to students and faculty, Glasser said she will be seen cheering at campus events – and not just sports.

Though she might get the most Red Pride points this year, she said she will also attend concerts, recitals and theater productions and other campus events.

And that's exactly what this campus needs – a personable, friendly president who appreciates the mixture of talent and interests of Bradley students.

By what Glasser has shown so far, Presidential Search Committee Chairman Gerald Shaheen and his 12-person board found the best fit for the presidency. She's won over the Bradley community since the moment she was introduced as president, receiving a 45-second standing ovation.

Standing at just 5 feet tall, it's hard to believe so much personality and energy could exude from such a petite frame.

But it's that energy that makes her right for the job. To lead a capital campaign to raise over $100 million, the woman couldn't do it with any less stamina or spunk.

She's got everything going for her, but has shown she's also down to earth and ordinary, stopping students on her first unescorted day on campus to ask for directions to her own office.

So it doesn't seem far-fetched to expect Glasser to live up to everything she's promised and shown so far. But she said she has her own expectations to live up to.

Being Bradley's first female president, Glasser said she aspires to be a role model for all women, not just students.

"I hope that in time, my style and my leadership skills will help pave the way for future women to be successful," she said.

And as a trailblazer, as she called herself, she'll set the standard for every president, female or not, who come after her.

If her performance so far is just an opening act, she'll have fans screaming for an encore.

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Opinions from other campuses

Southern Illinois stacks up the truth

Lesson one: If the boss screws up, don't count on a quick fix.

We at the Daily Egyptian feel some matters are still in desperate need of attention when it comes to SIU President Glenn Poshard's dissertation.

Something tells us it might be a while before the plagiarism allegations against Poshard are confirmed or waived.

Roger Tedrick, chairman of the SIU Board of Trustees, told the Associated Press he is "very comfortable with the situation as is."

The board has known about this since 2004, Tedrick said. Experts investigated the matter, and determined plagiarism had not been committed.

Yet according to Mike Ruiz, university communications director, the board simply loaded Poshard's dissertation on the popular plagiarism detection program, Turnitin.com. When the search yielded no matches, they literally closed the book on the case.

What the board failed to consider is Turnitin.com has only been available for 10 years. More importantly, the books containing the uncited text found in Poshard's dissertation were published in the 1960s and '70s – long before the Internet.

For these reasons, we begin to question our confidence in the Board of Trustees. What seems like common sense to some has not yet appeared to strike the BOT as relevant.

Perhaps this is one headache the board wants to avoid.

According to the SIU Student Conduct Code, punishment for a student committing plagiarism can range from simply failing an assignment to expulsion. And coming before the Judiciary Committee to determine one's fate is common practice.

We wonder if forming such a committee is a step in the right direction.

It's difficult to overlook the fact Poshard called for a similar action after former Chancellor Walter Wendler fell under fire for lifting parts of a plan he wrote while at Texas A&M University and applying it to Southern at 150, a campaign to make SIUC a top-75 public research institution by 2019. A three-member panel eventually determined Wendler committed "academic dishonesty."

We at the Daily Egyptian feel it's only fair Poshard be subject to the same justice system he deemed fit for another of similar administrative stature. A committee should be created, preferably with members unaffiliated with SIU.

It might not be a quick resolution, but it certainly is a start.

This editorial reflects the views from the editorial board at the Daily Egyptian from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

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Erin Wood
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Reflecting on responsibility

While the Bradley community is beginning to heal from the loss of Danny Dahlquist, in President Joanne Glasser's words, it's also a time of reflection.

"It's a tragedy that I sense the campus and community are struggling to deal with right now," she said. "And it's going to take some time to sort out. It's a time right now for reflection, support and compassion."

While we reflect on the tragic accident that took the life of one of our fellow Braves, perhaps we can also learn from it.

Maybe it can serve as a reminder to be responsible.

We're Bradley students. We're supposed to be smart – and we are smart. All of us. But that doesn't mean we're perfect. It doesn't mean we can coast through college without thinking twice about what we're doing.

College is synonymous with independence, but with this independence comes the necessity to take responsibility for our actions.

The time we spend in college is supposed to be the best four years of our lives, and there's no reason it shouldn't be. We have freedom we've never had before, and we should have fun we've never had before.

But instead of our newly found independence reminding us we're adults, it often does just the opposite.

Instead of being responsible, we use college as an excuse to be wild and impulsive.

On the weekends, we put our stresses behind us and focus on having a good time. This is a positive habit until we let fun get in the way of the safety of others and ourselves.

We have to remember to be cautious because our actions have reactions - positive or negative - and we can either reap the rewards or deal with the consequences.

While some accidents are out of our hands, we can prevent others by thinking twice. Mishaps occur on every campus. But we need to remember responsibility so the same tragedy that took Danny Dahlquist's life doesn't have to happen to another friend or to a fellow Brave or to a perfect stranger.

We have to remember that our actions can't be reversed, nor can they be forgotten.

And while we'll never forget the recent accident that affected the entire Bradley and Peoria community, we should forgive those involved. And they should forgive themselves.

They lost a friend and teammate because of a slip of judgment, and though they should've thought twice about their actions, in the end, it was just an accident.

Of course they didn't mean to kill or even hurt their friend and teammate. No Bradley student would.

It was supposed to be an innocent prank ending with Danny running outside in his underwear, all laughing and continuing the party that had been going on that night.

But it didn't go as planned, or how it had supposedly gone before. Allegedly, this wasn't the first time a prank of this kind had been pulled in that house.

It's easy to assume Danny had probably been involved in similar pranks on others. And why not? They thought it was harmless fun – a silly joke. And it probably was funny before. But fun can turn into accidents.

Any situation can turn into an accident if people aren't responsible.

And accidents happen to all of us. So while it may be easy to blame the men being charged because of foolish behavior, we have to remember it could've easily been any of us in the situation instead – any of us, however smart or well-bred we may be.

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Jordan Ticaric
Student Body President

A letter to the student body

Welcome back, BU Students. I'm Jordan Ticaric, the student body president, and I just want to let you know about our Student Senate – what it does and how you can use it to your advantage.

Senate representatives meet weekly to propose and debate the issues that can make Bradley a better campus for all concerned. We listen to the concerns expressed by you and then bring them to the administration's attention.

We're always looking for people who want to influence a positive and needed change on Bradley's campus. Student Senate has the potential to be the most powerful organization on campus, and if you have what it takes to make things happen, then we want you on Senate.

Wondering what Senate's doing? Here are just a few of the projects Senate has elevated from a thought to a reality: Heitz Hall's workout facility, better wireless Internet, Cafe Bradley and Outtakes. These new renovations are happening because students have a voice in the Senate and Senate leaders have been busy, sometimes resorting to undying nagging to the right people, to get a job done.

I'm a strong believer in "if you don't play the game, then you can't make the rules," or in other words, if you don't try to do anything about it, you can't complain. If you feel some things at Bradley need to change, then become part of Senate.

Instead of griping to your friends or teachers about your dorm, cafeteria food, parking, security or anything else that can improve our little community, spend your time at one of our meetings. Let your voice join ours so together we can become strong and unite to change the things that need changing.

Come to a meeting. We meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Mondays in the Garrett Center. Be part of a committee that fulfills your passion or interest. Go to senators' constituency hours and tell them what you think. Remember, we are students too and we probably agree with a lot of what you think is wrong or needs fixing. We just want to hear it from you. We want to hear your opinions, no matter how blunt or unrealistic they may seem. We'll even let you say it was your idea.

Elections for this year's Senate will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday in the Michel Student Center and from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Cullom-Davis Library. Elections will also take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center.

Didn't turn in a petition? No problem. Write-in campaigns are accepted for the building where you live. You can also check on Sept. 17 at the Senate meeting to find out about vacant seats.

It costs a lot of money to attend Bradley, so let's make it the best university we can. Be part of something bigger than yourself. Senate gives you the opportunity to express and receive feedback on the place that will shape our futures. We have just four short years to leave our mark and make a difference. Don't you want to be a part of that?

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Sarah Raidbard
Managing Editor

Rankings reveal campus concerns

The 2008 Princeton Review's Annual College Rankings were recently released, and Bradley met the criteria to be one of 161 colleges named Best Midwestern College.

The criteria included the university's academic excellence and the Princeton Review's ability to anonymously survey students online or on campus.

BU also appeared on two other lists. It was named fourth in the "This is a Library?" category and third in the "Election? What Election?" category.

When I found out about these rankings, I was shocked and confused.

Bradley students have been known to be politically apathetic, and I've had my fair share of problems with the Cullom-Davis Library. But it couldn't be as bad as what the rankings indicate.

Students may think they're politically apathetic, but I've seen what this campus is made of. Countless philanthropic organizations raise money every year and hundreds of students flock to Carver Arena to watch the Braves play basketball.

I think this kind of drive is great, but people who read the Princeton Review aren't going to be able to see it. All they'll see is that Bradley students aren't informed of or just don't care about political issues.

I asked one of my friends why she didn't vote, and she said she didn't care about politics. She said all politicians are liars and she'd rather watch sports than CNN. I wondered how anyone could motivate her to care about politics.

One of my friends didn't know who Rod Blagojevich was when she filled out her ballot.

Another friend said it's more difficult for students to get involved in politics in a state like Illinois than Iowa. Bradley College Democrats was founded in 2005, and my friend said the organization has been minimally active on campus the past two years.

She said the organization needs passionate leaders who can inspire students to get involved.

The Princeton Review rankings can also affect what kinds of students are attracted to Bradley.

The 15-year plan will help draw more students to Bradley, but I think the plan is incomplete. Vice President for Business Affairs Gary Anna said the library was expanded in the early '90s and isn't part of the plan.

I'm not saying Bradley doesn't need the updates and improvements that comprise the 15-year plan. But if the university pours money into a new athletic facility and recreation center and leaves the library outdated and underfinanced, it's sending a specific message to incoming freshmen. Students who value academics may be attracted to other schools with a better facility for studying and resources for researching.

When I took the Princeton Review survey, there was one question asking students to rank the library's facilities and research resources. I don't think the survey can accurately rank the country's best and worst college libraries using only one question. I'm not a librarian, but I know there are a lot of aspects that classify a library as good or bad.

From my experience, though, I would have to agree with the students who took the survey.

My friend told me she went to the library to look for a book and she gave up because it took too long to use the online catalog. This summer, I wasn't able to use journals or articles from the Web site.

I've used the library plenty of times for research and I'm starting to wonder if there are books or reference materials out there I'm not able to get my hands on.

Authors constantly publish new books, articles and journals, and now I feel like maybe I'm missing the most recent information.

It's important to assess where the library's problems stem from. If the university wasn't allotting proper funding for the library's needs, it may not be able to provide sufficient resources for students.

But first and foremost, this is an academic institution, and there are students who feel like the library is insufficient. Others think the student body is apathetic.

The rankings reveal how Bradley students view themselves and the university.

I know it's hard to influence people to care about something like politics. And students may never be able to convince the administration the library needs improvements. But these rankings are a start.

I urge students to go the Princeton Review Web site and take the online survey. You might discover things about yourself and the university you might not have known.

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Lucky Lady closes doors

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

The Lucky Lady closed its doors June 31 after its conversion to an alcohol-free dance club proved unprofitable.

General manager Matt Faughn said the club wasn't attracting enough people, and the owner decided to put it up for sale.

"I don't think it ever actually reached it's full potential," he said. "Ultimately there were a lot of fights down there because the bad crowd was in there. You had a lot of the ... punk kids. They came in there just to fight."

Faughn said there was one fight in the beginning of June that sparked a drop in attendance.

The fight began with eight girls who were looking to start a fight the entire night. It escalated to include about 50 people.

The club closed a half hour early because the fight was so big.

"Nobody wants to put up with all the fighting you're starting to see all over Peoria," Faughn said. "The bars are getting the fights."

Last February, the Lucky Lady was fined $2,550 for serving liquor to underage drinkers. The owner decided not to pay the fine. He turned in his liquor license and converted the bar into an alcohol-free dance club. Since then, Faughn said the establishment has paid the fine.

As of now, the owner has no plans of reopening or relocating it. However, Faughn said he thinks the Peoria smoking ban, which prohibits smoking within 15 feet from entrances, will help the Lucky Lady gain future success.

"Three-quarters of the beer garden is 15 feet away from the entrance," he said. "In three-quarters of the beer garden, people would actually be allowed to smoke."

Ali Fansler, a junior elementary education and special education major, said she thinks students would've gone to the club once to try it out.

"Then people would say, 'This sucks. Let's go drink,'" she said.

She said a problem with the club was the amount of high school students in attendance. She said she's able to spot a high school student by the way he or she acts because they tend to be more immature.

Jen Kolmin, a senior early childhood education and English major, said she's missed the Lucky Lady ever since it became a dance club.

"That was one of the places you could go to when you were under 21 because it was so easy to get into it," she said. "They carded, but they didn't really card."

The Lucky Lady's sign read "still open" during it's last few days of business. The pub closed June 31.

Although she said she stopped going to the bar when it started letting in 18 year olds, she went there on her 21st birthday.

She said when she used to go to the bar, she and her friends would use the same ID.

"As long as you had an ID that said you were 21, it didn't matter," she said. "So people would show them the ID then pass back the ID."

No butts about it: Illinois goes smoke-free in January

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Governor Rod Blagojevich approved the Smoke Free Illinois Act prohibiting smoking in public places and other areas over the summer.

The act also bans smoking in places of employment and requires "No Smoking" signs to be posted where smoking is prohibited. Smoking is also prohibited within 15 feet of entrances to buildings, windows and ventilation intakes. Blagojevich approved the act on July 23, 2007.

The statewide smoking ban will go into effect Jan. 1, 2008.

Sophomore advertising major Amanda McCarthy said she agrees with the ban.

"I don't want to eat in a restaurant with people smoking around me," she said.

But McCarthy said she doesn't know how the ban will affect Bradley students.

"I don't know how many people on campus really smoke regularly," she said. "I know people smoke when they party sometimes, but I don't think the ban will have that much of an effect on students."

Sophomore nursing major Jessica Bieschke said she disagrees.

"I think the ban is ridiculous," she said. "A lot of Bradley students smoke, and it's ridiculous that the state is reprimanding smokers for doing something that is legal when we turn 18."

Bieschke said she thinks the ban will cause problems for everyone.

"People have to be 15 feet away from buildings, which could be in the street. That could cause problems with traffic," she said. "Also, more people will be smoking in houses and stuff rather than out in public, and that's even worse for second hand smoke."

Junior marketing major Lyndsey Smith said she would probably hate the ban if she was a smoker, but thinks the ban is beneficial.

"I didn't notice smokers on campus last year," she said. "But this year I was walking behind a smoker on the way to class, and it really bothered me,"

Smith is a member of SONOR, a student organization that promotes healthy lifestyles. She said the group hopes to do something to raise awareness about the ban.

"We'd like to use duct tape or signs to show exactly where 15 feet is from buildings," she said.

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Welcome Week Highlights

Clockwise, from top right: The Taste of Bradley draws in hungry crowds from around campus, while hypnotist Frederick Winters entertains students Monday evening at the Michel Student Center Ballroom. Students start moving in to their dorms for the new school year, while campus staple Bacci's prepares for waves of hungry collegiates.

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Future unclear for popular Web site

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Popular Web site www.facebook.com could be shut down pending the ruling of a lawsuit filed against Facebook's founder, Mark Zuckerberg.

The three founders of rival Web site www.connectu.com claim Zuckerberg stole programming code while they worked with him on an early version of ConnectU at Harvard University. ConnectU's founders sued Zuckerberg three years ago, seeking to shut down Facebook and receive profits from the site.

According to www.insidefacebook.com, a site dedicated to understanding and tracking Facebook trends, the original suit was dismissed. But ConnectU refiled the suit in March 2007.

A Massachusetts judge ruled ConnectU's founders lacked sufficient evidence to prove Zuckerberg stole ConnectU's business model and code. According to www.cnetnews.com, Federal Judge Douglas P. Woodlock asked ConnectU's counsel to change its allegations.

Woodlock said most allegations against Facebook stem from a time before either social network was a formal corporation.

Recently, another Harvard classmate of Zuckerberg's came forward, claiming he created the original networking system.

According to www.nytimes.com, Aaron J. Greenspan developed a network called houseSYSTEM in 2003.

In an e-mail Greenspan sent to Harvard students four years ago, he explained houseSYSTEM's most recent addition – "the Face Book," a tool to locate other students. The e-mail is dated four months before Zuckerberg began Facebook.

Greenspan said he declined to serve as a witness in the ConnectU case, but wrote an unpublished autobiography about his time in college.

Sophomore advertising major Courtney Pavesich said a future without Facebook is a scary thought.

"I would lose contact with a lot of friends and I wouldn't know as many people," she said. "The Internet has been down in my house, and I really miss Facebook."

Pavesich said she uses Facebook to keep in touch with people living far away.

"It's so informative," she said. "It's a really good tool to use."

Sophomore family consumer science major Sara McCarthy said she also uses Facebook to keep in contact with friends.

"My best friend is far away, and I don't like talking on the phone," she said.

McCarthy said she doesn't want to see what could happen if Facebook is shut down.

"I think there would be a few riots," she said.

University of Illinois to house world's fastest supercomputer

BY ANDREA CHENG
of the Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

UNIVERSITY WIRE – By 2011, the University of Illinois will be home to the fastest supercomputer in the world.

The supercomputer, named Blue Waters, will be built at the University's National Center for Supercomputing Applications with $208 million in funding from the National Science Foundation and will be different from any other supercomputer.

Its powerful magnitude will have the ability to perform one quadrillion, or 1,000 trillion calculations a second, said Trish Barker, the center's spokesperson. In the past, supercomputers have only been able to perform multiple trillions of calculations a second.

The term used to measure the speed of supercomputers is the teraFLOP, or a supercomputer's ability to perform one trillion calculations per second, she said.

The world's eighth fastest computer, located at the center, is capable of performing 89 teraFLOPs. Blue Waters will be able to perform one petaFLOP, or one quadrillion calculations a second.

"We're hoping to achieve a petascale system," Dana Cruikshank, public affairs specialist for the National Science Foundation. "There's an entirely new level of research now that we have tools fast enough to answer certain questions."

The foundation believes it's a top priority for the U.S. to maintain its leadership position in supercomputing assets, Cruikshank said. With Blue Waters completed, experts will be able to study figure systems and apply model simulations to real-world situations.

"It'll be similar in range of what's being done on computers today," said Barker. "Astronomy, chemistry, physics, engineering projects, weather modeling."

Building Blue Waters hasn't begun, and nothing will be official until the end of September because of continuing negotiations between the center and the National Science Foundation, said Barker. One thing for certain is that Blue Waters will definitely be built and housed on campus upon completion.

"The U of I has a long history of success and leadership and high performance in the super computing realm," Barker said.

The center has been a part of the university for more than 20 years, with a main objective to open its doors to scientists and engineers across the nation.

The center employs approximately 300 people and as a result, a large number of people, including employees of IBM, will collaborate to build the computer.

Once Blue Waters is built, it will be used as a national resource, giving anyone who submits an approved proposal a certain amount of time with the computer to further develop research. Access to Blue Waters is not limited to industrial users, corporations and potential international collaborators, Barker said.

Having Blue Waters built by some of the center's employees, as well as employees of IBM, will enhance the university's reputation and attract more students, faculty and businesses, she said.

Blue Waters will also be a channel for discoveries in hyper-performance computing in academics that will benefit educational institutions across the country, Cruikshank said.

"This is definitely a big deal," Barker said. "[Blue Waters] will be a much larger computer than any other that is currently available anywhere in the world."

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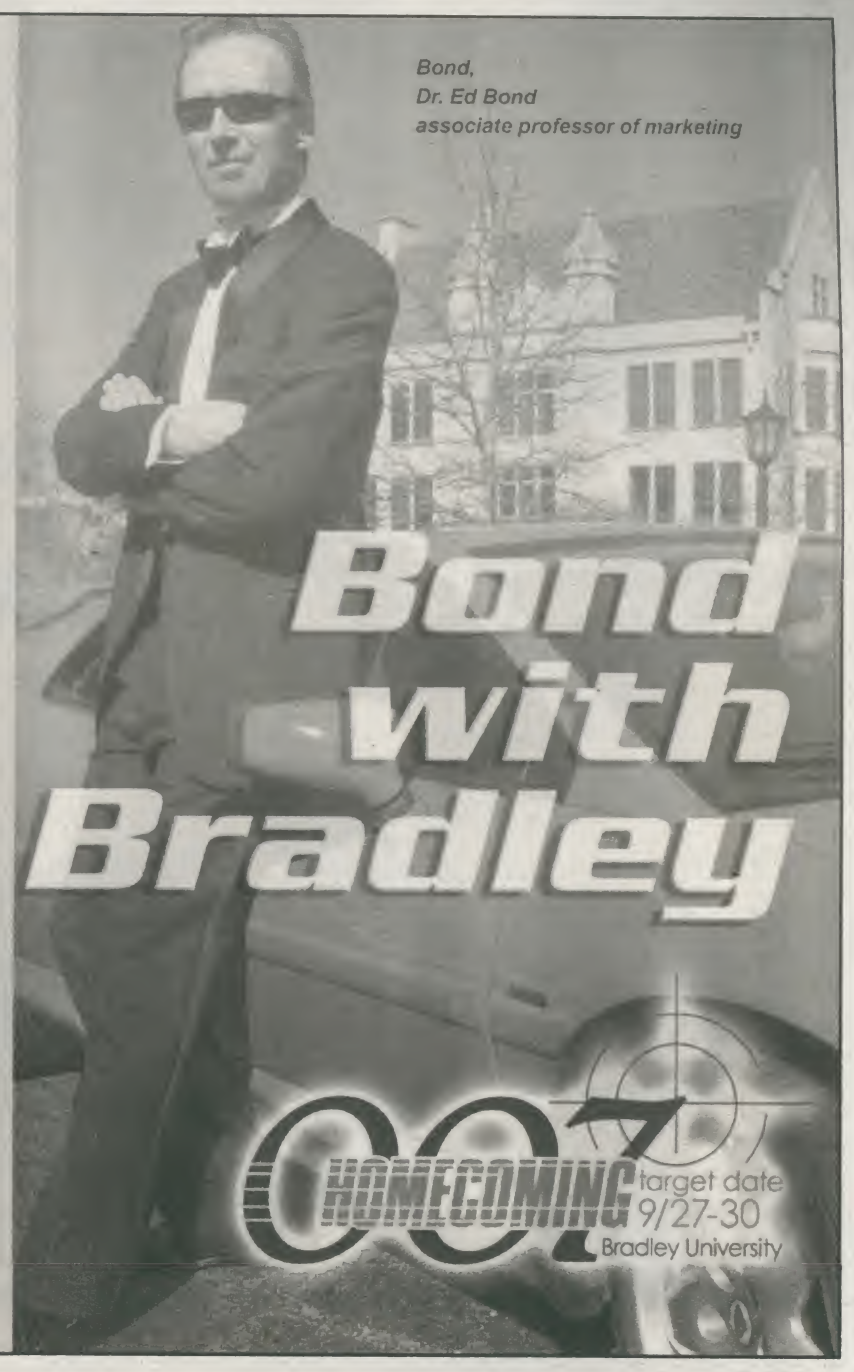

Fraternity pursues new chapter at Bradley

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Third time may be the charm for Lambda Chi Alpha.

This fall marks the third appearance of the social fraternal chapter on campus. Its Bradley roots date back to 1916.

"When we get on campus, it's going to be a big rush of meeting people, getting to know them ... developing our chapter," Jared Holt, associate director of chapter services said.

Lambda Chi is called a fraternal colony because it isn't a full-fledged fraternity yet. The health of the fraternity depends on membership numbers and alumni support.

Holt said as the fraternity expands, it will talk about different residence location possibilities.

"Once we can get a group set up, there will be future conversation as far as what we do from now on," he said.

Lambda Chi will remain on probationary status while it works to obtain a charter by maintaining specific standards and operations. It must also petition for a charter, Holt said, which usually takes approximately one year to obtain.

Lambda Chi wasn't an official fraternity at Bradley until 1927, but it began forming 10 years prior. It took on the title of Lambda Chi Alpha in 1939.

The fraternity went dormant in 1989. It returned in 1992, but only remained for a year before leaving again.

Holt said he isn't entirely sure why that happened.

"From what I understand, they weren't ready to take [the fraternity] to the next step," he said.

However, Holt said he is certain the fraternity didn't leave because of bad relations with the university.

The group is making its return with no executive board or members.

Additionally, Lambda Chi isn't participating in formal recruitment. Instead, representatives will be on campus Sept. 16. Interested males may attend a barbecue from 2 to 5 p.m. on Olin Quad.

Holt said Lambda Chi is waiting until formal recruitment is over because it will focus on referrals from organizations, faculty and administrators.

"We feel that coming on campus after formal [recruitment] will give us a successful opportunity to build a good group," he said.

Teniell Trolian, the associate director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said she expects the fraternity colony to recruit "top notch" students.

Additionally, she said the group isn't only scouting out freshman. Seniors are just as welcome to join.

Holt said the colony is looking for students with leadership qualities who value giving back to the community and want to be founding fathers of the group.

"It's an exciting opportunity to develop and create an organization," Holt said.

Freshman entrepreneurship major Jarrod Feldman said he hasn't heard about the fraternity, but that won't deter him from seeing what it's about.

"I'm going in with an open mind. I think everyone should," he said.

Feldman said he's not concerned the fraternity isn't established yet. In fact, he said it was interesting.

"That would appeal to me because you could be the first round [of fraternity members]."

There are 195 chapters and colonies in the United States and Canada. It has initiated more than 255,000 members since its conception in 1909.

The Christian-based fraternity has approximately 220,000 living alumni and approximately 10,000 current undergraduate members.

"We continue to expand strong and grow quickly," Holt said.

Illinois State dress code calls for professional look

EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Out with the sweatpants and in with the khakis.

As of Aug. 28, students majoring in marketing and business teacher education at Illinois State University are required to dress business casual every day to class.

Tim Longfellow, department chair of marketing at ISU, said the dress code implementation came as a result of several test trials run over the past five years.

"Data has shown us that the students are better prepared and more attentive in class when dressed this way," Longfellow said. "The faculty met at a retreat and we decided this was one of the strongest ways to enhance the learning environment."

Longfellow said he expects the implementation to attract more employers to ISU students.

"Professionalism will be increased in class, and this is something employers will see to potentially carry over to the workplace," he said.

Business casual doesn't require students to wear suits to class every day. It forbids jeans, sweatpants, T-shirts, sweatshirts and gym shoes. Students are permitted to wear khakis, twill cotton pants, polos and pressed shirts.

Sophomore international business major Xiaowen Sajab said she understands the reasoning for the policy but does not agree with it.

"That is the way these students will have to dress when they are in the work force, and it creates a professional environment," she said. "However, lessons often times involve taking notes, and such activities do not require students to dress up."

Junior entrepreneurship major Kim Braun said she agrees with Sajab.

"There's no correlation between success after college and your attire while attending undergraduate classes," Braun said.

Longfellow said students are adjusting to the policy.

"The overwhelming majority of students are complying, although there's always going to be one or two who don't," he said.

Edward Bond, chair of Bradley's marketing department, said it isn't necessary for Bradley to enact a similar policy because students usually dress properly for class and already exemplify positive attitudes.

"We do not have a policy about our program as a whole, but we do have a policy about professionalism that is in effect on days when students make presentations in the class," Bond said.

Bond and Longfellow both said they don't foresee the dress code having a negative impact on class attendance.

"I see it as a positive," Longfellow said. "We are going to take steps to enhance opportunities for our students. There has been a lot of press about ISU and this can only make prospective students more interested in the institution."

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At about 10:30 p.m. Sept. 1, police were notified about a stolen soccer ball. The ball went over a fence surrounding the stadium, and a student worker went to retrieve it. A white pickup truck stopped next to the ball and picked it up. The truck traced back to 2620 Scenic Drive. Officers went to the house, but no one was home. Later, officers noticed the truck at the intersection of Sterling and Farmington Roads. They stopped the truck and asked for the ball back. Officers escourted the driver back to his house where he returned the undamaged ball.

At approximately 12:30 a.m. on Sept. 2, someone accidentally pulled the fire alarm during a party at the Garrett Center. The building was cleared.

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GRE to enhance question variety

BY MEGAN ECKSTEIN AND BRADY HOLT
of the Diamondback (U. Maryland)

UNIVERSITY WIRE – Beginning in November, students taking the GRE may see one of two new types of questions on their tests, though the questions will not initially count toward their test scores.

The Educational Testing Service, which produces the test, announced in April that a comprehensive redesign it had planned for September would be dropped. Instead, the service decided on a gradual phase-in of some of the redesign's components.

The Graduate Record Examination "measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and analytical writing skills," according to the testing service's Web site. Performance on the test is a significant factor in many graduate school applications.

The two new types of questions that will appear in November are text completions and numeric entries. The text completions will feature sentences with multiple blanks and three choices of words to fill them in.

For the numeric entry, test-takers will have to enter the answer to a math problem in a box. ETS spokesman Tom Ewing said these changes won't make the test harder, but rather they'll simply make the answers more indicative of a student's knowledge.

But Susan Kaplan, the director of graduate programs for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, said she disagrees.

"It's going to be more difficult because [test-takers] won't have the guidance of answer choices" for the math questions, and the text completions will offer no partial credit, Kaplan said.

Caroline Egan, an undergraduate academic adviser in the University of Maryland English Department, said she agrees the new questions sound harder. But she said the format would put math and English majors on an equal footing.

Egan said the math section has been easier than the verbal section, and the new questions make the math section more challenging while the verbal section won't be changed much.

One popular strategy students employ on the math section, she said, is to take possible answers and work backward. Egan said the new math section changes take away the students' ability to use these strategies, making the new questions more challenging.

The verbal section, on the other hand, doesn't seem to have become much harder. The questions are still multiple choice.

Another of the originally planned changes was to reduce the number of days on which the test was available from six days every week to just twice a month, which Ewing said could have overloaded the test centers if the other new changes were implemented simultaneously.

"We realize that there were not enough Internet-based testing sites to meet demand," he said.

That worry led the testing service to postpone implementing the changes all at one time. Now, ETS will introduce the new aspects piecemeal, to eventually arrive at a similar product.

Only some test-takers will see one of the new questions. No test will include both types, and none will be immediately factored into students' scores. The changes are being field-tested so the ETS can collect "an adequate sample of data from the operational testing environment."

Ewing wouldn't speculate as to how soon the new questions would be graded, or as to when other changes will be phased in. But he and Kaplan recommend the questions be treated as if they count, even before they do.

Hotline to discourage hazing

BY ALLISON HOGSHEAD
for the Scout

Twenty international fraternities and sororities implemented a national hotline to reduce hazing by providing a way for college students to report hazing incidents.

1-888-NOTHAZE is an anti-hazing hotline operating around the clock. Its goal, to deterrent hazing incidents, said coalition spokesperson Norval Stephens.

"Hazing is any activity where the [victim's] mother, dean of students or district attorney can't be present," Stephens said. "It is any requirement of a person to join a fraternity or sorority that causes anxiety, harm, stress or embarrassment."

The hotline has already gotten a call since it began Aug. 28, but Stephens said he expects more calls as word about the hotline spreads.

"Posters advertising the hotline will be [hung] in all chapters," Stephens said.

Upon calling the hotline, the caller will hear a woman's automated voice instructing he or she to leave a message. The message should describe in detail the events that occurred during the act of hazing, the name of the fraternity or sorority involved and the school where the event occurred.

According to www.insidehazing.org, only five percent of college students admit they've been hazed. Callers may remain anonymous, but the operator suggests they leave contact information.

Within one day, the information from the caller's message is forwarded to the national headquarters of the organization involved.

If the caller provided a name, phone number or e-mail address, someone from the national headquarters may contact the caller and follow up on the matter.

"Now any chapter, pledge educator and president has to worry not only about the victim, but the victim's mother because all parents, alumni and school administrators will be contacted about the incident if one does occur," Stephens said.

Seven of the twenty sororities and fraternities involved with the hotline have chapters at Bradley. They include Alpha Epsilon Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Omega and Gamma Phi Beta.

Freshman accounting major Lindsey DeSmith said she thinks the hotline may not be necessary for Bradley.

"I'm very proud of Bradley's greek system," she said. "The hotline may be useful to other schools but not for Bradley because we don't have a problem with hazing."

For others, the hotline is a good sense of security in case anything did happen to go wrong.

"I think [the hotline] would be helpful anywhere because they do follow up [on the reports]," freshman business management major Jake Strubhar said. "They don't just do this hotline to survey students and get statistics."

The Manley Burke law firm, based in Cincinnati, runs the hotline. The firm publishes a law journal called "Fraternal Law," which includes cases involving greek organizations.

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going to get there. And that takes a lot of listening."

While she said she doesn't have much control of her schedule, Glasser intends to be accessible and available to students and faculty. She attended many Welcome Week activities and said she hopes it serves as evidence that she "will walk the talk."

Upon accepting the presidency at Bradley, Glasser resigned as president of Eastern Kentucky University, where she recently finished her sixth year. However, she said she wasn't looking for a new position – the opportunity to be Bradley's tenth president was "just too good to pass up."

A 12-member search committee headed by Gerald Shaheen chose Glasser out of 60 applicants nationwide.

During the news conference where he announced Glasser as Bradley's new president, Shaheen said it's appropriate in the 110th anniversary year of the institution to have a female president.

"We sought an individual with the highest character – a gifted administrator, a skilled communicator and a passionate advocate for students and faculty," he said. "Most importantly, we sought a visionary thinker who would not just carry on but rather enhance the legacy of Lydia Moss Bradley."

And while she has many plans in store that would make the university's female founder proud, she said fundraising is at the top of the list.

As the ground broke last May on Bradley's 15-year expansion plan, Glasser is leading the effort to raise more than $100 million to help fund it.

"It's certainly a top priority. Not just for me but obviously for our campus," she said. "It's critical to the future growth and success of the institution that we undertake and launch a very ambitious and very successful capital campaign."

While she's busy focusing on Bradley's priorities, she said she has little time to devote to her own list of things to do. Currently living in a hotel room filled with cardboard boxes, Glasser said she's lucky to find two matching shoes in the morning, let alone find a house.

"It's not a cliche when I say it's a 24/7 job," she said.

But Glasser said she hopes to find a house in the next couple of months because her two children will visit often. Her son is a graphic designer in Baltimore, Md., and her daughter is a senior at Duke University.

"They are the most important people in my life," she said. "I say all the time that the opportunities I get to spend with my children are food for my soul."

Glasser is a graduate of George Washington University, the University of Maryland School of Law and the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Institute for Higher Education Management.

Prior to being president of EKU, Glasser served as executive Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Towson University in Maryland. She also served as Vice President for Institutional Advancement and as Executive Assistant to the President of Towson.

While she's been in executive positions before, Glasser said she thinks there's an added responsibility in being the first female president at Bradley.

"When you are the first anything, you're really setting a standard and setting a bar at a certain level because there's no comparison," she said.

FIRE

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Crady, Mentgen and Bradley student Travis English, another member of the team, were arrested at the house. English was later released when it was determined that he had been asleep during the prank, according to the Journal Star.

Cox was arrested at the house later, but Johnson fled shortly after the fire started, Peoria County State's Attorney Kevin Lyons said. Johnson turned himself in after his attorney contacted Lyons' office.

Lyons said the fire met the legal criteria for first-degree murder, but he chose the lesser charges because the men didn't mean to cause "catastrophic harm" to Dahlquist, according to the Journal Star.

The four men were released from the Peoria County Jail when each posted $50,000 bail, 10 percent of their $500,000 bond.

Johnson resigned from the soccer team, but the statement from the university said Crady and Mentgen "will remain for an indefinite period as inactive members of the intercollegiate athletic program concerning all athletically related activities."

Crady, Mentgen and Johnson enrolled in fall semester classes. A statement released by the university said they were permitted to do so because the school is "following its published policies and procedures."

If actions are brought against a student, the Student Judicial Board must notify that student and give him or her sufficient time to prepare.

If the student pleads not guilty, he or she can decide to have the case heard by Nathan Thomas, the executive director of Residential Living and Leadership, by another Bradley faculty member or by the university's five-person arbitration board. The board is comprised of three students voted on by Senate and two faculty members.

If the student pleads guilty or is found guilty, he or she chooses to receive punishment from Thomas or the arbitration board.

If an incident happens during summer but isn't heard until school starts, the same guidelines and choices apply. So Crady, Mentgen and Johnson will follow the same process as if the situation happened during the school year.

Alan Galsky, the associate provost of Academic Affairs, said the university follows the same procedures for every case.

"We have to follow the same process every time," he said. "It's really critical."

However, punishments vary from case to case, and occasionally the arbitration board must "determine whether or not the student should remain a student," he said.

Galsky said the state or federal government doesn't usually affect the university's proceedings, if the student is also being charged on that level.

The Public Relations Department hasn't released further information about the procedures for this particular case.

CONSTRUCTION

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of the field house.

"There will never be a time when both Haussler and the field house will be closed," he said.

Anna said there haven't been any decisions made concerning the addition of more student housing similar to St. James Apartment Complex.

Bradley is also in the planning stages of improving Westlake and Jobst Halls.

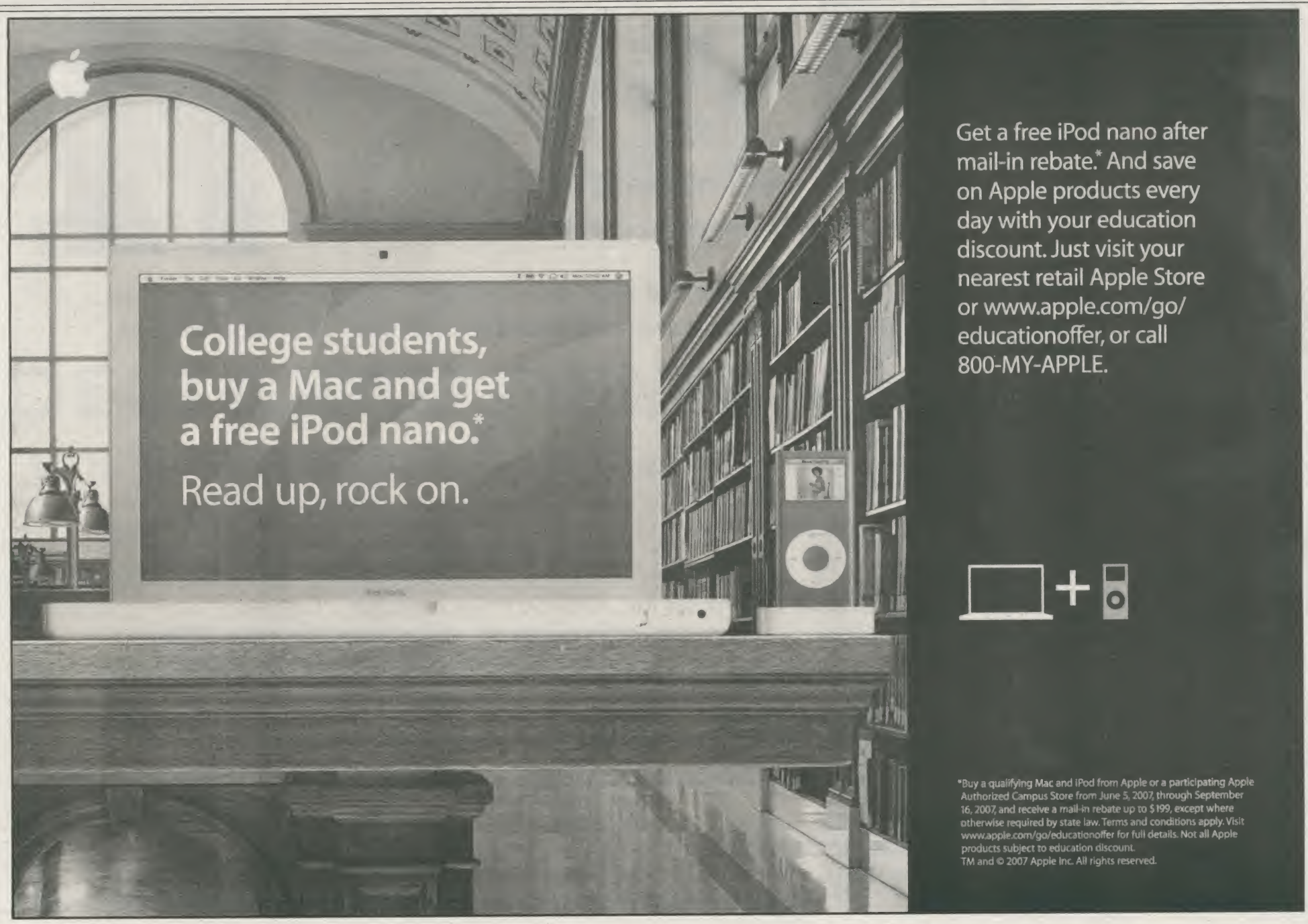
Freshman secondary education and English major David Meza said he's noticed the construction around campus. Although his class will benefit most from the 15-year plan, he doesn't know exactly what the plan entails.

He said the gym could be more spacious and bigger.

"If [facilities] were all together, it would probably be a lot easier to be involved in sports or just playing around with friends," he said, adding that the tennis courts are on one side of campus and the field house is on another.

Sophomore social work major Amy Agosta said she thinks the 15-year plan needs to address other issues like dangerous campus sidewalks. She also said she thinks the lighting project and other aspects of the plan are good ideas.

"For the kids in 15 years, it's awesome for them," Agosta said. "I think it's great that they're updating the facilities, and maybe students are actually going to want to work out there now."



Sophomore Travis English prepares to take a free kick in Friday night's game against Lipscomb. Bradley defeated the Bisons 2-1. *Photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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rest of the team has continued to support them.

"It's a tremendous support network," he said. "They're praying for them. They're so concerned for them and that's been, I think, a great source of comfort for both of those groups."

DeRose and the soccer team took another major step on the road to recovery last Friday when Bradley played its season opener against Lipscomb. The Braves downed the Bisons 2-1. However, DeRose said the final score wasn't what was most important.

"They put [a win] in the left side of the column, so that's always a bonus," he said. "I think regardless of the result tonight, we took a step over a hurdle."

In the days following Dahlquist's death, DeRose said he talked a lot with the team about how to move forward in the season. He said the players made it clear they'd use the situation as an inspiration, not a motivation.

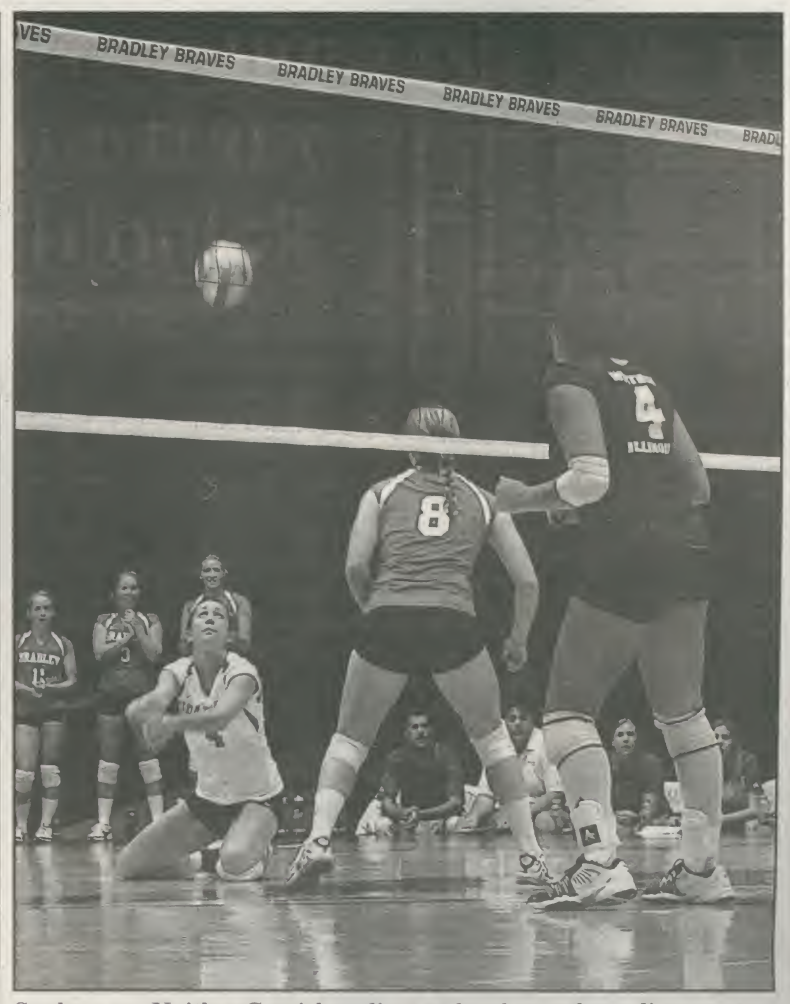
"We are inspired by Danny because he loved to wear the jersey," he said. "He was where he wanted to play, no person understood their role more and no player worked physically harder."

Senior defender Joe Donoho reiterated that stance following the team's opening win.

"Before the game, we talked about how we're not going to win this game because of the situation, but just pull together," he said. "There was a lot of heart tonight."

Sophomore Chris Cutshaw said returning to the field was hard, but memories of his teammate help him through the difficult situation.

"It was tough. Before the game, we had a memorial in the locker room and seeing that stuff and remembering all the stuff we've been through is hard," he said. "But then it feels so great. You remember the good times, and you know Danny is looking down smiling."



Sophomore Kaitlyn Comiskey dives to her knees for a dig Saturday against Western Illinois. *Photo by Saleena Fortunato*

VOLLEYBALL

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of the year 31-29.

Bradley wasn't able to carry its success into the third match. The Braves lost to the Montana Grizzlies (3-3) in three games, 30-15, 30-19, 30-21.

Collins and fellow freshman Emily Austin led the team against the Grizzlies. They accounted for 18 of Bradley's 36 kills, but the Braves fell in their last game of the tournament.

"We're getting better" Luster said. "We had to play those games to determine how to use personnel and determine the best place for everyone."

The Braves finished the event in third place after finishing second the past two years.

The team hopes to add to its success this weekend at the Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panther Classic, starting with a match against Cincinnati at 10 a.m. today.

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Soccer takes two to open season

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The soccer team kicked off the 2007 season with a pair of wins at the 11th annual Holiday Inn Centre Classic.

A record crowd of 2,529 was on hand Friday night at Shea Stadium for the season opener against Lipscomb.

The night began with a moment of silence in honor of redshirt freshman Danny Dahlquist, who was killed in a house fire Aug. 12. Lipscomb then presented the Braves with a Bisons jersey complete with Dahlquist's name on the back and the Lipscomb players signatures.

Coach Jim DeRose said he was touched by the Bisons' gesture.

"Lipscomb was such a wonderful team to play," he said. "They were just such a class act and a class team, and that really personifies that this could happen anywhere. That was really special to have them here."

Bradley 2, Lipscomb 1

Following the tribute, the teams took the field and jumped right into the action.

Sophomore Chris Cutshaw missed an opportunity to put the Braves on top early in the first half when he failed to score on a one-on-one opportunity against Lipscomb goalkeeper Jake Goergen. Cutshaw used his speed to blow by the defense but couldn't keep his shot from sailing over the top of the net.

He wouldn't have to wait long for another chance though. Freshman Ephraim Beard found Cutshaw in front of the goal minutes later, and Cutshaw headed the ball in for the Braves' first goal in the 20th minute.

Bradley narrowly missed a chance to take a 2-0 lead into halftime when Beard slipped a shot past Goergen, but a defender managed to knock the ball away just inches from the goal line.

After failing to score in the first half, Lipscomb climbed right back into the game less than two minutes into the second half. Bisons player Angel Chairez sent a free kick from 20 yards bending past Bradley keeper Mike Haynes in the 47th minute, tying the game 1-1.

DeRose said Haynes had little chance at saving the goal.

"When you get that close, 22 yards and the kid had a beautiful free kick, you really don't have much time to react," he said.

The Braves followed the Bisons goal with a number of scoring opportunities, but were unable to regain the lead until the 77th minute, when the Bisons were called for a foul inside the box, resulting in a penalty kick.

Senior Joe Donoho blasted the penalty shot past Goergen and into the right corner of the net putting the Braves on top.

Donoho said he planned to go right prior to taking the shot.

"That's the same way I went in the Creighton game last year," he said. "It's just my comfort zone I guess."

DeRose said he expects Donoho to be the team's first choice on penalty kicks for much of the season.

"Joe's been our guy starting towards the end of last year," he said. "He's a pretty calm kid. Anybody can make or miss them, but he's the guy we want for now."

Bradley 2, Belmont 1

The Braves followed their first win with a second on Saturday night.

Senior midfielder Drew DeGurian, primarily a defensive player, scored both goals for Bradley in the finale of the two-day event.

DeGurian's first goal came in just the sixth minute of the game. Senior Teddy Anderson sent a cross into the middle from the right side and DeGurian headed the ball home to give the Braves another early 1-0 lead.

Belmont quickly drew even in the 19th minute when the Bruins Ian Schinelli fired a shot past Haynes after the ball had bounced around between several players in front of the goal.

Neither team scored again until late in the second half. After both teams failed to cash in on a number of scoring chances, the Braves finally netted the go-ahead goal in the 80th minute.

Beard found Donoho in front of the goal with a right-side corner kick and Donoho fed DeGurian who slipped the ball past Belmont's keeper to score the game-winner.

The Braves return to action this weekend with a pair of matches at the Wake Forest Tournament in Winston-Salem, N.C. Bradley will take on North Carolina at 4 p.m. this afternoon before facing off against host No. 1 Wake Forest on Sunday.

Sophomore Chris Cutshaw steals the ball away from Libscomb defenders at Friday night's game.
Photo by Saleena Fortunato

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Bradley athletics hope to fall into success

BY ADAM KAGAN AND ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

Soccer (2006: 8-8-4 overall, 4-1-1 MVC)

After a tragic off-season, the soccer team is ready to hit the field and build on its recent success. A team that's won at least a share of the last two Missouri Valley Conference titles returns three preseason All-Conference sophomores and eight seniors. The Braves were picked to finish second by the MVC preseason coaches poll this season.

This year's schedule includes seven conference champions and eight NCAA tournament teams from 2006.

Men's golf (2006: 9th at MVC Championship)

This year, the men's golf team looks to build on last season's efforts.

The team finished higher than third place only twice last season, and the Braves placed lower than 6th place multiple times.

Scott Luster

Third-year coach Jeff Roche will lead the Braves. He'll return last year's players Tommie Ackerman, Kyle Phelan, Nick Roth, Zach Wanken and Zach Zobrist.

Incoming freshmen Nathan Perry and Coby Thompson join the Braves for the 2007 season.

The team opens the season Sept. 10 at the Bowling Green Invitational in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Volleyball (2006: 8-22 overall, 5-13 MVC)

With a well-rounded mix of new players and returning veterans, there's no shortage of reasons to follow the Braves this year. Eight returning players and five freshmen will man this year's team, which was picked to finish eighth in the MVC.

Coach Scott Luster searches for his 600th win and sophomore Sam Black looks to climb up the all-time assist board. There could be a lot of history made in the team's last year at Robertson Memorial Field House.

Women's Golf (2006: 2nd at MVC Championship)

The women's golf team is ready for another strong year after finishing second at the MVC Championship last year.

Golf Digest recently named the women's golf program 43rd out of more than 500 NCAA Div. I, II and III programs.

This year, seniors Whitney Cox and Rikki Sobel lead the team. The Braves have also added freshmen Caitlin Deeken and Breanne Neufeld.

The Braves are set to tee off Sept. 10 at the Brickyard Intercollegiate in Indianapolis.

Chris George

Men's Tennis (2006: 5-11 overall, 1-5 MVC)

The tennis team will start the season off with new coach, Jacek Wolicki, who was an assistant coach at Western Michigan last year.

The Braves lost both members of last year's No. 1 doubles team, but will return both members of the No. 2 team and one member of the No. 3 team. The No. 1, 3 and 6 singles players from last year also return to lead the way.

Women's Tennis (2006: 5-18 overall, 0-8 MVC)

The women's tennis team will look to improve on last year's 5-18 record with a very young team. Though they have no seniors on this year's squad, freshmen played at No. 2, 4 and 5 singles last year.

Freshman Nicole Miller joins five returning players from last year's team to round out the roster.

Men's Cross Country (2006: 6th at MVC Championship)

The men's cross country team looks to have a much stronger year following its 2006 campaign.

The Braves show promise this year, returning all eight players from last year's squad. Seniors Drew Cisel, Chris George, Pat Greene, Nathan Leech, Matt O'Shea and Nick Palumbo will lead the way for the Braves this season.

Bradley also has three sets of fresh legs in freshmen Derrick Moy, Tim Owdom and Brian Tyne.

The team opened the season Aug. 31 against the Illini Challenge and came in fourth place.

Women's Cross Country (2006: 6th at MVC Championship)

Seniors Amanda Schraiter and Ainslie Schultz will lead the way for the women's cross country team this year. Six freshman have also been added to the roster for this season.

The Braves opened the season Aug. 31 against the Illini Challenge. The team finished the meet in fourth place.

Braves get no break from sweltering summer heat

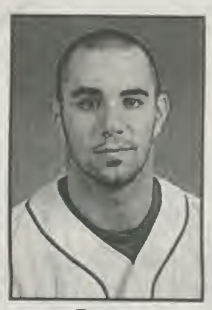
BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

Bradley athletics didn't hibernate over the summer.

Former Bradley baseball players go pro.

Two former players of the 2007 Bradley baseball team were drafted and played professional baseball this summer.

Ryan Curry, the 2007 Missouri Valley Conference batting champion, was drafted in the 21st round by the Florida Marlins and is currently playing second base for the Jamestown Jammers.


Ryan Curry

Catcher Ryan Eigsti was a 15th round selection by the Kansas City Royals and is now playing for the Idaho Falls Chukars.

Justin Carr also found his way to professional baseball this summer. The former Brave's outfielder is now playing in the Frontier League for the Evansville Otters.

Former Brave Michael Christl signed with the Chicago Cubs as a free agent this summer and is now pitching for the Mesa Cubs in the rookie Arizona League.

Mickelson makes cut at U.S. Amateur.

Former Bradley men's golfer Andy Mickelson shot a six-over par 146 to make the cut at the 107th United States Amateur at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, Calif.

Jacek Wolicki

Mickelson was one of the 64 golfers out of 312 who played at the U.S. Amateur to advance to the next day's round of match play.

Mickelson was seeded 52nd in the 64-person bracket for match play and lost to the No. 13 seed Gene Elliot of West Des Moines, Iowa in the first round.

Wolicki named men's tennis coach

Jacek Wolicki is the new men's tennis coach, taking over for Mark Dolan, who resigned in July.

During his stint at Western Michigan, Wolicki helped guide the Broncos to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances, a 43-13 record, two Mid-American Conference tournament championships and national rankings in both his seasons.

Whitney Cox

In his first season at Western Michigan, he took the men's tennis team to a school record 25 victories and a 4-1 regular season conference record.

Before his two-year stretch at Western Michigan, Wolicki worked as a volunteer assistant at Virginia. While at Virginia, he helped lead the Cavaliers to a No. 2 national ranking during the 2004-05 season and finished the season with the team ranked No. 5 nationally.

Cox wins Amateur Championship.

Senior Whitney Cox became the second women's golfer in Bradley history to win the Edmonton Ladies Amateur Championship.

Cox pulled ahead of all other golfers and finished seven strokes ahead of former teammate and defending champion Charlotte McGinnis.

Cox set a course record with a first-round 71 and had a five shot lead going into the second and final round. She finished the event with two-over par 148.

In the last three Edmonton Ladies Amateur Championships, Cox has finished in the top four every time.

Fact or fiction: football predictions

By Adam Mettrick

Football fans rejoice; the NFL is back.

The 2007 season officially kicked off Thursday night when the defending Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts faced the New Orleans Saints. But that first game was merely an appetizer. True football fans know the real action begins this Sunday, with a full plate of 13 games available for their viewing pleasure. It's a beautiful thing.

With that in mind, here's a preview of what to expect this season, fact or fiction style.

The Bears will win the Super Bowl this year.

FICTION. Chicago reached the big game last year based mostly on the strength of its defense and rushing game. Don't expect the same results this season.

The Bears offense was painfully inconsistent last year, primarily due to the erratic play of quarterback Rex Grossman. It's only going to be worse in 2007.

The two-headed rushing attack of Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson (1,857 combined yards rushing) bailed Grossman out of a lot of jams last year, but he won't have that kind of security blanket anymore. Jones and his 1,210 yards rushing bolted to the New York Jets in the offseason, leaving Benson to carry the load alone this year.

The defense also suffered a major loss in the offseason. The team released defensive tackle Tank Johnson due to legal troubles, creating a huge hole to fill in the middle of the defensive line. Chicago will plug in second-year man Dusty Dvoracek as Johnson's replacement, but Dvoracek is completely untested after missing all of last season with a foot injury.

The Bears will still be a strong team, but the Super Bowl simply isn't in the cards. Sorry, Bears fans.

Vince Young will fall victim to the Madden cover curse.

FACT. The last six players to appear on the cover of EA Sports' Madden NFL video game all suffered from injuries and poor performances the year in which they graced the cover. Young will endure the same fate.

After an exciting rookie campaign in 2006, Young seems poised for a breakout season as the Tennessee Titans starting quarterback, but it won't happen. As a running quarterback, Young is already at a high risk for injury without the dreaded curse. With it, he's doomed. See you in 2008, Vince.

This is the year the Arizona Cardinals start winning.

FICTION. They're everyone's favorite sleeper pick each season. Each year they disappoint again. 2007 won't be any different.

The Cards are loaded with young talent on the offensive side of the ball. Quarterback Matt Leinart is a rising star, wide-outs Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald are two of the best in the league and veteran running back Edgerrin James is still a top player, but none of that means anything without a good offensive line.

What's the use in having all that offensive talent if you can't run block or protect your star quarterback? It's a problem that has plagued the team for years, and they still haven't fixed it.

Besides, even if the offense does live up to its potential, the defense is just as shaky as ever. Arizona's defense gave up nearly 30 points per game this preseason. That's awful no matter how you look at it.

It looks like it'll be another 5-11 season for the Cardinals.

Marshawn Lynch will win Rookie of the Year honors.

FACT. If there is one rookie who will live up to the hype this season, it's Lynch. The 5-foot-11, 217-pound running back was an absolute beast in his time at California. That won't change now that he's in the NFL with the Buffalo Bills.

Lynch is a straight-line runner with a great burst and superb speed, the perfect combination to rack up yardage. He's a threat to break a 40-yard run every time he touches the ball and is considered an excellent receiving option as well.

There are plenty of high quality rookies entering the league this year, but Lynch will definitely be the best of the bunch.

This will be Brett Favre's final season.

FICTION. The pundits have been calling for Favre to retire for three years now. In fact, the Green Bay Packers went so far as to draft his replacement, Aaron Rodgers, three years ago.

Not that any of that has bothered Favre. Seemingly oblivious to all the talk, Favre just keeps putting up big passing numbers year in and year out.

Favre has lost a step over the past couple of seasons and he turns 38 on Oct. 10. But neither of those facts means a whole lot. He's still better than half of the quarterbacks in the league.

More importantly, Favre claims to still love playing football. As long as that's the case, I don't see him walking away. Expect him to keep on playing and for Rodgers to continue riding the pine.

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One-on-One

Will Michael Vick ever play in the NFL again?

YES

Michael Vick will find a way to get himself back into the NFL.

Vick will serve his time in prison and will continue to be suspended after he gets out.

There is no doubt he'll be out of the league for at least two or three years, but he'll have a chance to "redeem" himself as he stated he would in his public apology.

We live in a nation of second chances. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell will lay a hard fist down on Vick, but he'll give him another chance to play again.

Vick is going to have to pick himself up after the biggest fall from grace in sports history. Whether it's community service, joining organizations against dog fighting or becoming an animal lover, Vick will do all that's necessary to get back onto the field.

His time as the NFL's most exciting player is over, but Vick is too talented to not make it back to professional football.

- Adam Kagan

NO

There is no way we'll ever see Michael Vick back in the NFL.

What he did was disgusting and against the law. He has already accepted a plea offer and will most likely do time in prison for his crimes.

The only way he'd be able to stay in playing shape while in prison is if he went "Longest Yard" on us. Don't expect to see Adam Sandler and the gang down at Vick's local prison.

Vick wasn't that great of a quarterback to begin with. He had one season with a quarterback rating over 80 and only led his team to the playoffs once.

He gambled on the dog fights, which violates the terms of his contract. So even if he were in playing shape, he still might face a suspension. Pete Rose got a lifetime ban for the same offense in baseball.

The bottom line is that after everything Vick has done, fans won't turn on the TV to see him on the field.

- Alex Mayster

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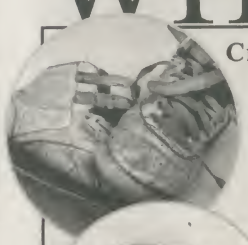

Cross Country

Today
at 5:30 p.m.
Bradley Open
at Detweiller Park

Today
at 6:15 p.m.
Bradley Open
at Detweiller Park

Tennis

Today
at 5 p.m.
Women's Tennis
Bradley Invite
at Markin Tennis Courts

Sat. Sept. 8
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Women's Tennis
Bradley Invite
at Markin Tennis Courts

Sun. Sept. 9
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Women's Tennis
Bradley Invite
at Markin Tennis Courts

Golf

Mon. Sept. 10
at 8 a.m.
Men's Golf
Bowling Green
Invitational

Mon. Sept. 10
at 8 a.m.
Women's Golf
Brickard Intercollegiate

Tues. Sept. 11
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Men's Golf
Bowling Green
Invitational

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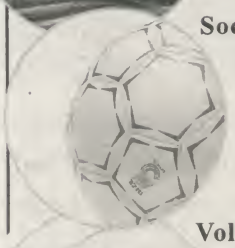
Women's Golf
Brickard Intercollegiate



Soccer

Today
at 4 p.m.
Wake Forest
Tourament
vs. North Carolina

Sun. Sept. 9
at 1:30 p.m.
Wake Forest
Tourament
vs. Wake Forest

Thurs. Sept. 13
at 5 p.m.
vs. Western Illinois
at Macomb

Volleyball

Today
at 10 a.m.
Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Panther Classic
vs. Cincinnati

Today
at 4:30 p.m.
Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Panther Classic
vs. Virgina Tech

Sat. Sept. 8
at 1:30 p.m.
Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Panther Classic
vs. Wisconsin Milwaukee

Sport SHORTS

Appalachian State takes down Michigan

Appalachian State shocked the college football world Saturday with a 34-32 upset of No. 5 Michigan.

The win by the Mountaineers, an NCAA Div. I-AA school, was the first ever by a lower division school over a ranked Div. I-A opponent.

Michigan had a chance to win the game with a last-second field goal, but Appalachian State's Corey Lynch blocked the kick to seal the victory for the Mountaineers.

Appalachian State owns a 15-game winning streak, the longest current streak in college football. It has also won 27 of its last 31 games but was still considered to have little chance against the Wolverines.

The loss effectively ended Michigan's hopes of a national championship, as the Wolverines were dropped out of the national rankings completely in the second week of polling. No team has ever fallen further in the rankings in one week.

Season over for Cardinals' OF Encarnacion

St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Juan Encarnacion will miss the remainder of the 2007 season after a foul ball struck him square in the face last Friday.

The ball, hit off the bat of infielder Aaron Miles, hit Encarnacion in the left eye, causing severe damage. Encarnacion was standing in the on-deck circle when the accident occurred.

Cardinals physician Dr. George Paletta said the ball crushed Encarnacion's eye socket. He described the damage as the worst he'd ever seen and said the injury could potentially end the outfielder's career.

Encarnacion is in the second year of a three-year contract he signed in the winter of 2005.

See what's in store for Bradley athletics this fall. Page A18

Soccer 'starting small' after tragedy

Bradley's mens soccer team comes together Friday evening before its game against Lipscomb at Shea Stadium.
Photo by Saleena Fortunato

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

A third straight regular-season conference title, a conference tournament championship and a shot at returning to the NCAA tournament were the Bradley soccer team's goals for the 2007 season.

That all changed on Aug. 12.

That was the day redshirt freshman Danny Dahlquist, died in an early morning house fire. Suddenly, winning didn't seem so important anymore.

"For the first time ever, we're not putting those NCAA tournament goals and conference championship goals [up there], and in the past we've been able to hit them," Bradley coach Jim DeRose said, "But I think this year we're going to really start very small."

The death of a player is something no coach is ever prepared to deal with, but for DeRose, the loss of Dahlquist was made especially hard by his close relationship with the 19-year-old's family.

DeRose has known the Dahlquist family for years. Dahlquist's father, Craig, is a member of the Athletic Department's staff, and his mother Tricia is a faculty member in the English Department.

"Any one of your players you'd feel the same with, but Danny Dahlquist was one of the first kids that attended my camp when I took the job 12 years ago," DeRose said. "His dad and I, our offices are 15 feet apart. We've become close throughout the years, not just he and I, but our families."

DeRose said simply being able to talk about the loss is the first step in the mending process.

"Two weeks later, I can talk about it, so that's a step," he said. "Two weeks ago, I don't think many of us were getting through it."

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Along with the death of a teammate, the team must also deal with the departure of three players – David Crady, Ryan Johnson and Nick Mentgen. All were charged with starting the fire, that led to Dahlquist's death.

Although those players are no longer with the team, DeRose said the

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Braves blow past Westerwinds, pick up first win of the season

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

After an 0-4 start on the road this season, the volleyball team came home to Robertson Memorial Field House and picked up its first win of the year and a third-place finish at the Radisson Hotel Invitational.

The first win didn't come easy. The Braves (1-6) dropped their first match of the tournament to Saint Louis in three games. They rebounded and scored a 3-1 victory over Western Illinois, before being swept by Montana in the tournament finale.

In the first match of the tournament, the Braves squared off against the Saint Louis Billikens (5-1).

The Braves dropped the first three games 30-22, 30-23 and 30-21. The defending Atlantic 10 champions played well, racking up 10 aces along the way. They also out-hit the Braves, with an average of .301 compared to the Braves .131.

Junior Katrina Concher's nine kills and sophomore Kaitlyn Comiskey's 16 digs highlighted the match.

The second match brought the Braves their first win of the season when they defeated their in-state rival, Western Illinois (1-6).

Katrina Concher

Nikki Pierzchala

"It's always good to win," coach Scott Luster said. "We haven't been able to close out games lately."

The Braves brought down the Westerwinds in four games with scores of 30-26, 21-30, 30-22 and 31-29. With the victory, the Braves extended their winning streak against the Westerwinds to nine. Bradley had three players with double-digit kills, including senior Jenna Harrison's season-high 15.

Senior Nikki Pierzchala's 11 kills and 12 digs and freshman Melissa Collins' 10 kills and 15 digs also played a big part in Bradley's success.

Pierzchala said the victory was a product of the team's hard work.

"It meant a lot to the team for us to get our first win," she said. "We've been working so hard since the beginning of August and some of our hard work paid off. At the same time, it also showed us that we are capable of winning and that we need to continue to strive for excellence to win more matches."

Collins served three straight aces, helping the Braves clinch the first game of the match.

The Braves offense picked up after dropping the second game. The team hit .389 and took a 2-1 lead after three games. The Braves trailed 29-27 in Game 4 but rallied back to score four consecutive points and capture their first win

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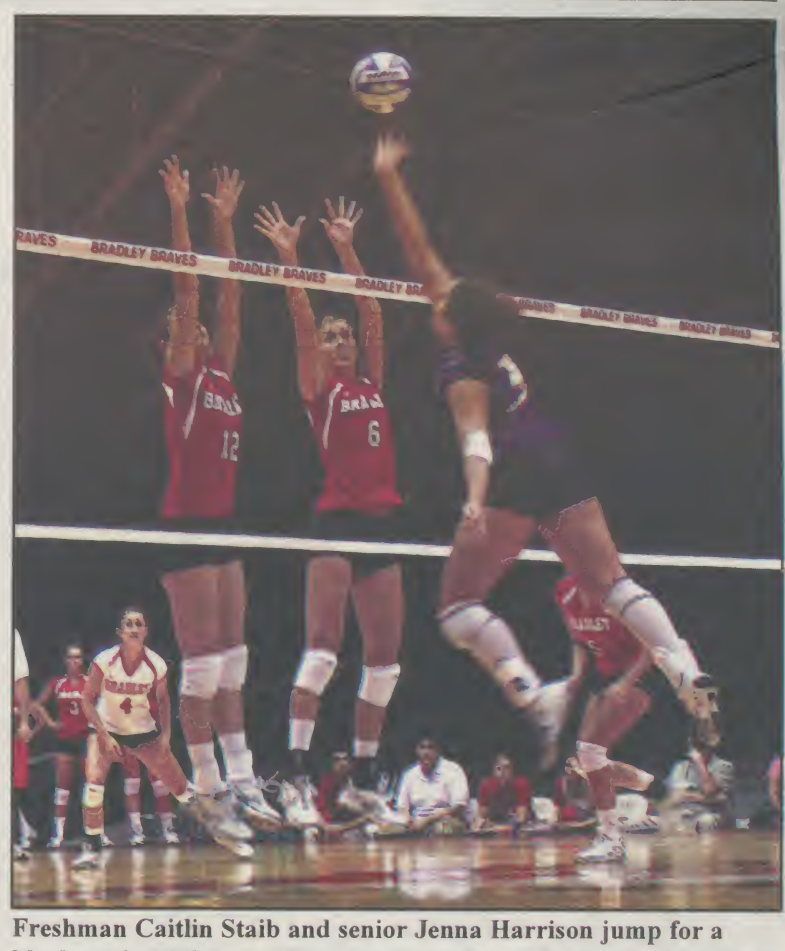

Freshman Caitlin Staib and senior Jenna Harrison jump for a block against Western Illinois on Saturday at Robertson Memorial Field House.
Photo by Saleena Fortunato

MISSOURI **VALLEY CONFERENCE** STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL	MVC	OVERALL
ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	6-2
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	5-2
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	4-2
WICHITA STATE	0-0	4-2
CREIGHTON	0-0	3-3
NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	3-3
DRAKE	0-0	2-2
EVANSVILLE	0-0	3-4
INDIANA STATE	0-0	2-3
BRADLEY	0-0	1-6

SOCCER	MVC	OVERALL
BRADLEY	0-0	2-0-0
EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-0	2-0-0
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	2-0-0
CREIGHTON	0-0	1-0-1
DRAKE	0-0	1-1-0
EVANSVILLE	0-0	0-2-0
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-0	0-2-0

On the Record

'I don't understand why the fans were booing at me. I can't understand that. They showed me today they just care about them. That's no fair. Because when you are struggling, that's when you want to feel the support of the fans.'

— Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano

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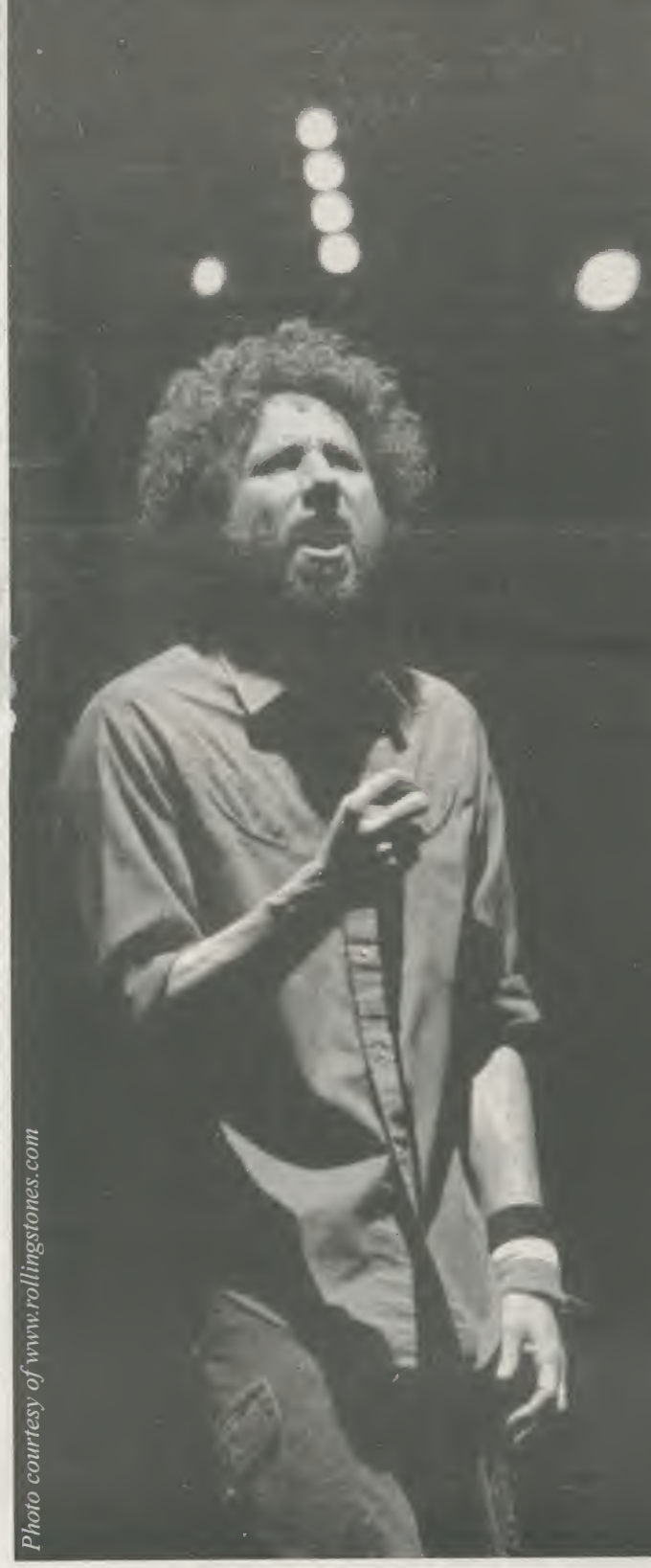
'RAGE' ON PARADE

Reunited band plays Midwest for first time in nearly a decade



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BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

Zack de la Rocha, sans his '90s dreads, spring loads and leaves his feat.

Now midair, the lyrics don't stop and time slows down as 35,000 rabid fans enjoy a collective moment of meaning – Rage Against the Machine is back in action.

Only Rage's sixth appearance since regrouping after a seven-year hiatus, the band played a pitch-perfect show, though void of surprises or any new material. The group's mid '90s rap/metal was and is leaps and bounds above its "peers," and its brand of protest music still transcends the genre.

Sadly, its radical agitprop messages are even more relevant today than when they were written during Clinton era American prosperity.

Queens of the Stone Age opened, but on par with Wisconsin's Alpine Valley Music Theatre's reputation, the real pre-show party was in the grassy, mud-pit parking lot littered with beer cans, bottles and the lingering smell of cigarette, weed and firework smoke.

The line of cars waiting to enter the sold-out show stretched thousands of feet even as the four piece took the stage well after the Queens wrapped up.

As for the venue, imagine a funnel the size of a football field. Now line it with grease, mud and liberal doses of insanity. Erect a stage at the base, and then dump in 35,000 screaming fans and watch them grasp for footing.

Alpine Valley is a fairly large outdoor amphitheater, and Rage's concert happened to fall in the middle of daily, torrential downpours and flooding throughout much of the Midwest. So disappointingly, moving closer to the stage was more slipping and sliding down a death trap than pushing, shoving and yelling, "excuse me."

The crowd, already wet from alternating pouring and sprinkling that mostly ended before Rage took the stage, maintained energy throughout. From guitarist Tom Morello's opening guitar scratching on "Testify," to the closing anger of "Freedom," the mob of supporters moved as one coherent body and screamed for more.

The show was slightly shorter than many hoped, and after an hour and a half of hearing snippets of fan conversations like "Oh my god my life is complete ..." it seemed a second encore was in order. Rage didn't oblige. But, in the 90 minutes onstage, Morello's guitar fireworks, bassist Tim Commerford's funky bass lines and de la Rocha's spirited energy was right on.

Rocha allowed himself one political rant, responding to Fox News' recent misappropriations of Rage quotes, incorrectly accusing them of presidential assassination aspirations. Rocha replied to those charges, "What we said was, 'Bush… should be tried, hung and shot for war crimes.'"

Rocha didn't give the Democrats a pass either, telling the crowd America will watch them as closely as anyone else, and telling the crowd, "the government isn't afraid of us, they are afraid of you."

The band didn't play anything from its 2000 covers album "Renegades," and stuck to cuts from its self-titled 1992 debut, its follow up "Evil Empire" and final studio release of original songs "Battle of Los Angeles."

Hits "Bulls on Parade," "Calm Like a Bomb," "Guerilla Radio" and "Bombtrack" were all attacked ferociously by all parties involved.

It's not as easy now to raise a middle finger in the air, and chant, "F--- you I won't do what you tell me" along with a crowd as it was when I was 14, but I still get shivers down my spine when Rocha spits one polemic verse after another. He's still one of the sharpest emcees ever, no matter which genre – rap/metal, hip hop or pop rap.

For a band that champions such non-mainstream politics, namely revolutionary group EZLN in the Chiapas region of Mexico, it's a wonder seeing its mainstream recognition, coverage and attendance. The freedom of Rage to perform during an administration that slowly eroded personal liberties displays everything that is right and still (barely) working in this country.

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THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

The Contemporary Art Center of Peoria presents "Live at the Five Spot: Bogside Zukes," 5:30 p.m. at 305 Water St. Admission is $6 for student members and $9 for student non-members.

"Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," 7 and 10 p.m. in the Marty Theater as part of the fall film series. Tickets are $1 for students and $1.50 for the public.

SATURDAY

"Austin Powers in Goldmember," 6 and 9 p.m. in the Marty Theater

SUNDAY

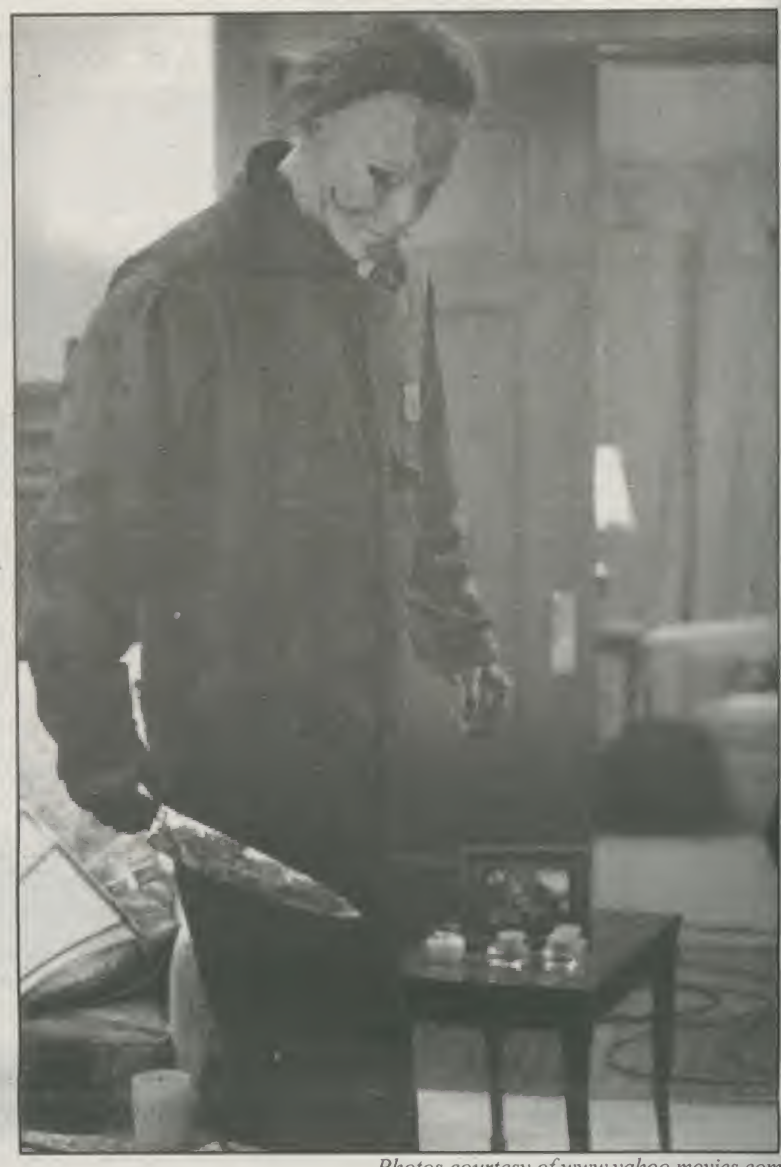
Hinder, Papa Roach, BuckCherry and Revelation Theory in concert at the Peoria Civic Center. Admission is $29.50 or $32.50. Call (309) 676-8700 for more information.

THURSDAY

"Ocean's 13," 8 p.m. in the Marty Theater

Big Budget, little payoff

Rob Zombie's 'Halloween' remake lacks suspense



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BY JASON MISKA
for Voice

Halloween has many meanings in American culture today – to some its pillow cases full of candy or increased revenue from fake blood and knock-off "Scream" masks.

However, it most importantly signifies a milestone in cult film making.

The original film "Halloween," directed by none other than John Carpenter, represents the perfect horror film – gritty, terrifying and done so on a very meager budget.

When I found out Rob Zombie ("The Devil's Rejects" and the band White Zombie) took on the task of remaking the horror masterpiece, I was a little worried. I felt like he was trying to remake a classic like "Citizen Kane" or "Gone with the Wind." Still, I kept my hopes up and to no avail, this "Halloween" remake was a very disappointing film that left a lot to be desired.

The film begins with a young Michael Myers, played by the creepy Daeg Faerch, who is a 10-year-old boy growing up in an unfavorable setting. Throughout the beginning of the film, Zombie wants you to believe Myers is a product of his surroundings. His abusive father played by William Forsythe (The Devil's Rejects) and stripper mother (Zombie's wife Sheri Moon) contribute to his insanity.

He also kills small animals and gets picked on in school – all elements comprising the perfect killer.

Fans of the "Halloween" series know Myers is a killing machine with absolutely no remorse. However, by understanding why he's nuts, he becomes a much less frightful character compared to one who murders for no reason.

Myers should definitely have come from a "Leave it to Beaver," well-to-do family and should've been crazy for absolutely no apparent reason except his own psychological absurdities.

Flash forward 15 years to when Myers is an adult, and his psychologist Dr. Loomis, played by Maclom McDowell ("A Clockwork Orange"), is giving a seminar on how Myers is a cold-blooded killer with eyes black as darkness.

This sounds like the Michael Myers we've all grown to love. This scene marks the radical shift from the killer with a troubled past to the ruthless killer. Besides the indecisiveness of the film shown here, "Halloween" becomes a moderately enjoyable gore fest.

Halloween
Malcolm McDowell
Sheri Moon Zombie
Daeg Faerch
Grade: C-

I jumped out of my seat at one scene. For an avid horror fan that doesn't happen often. The rest of the plot consists of Myers stalking his little sister and murdering everyone she's associated with, following the typical slasher formula.

The kills are raw and sometimes hard to watch because they are brutally gruesome.

Adult Myers (Tyler Mane) is one creepy looking dude. But as a whole, the film doesn't scare me. Most good horror films continue the scare long after you finish them, convincing you to check all the doors in your house and look under your bed before you go to sleep.

In this remake, I left the film feeling like I watched a mediocre action flick with no explosions. It shows a big budget doesn't necessarily create a good film. The down-to-earth and gritty realness of low budget films like the original "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," "Halloween" and "The Exorcist" are what made them absolutely terrifying.

Zombie's "Halloween" is a product of the times, where new filmmakers believe grossing people out is the only way you can scare them. Frankly, I just don't agree with that.

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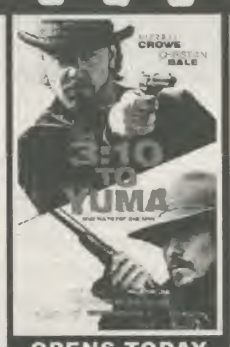

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Smashing Pumpins

"Zeitgeist"

Martha's Music/Reprise; 2007

Grade: C-

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New Pumpkins album far from sma

BY ALEX CZUBAK
for Voice

The summer saw the impossible happen: the release of a new Smashing Pumpkins album, "Zeitgeist."

Unfortunately, in the words of LL Cool J, "Don't call it a comeback."

The Smashing Pumpkins was one of the ultimate alternative bands of the 1990s. In the wake of grunge, the group was the counterpoint, keeping the indulgence of rock alive while keeping the music moving forward.

The group debuted with the promising "Gish," perfected its craft with "Siamese Dream" and reached the pinnacle of ambition with "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness."

After this, the band splintered. And after the release of "Machina," it reached critical mass, breaking up in 2000.

Billy Corgan called for a Smashing Pumpkins reunion when he released his solo debut. Only Jimmy Chamberlain, the drummer, made it back.

The Smashing Pumpkins was always Corgan's brainchild, so criticizing the album solely on the lack of a full reunion wouldn't be legitimate.

However, the fact that it wasn't a full reunion may have diminished Corgan's inspiration.

"Zeitgeist" is Corgan's rendering of America post-9/11. Although not the first artist to do this, he tries hard to make his point stand out above the rest.

The opening track, "Doomsday Clock," presents images of the modern world, war-torn and paranoia-driven. Instead of creating an emotional response, the song plays off like a generic modern rock tune – a great listen, but looking deeper would be useless.

"7 Shades of Black" meanders lyrically without leaving an imprint, while the sound is front-loaded with fury to try to make up for it.

And that's the problem with the entire album: the overall effect is muted by the approach.

A perfect example would be the song "For God and Country." The lyrics display blind faith permeating everything Americans do, but the message is so obvious that the song becomes droning and repetitive without ever capturing the listener with its ideas. The music for the song adds to the drone, rendering "For God and Country" impotent.

"Tarantula," the first single off the album, has the pop sensibilities for which Corgan is known. The music, although too bombastic even for Corgan, is tuneful and listenable.

This bombast is used to cover the bland words Corgan sings so the song only works on the most basic level – something earlier Pumpkins songs worked beyond.

"United States" is a 10-minute song with simple lyrics that don't require 10 minutes to sing.

"Neverlost" and "Bring the Light" break up the monotony of "Zeitgeist," adding dynamics to the album and bringing relief from the overproduced music before it.

The closer, "Pomp and Circumstances," tries to be the "Cherub Rock" on this album. By using more mellow production, it strives to be the catharsis of what has come before it. But it ends up illustrating the issues and problems this album had.

It's all bark and little bite. While the album isn't bad, it doesn't live up to its title. It presents America's post-9/11 ideas, but other albums have done it better.

The Smashing Pumpkins is still one of the greatest alternative rock bands to walk the planet, but "Zeitgeist" is the work of a band begging for relevance – sounding good but not being good.

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The Trews play to few, entertain all

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

School is back in session, so here's a pop quiz, hipsters: when was the last time you came across a band that sounded truly unique? Bet you can't remember when a band did it without tape loops or Icelandic vocals.

The strange thing about The Trews is after digesting some stunningly pedestrian influences, it's managed to churn out a blend of straightforward, heavily melodic rock better than Blues Traveler ever could.

But there were no '90's-style harmonica solos at Friday night's performance in the Michel Student Center Ballroom. Instead, the Nova Scotia band barreled through song after song with gut instinct simplicity, leaving the pathetically small crowd in smoke with little more than "thanks for listening."

Poor promotion for the show yielded equally poor attendance – even after waiting an extra half hour to start – and The Trews deserved better. But bless singer Colin MacDonald for looking on the bright side: "There's 25 more people we respect." If he was as disappointed with the turnout as I was, it wasn't obvious.

"Let's turn this ballroom into a stadium," he urged the audience, who sat like students in the ballroom's businesslike chairs (not helping the atmosphere the band wanted to create).

The Trews showed off some songs from a forthcoming third album, although as MacDonald said, "To you, I'm sure it's all new stuff."

Over half the set list (written on a napkin in true struggling band form) boasted unfamiliar titles, but the band brought out a few staples for those who were in the know. The criminally catchy single "So She's Leaving" was performed with such heart-on-sleeve ferocity that it made the album version sound limp by comparison.

The Trews' songs generally revolve around love or the lack of it the narrator gets from his woman, and anyone looking for deviation in the new songs was out of luck. The brand new "Will You Wash Away" fits comfortably next to older songs with self-referencing titles like "Not Ready To Go" and "Tired of Waiting." The former song let The Trews show off its vocal chops after blasting the crowd with chunky bar-band riffs.

Not many groups feature all members, including the drummer, on vocals. Bands heavy on harmony like Hanson don't really rock out, but The Trews' best-of-both-worlds approach made songs like "Poor Ol' Broken Hearted Me" a whiskey rock thrill.

The rail-thin bassist Jack Syperek alternated between a bottle of water and a Rolling Rock (nice) during the set and would sometimes zone out for nearly a minute when the band got into a groove. Maybe the insanely bright house lights were getting to him – none of the four band members opened their eyes fully for the entire show.

Not even three albums into the game, The Trews already have its own formula. That doesn't mean it's not still willing to throw in something new. One song evolved into a cover of Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds," which added some reggae variety to a group of songs some might have thought started to blend together.

Despite lame attendance, these Canadians didn't use the time for a rehearsal spot. It was surely a step down for a major label band that has opened for Evanescence and The Rolling Stones, but The Trews rocked this stop on its brief American tour with all the fervor of a sold-out arena show.

MUSIC RELEASES
TUESDAY 9/11

Kanye West - "Graduation"
50 Cent - "Curtis"
Goo Goo Dolls - "Greatest Hits"
Hot Hot Heat - "Happiness Ltd."
Kenny Chesney - "Just Who I Am: Poets and Pirates"
Ani DiFranco - "Canon"

TUESDAY 9/11 DVD RELEASES

"Grey's Anatomy: Season 3"
"American Cannibal"
"Snoop Dogg's Hood of Horror"
"Notorious B.I.G.: Bigger Than Life"
"Two And A Half Men: The Complete First Season"

Photo Poll

What do you expect from our new president?

"I expect a new elevator in Williams so no one else gets stuck in it."
Timeka Garrett,
sophomore,
accounting

"I expect a new gym to be finished before I graduate."
Von Brown,
sophomore,
business

"To be a B.A. and rock out on the quad."
David Ehrhardt,
junior,
mechanical engineering

"To kick task force out."
Brian Del Berc,
sophomore,
mechanical engineering

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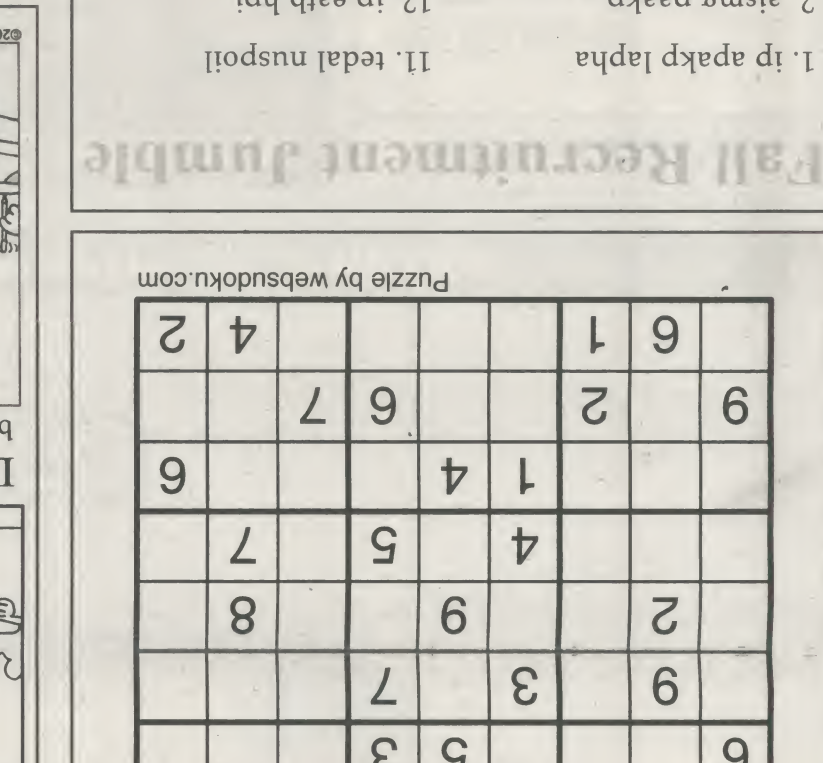

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9- Island of Denmark
12- Easy to steer
13- Office person
15- Swerve sharply
16- Switchblade
17- Sum
18- Flesh
19- Good spirit
21- Modern humans
23- Nobleman
24- Tasteless items, junk
25- Thin and watery
28- Sweets
33- Literary device
34- Round object, often used to store computer data
35- Chapter of the Koran
36- Urban scourge
37- Chart
38- It may be picked
39- Riding
41- Bell-shaped flower
42- Boggy
44- Adores
46- Entreaty
47- Use, consume
48- 8th month of the Jewish civil calendar
49- Ostentatious
53- Sotted
57- Sudden assault
58- Strange and mysterious
60- Roof overhang
61- Shot, briefly
62- Semisynthetic textile
63- Killed
64- Affirmative answer
65- Title
66- Hue

Down
1- Dissolve, as cells
2- Island of Hawaii
3- Parched
4- Emerge
5- Thespians
6- Light-colored hair
7- Wager
8- Ages
9- Run away
10- Monetary unit of China
11- Profits
14- Casual gathering
15- Strikes
20- Pouting grimace
22- Step in ballet
25- Dry stalks
26- Muse of poetry in Greek mythology
27- Chopper topper
28- Clock faces
29- Catch a view of
30- Like soft-boiled eggs
31- Triple
32- Lustful deity
34- Faucet problem
37- Sparkle
40- Pretended
42- German Mrs.
43- Serious in intention
45- Solo of "Star Wars"
46- Outlet
48- Expression peculiar to a language
49- Skirmish
50- Without full use of a leg
51- Intentions
52- Bring forth young
54- Wife of Shiva
55- Opposite of odd, especially when applied to numbers
56- Salamander
59- Handwoven Scandinavian rug

Sudoku

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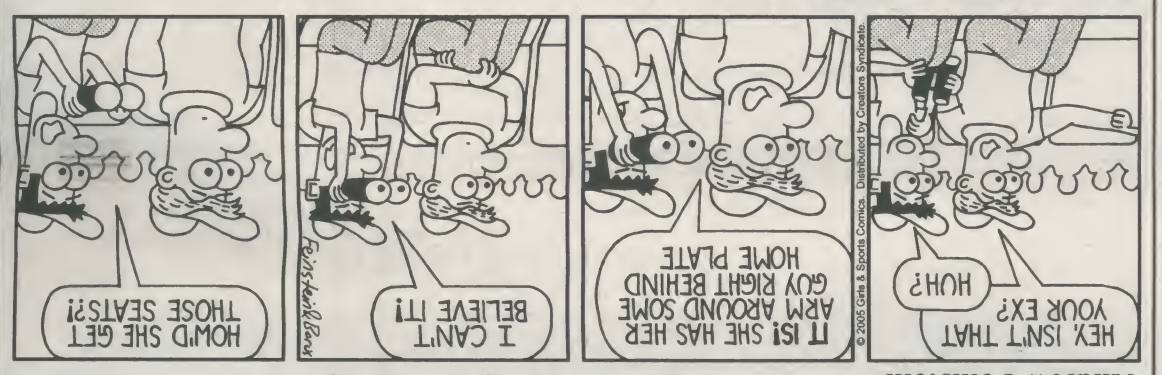

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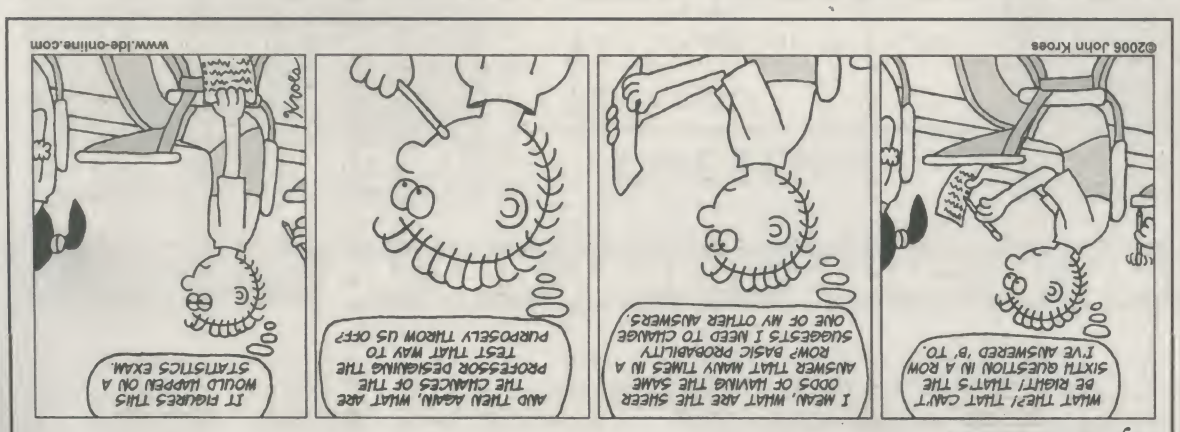

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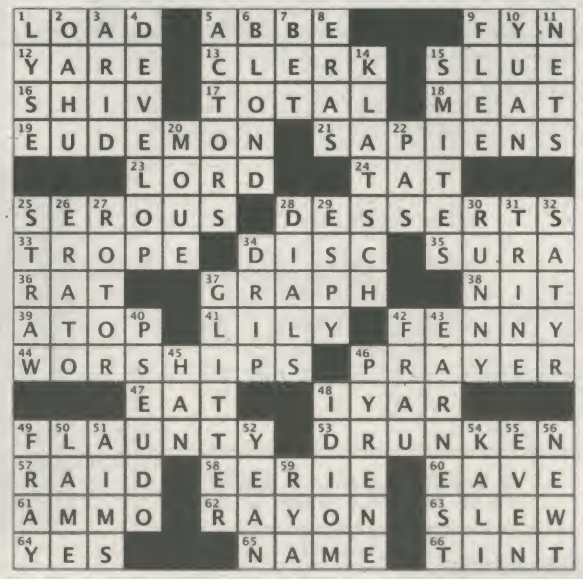

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Girl TM.

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Great first paper, Scouters! We love you all. Love, E.Wood and Sarah

Thanks Aaron Frey, the sports desk loves you.

Thanks for all your hard work, Antonio! We love you.

We're going to have an amazing year, Scouters! Keep up the good work!

HOW TO

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ROAD TO RECRUITMENT 2007

Recruitment may be an intimidating process for many students. Some may not know what to expect or may be nervous about meeting new people. Below is a guide to recruitment designed to take the mystery and tension out of the process.

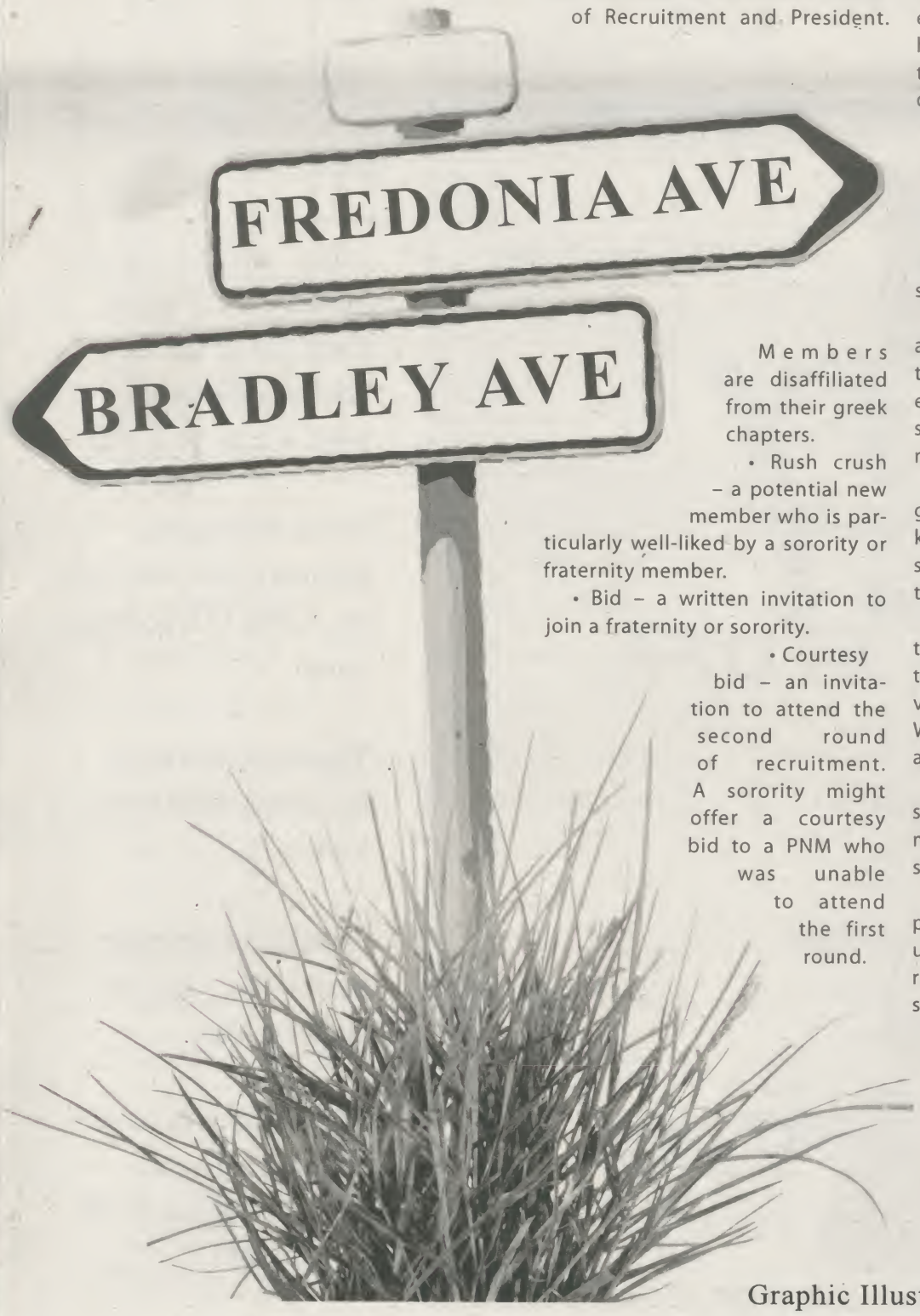
Recruitment Vocabulary

Many greeks use jargon as a way of expressing situations and issues that arise during recruitment. Here is a quick explanation of some terms.

• Potential new members – the students who go through recruitment. They are also known as PMNs. After they join chapters, they become new members.

• Recruitment counselor – disaffiliated greeks who recruit and guide PNMs through the process. Each recruitment counselor has 10 PNMs in his or her group. They host one-on-one discussions with PNMs to help them find the right houses and answer questions.

• Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Central Recruitment – the governing body of recruitment. It makes changes, deals with illegal or unethical recruiting, trains recruitment counselors and handles the recruitment budget. Central is comprised of the IFC or Panhel Director of Recruitment, Assistant Director of Recruitment and President.



Members are disaffiliated from their greek chapters.

• Rush crush – a potential new member who is particularly well-liked by a sorority or fraternity member.

• Bid – a written invitation to join a fraternity or sorority.

• Courtesy bid – an invitation to attend the second round of recruitment. A sorority might offer a courtesy bid to a PNM who was unable to attend the first round.

• Continuous open bidding – process chapters use to recruit women who didn't go through recruitment, didn't receive a bid or chose not to accept a bid. It occurs after formal recruitment.

Sorority Recruitment

• Women can register for recruitment online at www.bugreeklife.com. Students should register by 3 p.m. today.

• There are three rounds of sorority recruitment. The first round will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. today and from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday.

• During the House Tour and Philanthropy Round, women can expect to visit all seven sorority houses. Sorority members will give them house tours and a brief introduction to their sororities' philanthropies. PNMs will participate in charitable activities such as making cards and gifts for children, among others.

• Sorority members will rotate among PNMs to talk and discuss the sorority.

• The second round will begin at noon on Sunday. This is called the Conversation Round. PNMs can expect to visit five houses and talk to sorority members in a more intimate manner than the first round.

• Many sorority members will play games or host activities to get to know PNMs better and spark conversation. Sororities may show presentations such as slideshows.

• The third round of recruitment is the Preference Round. The round will take place Sept. 15, and PNMs will visit two houses during this round. Women should dress business casual.

• PNMs will most likely talk with sorority members they've previously met and will discuss in a more personal manner than previous rounds.

• After conversation, PNMs will participate in ceremonies that are unique to each chapter. After the round, they'll make their final decisions.

• Bid Day will take place at 11 a.m. Sept. 16. On this day, PNMs will find out which houses they get into. Many sororities take trips to different places like roller skating rinks or arcades.

• During and before recruitment, sorority members are allowed to talk to female freshman. They aren't, however, allowed to be with them off campus or persuade women to join their houses by talking badly about other houses, hosting parties, among others.

• Women with questions should contact Jamie Miller at jmiller@bradley.edu.

Fraternity Recruitment

• Men can register for recruitment and find information about the process online at www.bugreeklife.com or www.bufraternities.com. Men should register by tonight. If students don't register in time, they'll be able to participate if they go to the Michel Student Center Marty Theater at noon Saturday.

• Like sorority recruitment, there are three rounds of fraternity recruitment. The First Round will take place from noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. During this round, PNMs will visit all 13 fraternities.

• This round offers PNMs a chance to meet some fraternity members. Members usually give PNMs house tours.

• The Second Round will take place from noon to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15. During this round, PNMs will visit up to five fraternity houses. PNMs can expect to meet multiple men from each house.

• The Third Round will take place from noon to 3 p.m. Sept. 16. PNMs will visit up to three fraternity houses. The Second and Third Rounds are longer than the First Round.

• Fraternity recruitment is different than sorority recruitment because it's more casual and fraternities usually plan less activities than sororities.

• After the Third Round, each PNM will receive up to three bids from fraternities. The PNM will then select the fraternity he wants to join and officially become a new member at the Bid Acceptance Ceremony.

• The ceremony will take place at 8 p.m. Sept. 16 at Dingeldine Music Center. Dress is business casual, and University President Joanne Glasser will speak.

• After the ceremony, many fraternities host activities such as dinners and outings for their new members.

• Men with questions should contact Joe Wysopal at jwysopal@bradley.edu.

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Students fight police at party

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

A violent party Friday night ended with a university police officer in the hospital, the arrests of four Bradley students and the issuance of 22 drinking tickets.

Doctors at OSF St. Francis Medical Center used six staples to close a large gash in Officer Scott Klinkradt's skull that he got when Bradley junior Joshua Helsel struck his head.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said the incident is probably the most serious the university has dealt with in terms of an officer being injured.

"Let's just say it represents the most overt act that has happened in a long time," Baer said.

Alcohol likely fueled the fight, he said.

"I think when people drink, they say or do things they wouldn't normally say or do," he said. "I surmise that might have been it."

Sgt. Troy Eeten responded to a noise complaint at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday at 1400 Fredonia Ave., the apartment building between the Sigma Chi and Delta Upsilon houses, according to university police reports.

After resolving the issue for which the officers were called, Eeten also heard loud noise from Apt. 2 and knocked on the door. Students at the party pushed Eeten out and slammed the door.

Baer said that doesn't normally happen unless the partiers are trying to hide something.

"If the person opens the door and there is a perception that there is alcohol at this party and there might be people under age, the dynamics change a little bit," he said.

When he was refused entry, Eeten called for backup, and Klinkradt was among the officers who responded.

Klinkradt looked into a window from which someone was trying to escape. When Helsel saw Klinkradt at the window, he tried to strike him in the face. Klinkradt grabbed Helsel's shirt and the two started a tug-of-war. Helsel tried to slam the window on Klinkradt and then pulled him through.

Helsel struck him several times in the head and neck. An unknown light-skinned black male also hit Klinkradt and fled.

Klinkradt deployed his pepper

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Sigma Chi makes new house a home

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

The new Sigma Chi house's location places its members "smack dab in the center of Fredonia," Former President Mike Stine said.

The new house has 61 rooms, including 23 bedrooms, a library, a chapter office and about 18 bathrooms. It's located at 1408 Fredonia Ave.

"It's nice not to have to wait in a holding pattern after a trip to Burger Barge," Stine said of the bathrooms. "The private rooms are nice and they are easier to clean than the large communal bathrooms were."

Vice President for Business Affairs Gary Anna said it cost over $2 million to build the house.

Stine said he hopes the house will help Sigma Chi during recruitment this fall, but he doesn't want to use the house as a strategy to attract men.

He said the house is "both a double-edged sword and a blessing," meaning it may draw attention to the fraternity but not necessarily in a positive way.

"We're going to go for the guys going for Sigma Chi," he said. "Not for our new house."

He said people might have started to judge the members negatively when they moved in.

"We hope that our actions, not the size of our house, will help eliminate any negative stereotypes that may come our way," he said.

The new house maintains many of the old house's characteristics, including its large columns, balcony and game room with blue walls.

However, the new house is about 18,000 square feet, compared to the 12,000 square feet of the old one, Planning Supervisor Kim Green said.

Also, the new house has "state-of-the-art utilities," Stine said, such as more efficient water heating, a large kitchen and cooking area and geo-thermal heating, which cost the fraternity $60,000.

Green said the construction was on a "pretty aggressive schedule" and took nine months.

Stine said it was bittersweet to leave the old house.

"The house was definitely starting to show its age and it was time to move on," he said.

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The new Sigma Chi house, located at 1408 Fredonia Ave., has 61 rooms including 23 bedrooms and about 18 bathrooms. It also has a library and a chapter office.

Photo by Megan Loos

Student pays tribute to local firefighters

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Leila Shamsuddin's eighth grade class was singing "Happy Birthday" to her when the school principal interrupted to announce two planes had crashed into the World Trade Center.

Shamsuddin, a sophomore elementary education major, said it's difficult to share her Sept. 11 birthday with the terrorist attack that shocked and devastated the nation.

"This day has always been special and important to me because it's my birthday," she said. "But now it's important for a different reason."

But she's found ways to make the day more positive.

During high school, Shamsuddin and her friends adorned red, white and blue ribbons to commemorate Sept. 11, but she said she wanted to step it up a notch this year.

Leila Shamsuddin piles up cookies and cards for local firefighters to pay tribute to Sept. 11. *Photo courtesy of Leila Shamsuddin*

Shamsuddin collected 35 dozen cookies and a couple dozen cards from Bradley students and delivered them to local fire departments.

She said she got more support and contribution than she expected.

"I didn't really know how it would go," she said, "But it turned out great."

Shamsuddin said she got the idea from a boy she babysat during the summer in her hometown, Naperville.

She read a book to the boy about firefighters and he said he wanted to do something nice for the firefighters at the fire department by his house.

Shamsuddin said the gesture was well received and she wanted to do the same for Peoria firefighters.

When she returned to Bradley this fall, Shamsuddin started a

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WEEKEND **WEATHER** FORECAST

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The University Hall elevator drops with students inside.
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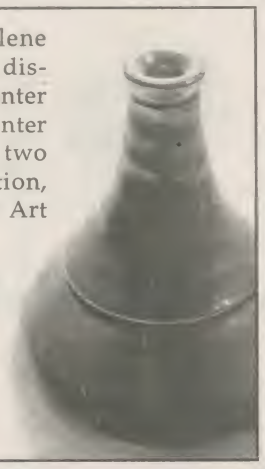
Ceramic Sculptor Marlene Miller's artwork will be displayed in the Heuser Art Center gallery and the Hartmann Center gallery throughout the next two weeks. For more information, contact the Department of Art at x2967.



The Smith Career Center will host the Fall Job Fair from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Michel Student Center. Students can explore career options and network with about 130 to 150 employers from a wide variety of industries.

The Smith Career Center will host an Interviewing Tips Workshop from 3 to 4:15 p.m. and from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Monday in Baker Hall 457.

The Civil Engineering and Construction Job fair will take place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center ballroom. Students can learn about cooperative education, gain opportunities in identifying potential internships and network with prospective employers during the event.

Around the World

Peoria local announces candidacy

Jim McConoughey, 46, officially announced his intention to run for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 18th District on Sept. 12, according to the Journal Star.

McConoughey begins his Republican-nominated campaign with a 9 a.m. news conference at the Peoria NEXT Innovation Center, followed by a tour of all 20 counties in the 18th District.

McConoughey is the president of The Heartland Partnership but said he will step aside from daily operations to become a "full-time candidate."

Former Peoria City Councilman John Morris and State Rep. Aaron Schock of Peoria have also announced their candidacies for the Republican nomination.

Suspect charged with kidnapping, not hate crime in torture incident

Authorities decided Wednesday to pursue a state kidnapping count, not hate crime charges in the kidnapping and torture of a young black woman in West Virginia, according to the Associated Press.

Officials said while the suspects are white and state hate crime charges are still an alternative, successful prosecution will happen with a kidnapping count, which carries a sentence of up to a life in prison.

The six suspects allegedly forced the woman to eat rat feces, made her drink from the toilet, choked her with a cable, stabbed her while calling her a racial slur and sexually assaulted her over a period of about a week.

Bush expected to cut troops in Iraq

President Bush will announce his plans to cut American troop presence in Iraq on Thursday evening, according to the Associated Press.

The number of American troops could decline by as many as 30,000 by next summer based on continued progress.

Bush will give a 15-minute address from the White House endorsing recommendations of his top general and top diplomat in Iraq. The White House plans to issue a written status report about troop buildup today.

Because Bush's speech isn't final, officials spoke anonymously.

U-Hall elevator becomes tower of terror

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

About 15 students dropped three stories last week when the University Hall elevator got stuck and fell from the third floor to the basement.

Freshman business major Krisha Kucharski said the drop was between a freefall and a normal elevator descent.

"It was scary going down," she said.

Kucharski said students packed into the elevator in the lobby after U-Hall election speeches and pushed the button for the third floor, but the elevator never made it there.

"It was going up really slowly, got to the third floor, and then we were stuck at the third floor," Kucharski said. "You could still hear the stuff spinning like it was trying to go up, but the elevator wasn't going anywhere."

Though she doesn't know the exact number of people in the elevator, Kucharski said, "It was really hard to move."

Kucharski said while in the elevator, she called her resident adviser and someone else pushed the emergency call button. However, she said many students were screaming and crying and no one could hear anyone on the outside.

"Everyone was yelling, 'Oh my God, we're stuck in an elevator,'" Kucharski said. "Some people were freaking out because they have elevator fears or claustrophobia. And it's really gross in there."

When the elevator reached the basement, Kucharski said the doors opened and everyone ran out and upstairs.

"We don't know how it opened," Kucharski said.

A maintenance man was talking to the elevator in the lobby when Kucharski walked upstairs, and she told him everyone was out of the elevator. He asked how many people were in the elevator, and when Kucharski said about 15, he replied, "Well that should teach you something."

But Kucharski said there's no sign in the elevator indicating a maximum capacity.

"No one knows how many people can fit," she said.

Executive Director of Residential Living and Leadership Nathan Thomas said the elevator got stuck and fell because it was overcrowded.

"The elevator's been fixed for sure," he said. "But you can't try to see how many people you can fit in an elevator and expect it to operate like it's supposed to."

Thomas said he doesn't know what elevator regulations are, but he's sure "all of our elevators meet state and city ordinances, be it signage, emergency phones, all that kind of stuff."

But Bob Capuani, the director of Elevator Safety for the Office of the State Fire Marshal, said elevators have to have a capacity plate.

Upon hearing about the incident from the Scout on Wednesday, Capuani sent an elevator inspector to Bradley. The inspector was almost to Olympia Hills just south of Chicago but turned around to inspect the U-Hall elevator.

Capuani said the inspector won't have information about the elevator for a few days.

The U-Hall elevator is still in use.

Students scream and smile as the U-Hall elevator takes a plunge Sept. 5. *Photo courtesy of Soraya Wery*

U-Hall cafe to serve as temporary lounge

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Barbeque Kitten Improv Troupe uses the University Hall cafeteria as a rehearsal space until Student Affairs decides what to do with the space.

Photo by Megan Loos

Student Affairs spent this week drafting temporary plans for University Hall's graveyard of a cafeteria.

This is the second year the vacant cafeteria has sustained underutilization with the exception of orchestra and choral practices, Hall Council meetings and minor activities.

"Everyone agrees it's a very valuable space that isn't being utilized," Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said. "We knew that last year at this time."

As early as Fall Break, the cafeteria will transform into a programming area/lounge, virtually the same idea as the initial plan. There will be seating, a television and a portable stage and lights, among other amenities.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said she hopes to make the space wireless. She said there's also possibility of having a food order service and cafe tables.

Ticaric said she'd like to see a cafeteria-type option that's open into the early morning for students studying late at night.

"It would kind of be a mini-idealistic student center," Ticaric said.

The difference between the temporary and permanent plans is that there won't be lasting renovations such as direct entrances and bathrooms in the facility.

Last year, Student Affairs agreed on a proposal that would make the old cafeteria a meeting/programming area as well as coffee house-type performance space. However, they reconsidered the permanent plan.

Galsky said administrators didn't want to make any permanent decisions until they have a more concrete idea of what effect the Markin Family Student Recreation Center will have on Bradley facilities' space availability.

"Once we find out how much other space we have ... then the question is better asked what is the best way to permanently change U-Hall so it serves the best function for the students," he said.

He said Student Affairs, Vice President of Business Affairs Gary Anna and student leaders agreed on the temporary decision this summer.

"It took so long because we wanted to make absolute sure the Markin Center was on schedule," he said. "If there was a delay, maybe we wouldn't want to wait that long [to renovate]."

Galsky said there aren't definite long-term plans for the cafeteria and past plans may be revisited.

Junior early childhood education major Angela Roccasalva said the space better serves as a cafeteria than a lounge.

"It was nice when I was a freshman to have the cafeteria there," she said. "It gave you a little more selection. Things weren't as busy in all the cafeterias as they are now."

She also said it's safer to keep the dorms open only during meal times because there are already campus security issues.

Galsky said he expects at least a partial plan for the temporary design on his desk no later than Tuesday.

"I'm really excited. It's going to happen and it's going to happen quickly," he said. "Right now, it's probably the best decision."

Classes discourage ceremoney attendance

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Bradley's third annual Constitution Day aims to increase students' knowledge about the U.S. Constitution and how it affects them, Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said.

The event will take place from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 17 in Olin Quad.

Schools receiving federal funds are required to host a Constitution program every year as the result of a federal law passed three years ago. The type of program is up to each school.

"We felt it was important that we did something the whole campus could appreciate and be a part of," Galsky said. "We wanted to expand on what America means and what we're all about."

He said the event will include a picnic. Manual High School's color guard will perform, as well as the Bradley band and students from the *Department of Theatre Arts will be in costumes* from 1776.

President Joanne Glasser and Student Body President Jordan Ticaric will both speak at the picnic.

Dining halls will be closed for lunch, but students can use their meal plans at the picnic or pay $5.

"The senator that began this idea is a constitutional scholar and thought college students didn't appreciate the Constitution and what it means to them," Galsky said. "We think it's a great idea, and we've had lots of cooperation from the Band and Theatre Departments."

He said he enjoyed the program the past two years and hopes this year will be even better.

Sophomore international business major Klint Cone didn't know about Constitution Day last year and hasn't heard anything this year either.

"I haven't seen any publicity for it," he said. "I probably won't go. I have class Monday, but we should be excused, like on Founder's Day."

Sophomore secondary education major Corrie Brite said she thinks the idea of Constitution Day is odd.

"We should know about the Constitution by now," she said. "I feel like this type of event is better for elementary-aged kids."

Brite said she also has classes on Monday so she probably won't be able to participate in the event.

Junior public relations major Jackie Beaudry said she'll try to go to the picnic but she also has classes.

"I might stop by to see what it's all about," she said. "I'm interested in what our new president will say."

New look for BU Web site

BY BEN BERG
for the Scout

Summer changes to the MyBU Web site allow more flexibility for students. The site is available for students to check their e-mail, Webster, and Blackboard, among other options.

"It was a static page, you couldn't subtract anything, couldn't add, couldn't make it you," said Chuck Ruch, the associate provost for information resources and technology.

Room for storage was also added to the site.

"B-mail has a storage file where you can store word documents, spreadsheets, and other documents," Ruch said. "It can also allow you to share it. So if you're in a group for a class, you can post documents for the others to see."

Portals were another feature added to the site, which allow for easier navigation. To date, one portal has been activated.

Ruch said more portals will be added, allowing for more options.

"You know how you have a name and password everywhere, well we're trying to synchronize it so that you will just have to change it once and it will force change unto all the others," said Ruch.

The Web site will also help teachers inform students of classroom activities by posting reminders, information and syllabi on the site.

"I like how it pulls Webster into it," sophomore management and administration major Jake Schmitt said.

Junior management and administration major Karen Smith said she prefers the old site to the new changes.

"I like the directory," she said. "Otherwise, I hate it."

Junior early childhood education major Angie Roccasalva said she agrees.

"It's a pain in the butt because the mail doesn't connect, but it is easy to find the different pages," she said.

MyBU also features a comment page. Students are encouraged to leave comments, questions and suggestions.

Pool tourney brings champ to campus

BY JEREMY FLEMING
for the Scout

Grab your pool stick. Or leave it at home.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship will host a pool tournament today and a gospel trick shot show on Saturday. Chi Alpha members will take final entries for the tournament in the Michel Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today.

Pool sharks can test their skills at 1 p.m. in the Student Center. The tournament will be eight ball "scotch doubles" which consist of two players per team who alternate shots. Teams will be paired after registration is complete.

The registration fee is $5 and there is a maximum of 32 contestants in the tournament. The winners will take home a professional two-piece pool cue.

Steve Lillis, founder of Gospel Trick Shot Ministries Inc., shows off his pool tricks. Ackerman will visit Bradley Saturday for Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship's pool tournament.

Photo courtesy of www.gospeltrickshot.org

Chi Alpha President Tommy Ackerman said the fellowship tries to host three to four events every year to serve as an outreach to the student body.

"This tournament and trick shot show is one of the bigger things we've done," Ackerman said. "Our goal is to bring together Bradley students from diverse backgrounds."

The trick shot show features Steve Lillis, the founder of Gospel Trick Shot Ministries Inc. and winner of state titles in Colorado, performing at 6 p.m. Saturday in Baker Hall. Admission is free.

Lillis said he performs all kinds of shots that take on a spiritual meaning.

"I'll have a series of obstacle shots," Lillis said. "Because life is full of obstacles."

Years ago, Lillis started as a competitive player and met trick shot artist Mike Massey during his travels. Massey is a nine-time world pool champion.

"At that time Mike would do shows," Lillis said. "I picked it up and learned a lot."

Lillis said he got started doing shows for students after he got his college degree and became a professor.

"A lot of students were having difficulties, and I wanted a way to build relationships with those students," he said.

Lillis does his trick shots to convey an illustrated message.

"Some people will be at the show who are not religious," he said "There will be something for them, too."

Junior computer science major Kwame Osafo plans on registering for the tournament. He said he knows about the concepts of the game but isn't sure how he'll stack up to the competition.

"I don't know how good the other guys are," he said.

Osafo will be at the trick shot show on Saturday night. He said he's never seen a performance in person before.

"I've seen a couple of those on TV," he said "But not from beginning to end."

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Bookstore T-shirts help fight poverty in Africa

BY ABBY WALSH
for the Scout

Buying a T-shirt from the Bradley Bookstore can now help fight poverty in sub-Saharan Africa.

Paying $19.98 for a T-shirt may seem pricey, but when buying edun LIVE apparel, the money not only contributes to one's personal style, but also helps people in need overseas.

The Bradley Bookstore, like other Barnes & Noble bookstores, recently became a distributor of edun LIVE T-shirts.

Married couple Bono and Ali Hewson founded the company edun LIVE in 2005 to provide quality jobs for countless people in the countries of Madagascar, Lesotho, Kenya and Uganda.

The phrase "grower-to-sewer" has been adopted to describe edun LIVE's fundamental idea that every step in the T-shirt making process occurs in impoverished countries of Africa.

Each shirt is genuinely 100 percent African. This means the cotton is grown in Africa, sewn in Africa and doesn't leave the continent until the T-shirts are finished.

The company's Web site, www.edunlive.com, states every individual involved in the making of the clothing benefits from the sale of them.

"We carry the story of the people who make our clothes around with us," it states. "This means that everyone from the farmer to the factory worker is given fair pay for his or her contribution."

Edun LIVE strives to stabilize the African economy and end poverty by creating dependable, honest jobs in developing countries.

While perusing through the edun LIVE T-shirts in the bookstore, sophomore multimedia and graphic design major Emily Durand said she thinks it's a good idea to sell them.

"It's always good to help the economy and people in Africa," she said.

These shirts aren't only found in the bookstore, but throughout the nation in many Barnes & Noble bookstores.

Freshman multimedia major Emily Berger sorts through edun LIVE T-shirts, proceeds of which help fight poverty in sub-Saharan Africa.
photo by Megan Loos

The T-shirts come in black and beige and sport the phrases "Bradley University" and "How do you live?"

Penny Graber, a text book saleswoman at the bookstore, said advertising for the T-shirts is just getting started.

"They've been selling, but kind of slow," she said.

Some students said they think the T-shirts are too expensive at almost $20.

Freshman painting major Natalie Kuehn said she would buy the T-shirt but thinks they might be too expensive for other students to buy.

"It's a great idea, but I think people aren't generous enough to spend the money," she said.

However, freshman political science major Claribel Rocha said she doesn't mind paying a higher price for shirts that help people in need.

"I don't see why not [buy it] if it's promoting the end of poverty," said.

Freshman philosophy major Brett Buttliere said buying edun LIVE T-shirts is a good idea because the money positively affects the economy and people of sub-Saharan Africa by creating jobs for impoverished people.

"I would be very proud to be able to support such an organization," he said.

Career Center prepares for job fairs

Large number of employers will visit campus to recruit students

BY ANNABELLE VANG
for the Scout

This fall, the Smith Career Center will host two job fairs, bringing over 200 employers to campus.

"Studies show that job fairs are the main source of job leads and are some of the most preferred methods of hiring," said Jane Linnenburger, the executive director of the SCC.

The Civil Engineering Job Fair will take place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Michel Student Center Ballroom. Linnenburger said she expects 75 employers to attend the fair, including River City Construction and CORE Construction, among others.

While the fair is geared toward engineering and construction majors, Linnenburger encourages students with other majors to attend as well.

The Fall Job Fair is open to all majors and will take place from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom. Linnenburger said she expects 135 companies to attend this year, including AAA Chicago, Caterpillar Inc., UPS and Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Students can visit the SCC's Web site to filter the list of attending companies by major. Linnenburger advises students to decide on the companies they plan to visit before attending the fair because of the large amount of people expected to attend. Typically around 1,000 students attend the fair, she said.

She also said she encourages freshmen to attend.

"Job fairs expose freshmen to different opportunities and companies," she said.

Freshman construction major Miles Hernandez said he plans to attend the Civil Engineering and Construction Fair.

"I'm hoping to see what companies are there and where I'll end up in the future," he said.

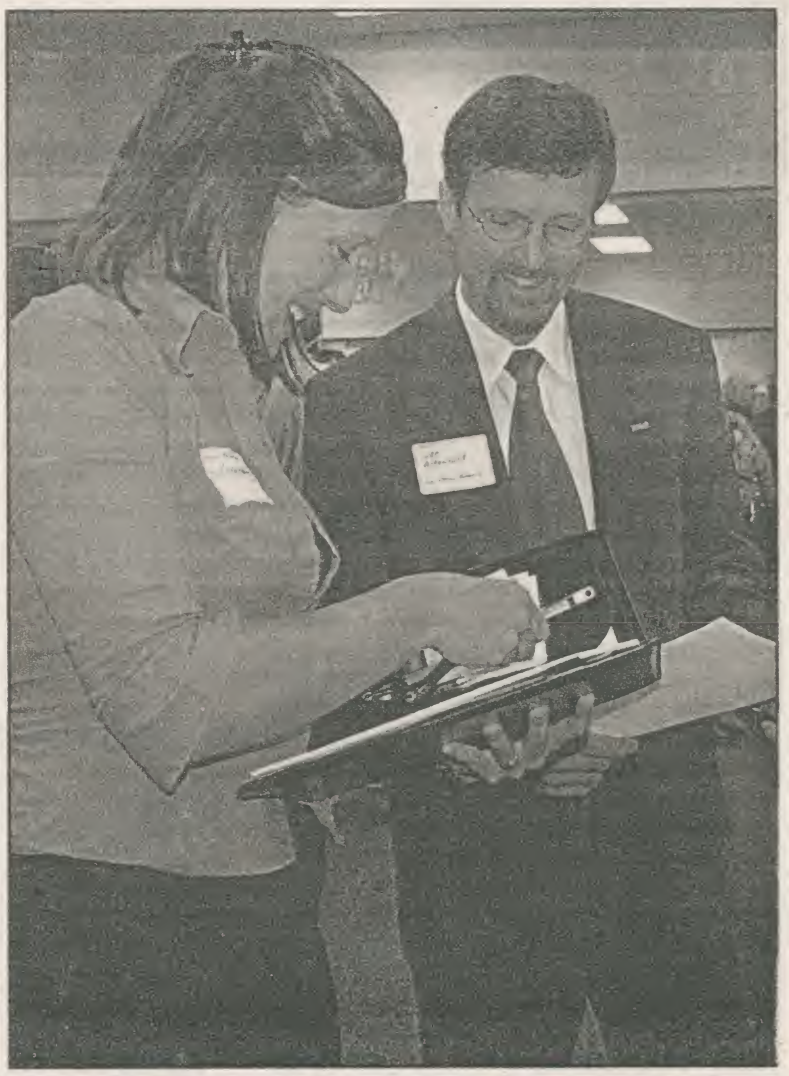
Hernandez also said he intends to seek internships and summer or part-time job prospects.

However, international studies major Amanda Kruse said she doesn't plan to attend the fair. She said she's not looking for a career right now because she's a freshman.

Linnenburger said it's a good idea to come prepared to the job fairs. She advises students to dress neatly and conservatively. Men should wear nice shirts with ties and jackets, while women should wear skirts or slacks and nice shirts. It's also helpful to bring multiple resumes.

Students should also have questions for employers and be prepared to discuss their work qualities with them. Students should know what type of job they're interested in, their majors and what they have to offer. Many times, employers will set up individual interviews after the fair or the next day.

For information about both fairs, visit http://explore.bradley.edu/scc.



Alumna Emily Branson talks to a potential employer about future job opportunities at last year's Fall Job Fair.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

Editorial

Students should speak up, grow up

A fight between University Police and students early Saturday morning proved to be not only a physical brawl but also a battle for respect.

Sgt. Troy Eeten responded to a noise complaint at 1400 Fredonia Ave at about 1 a.m. The apartment residents answered the door and turned down the music.

No names were called. No punches were thrown. No tears were shed.

And University Police Chief Dave Baer said that's usually how noise complaints play out.

"The police officer knocks on the door, says there was a noise complaint, and he is on his way," he said.

So Eeton thought he'd be going through the normal routine when he heard loud music blasting from neighboring Apt. 2 and decided to address the issue before leaving the building.

But the students in this apartment weren't so cooperative.

Eeton knocked on the door, was shoved out of the apartment, and a few of the partiers slammed the door in his face. He called for backup when he couldn't get in the apartment.

Officer Scott Klinkradt was among the officers who responded to the call. Two partiers got violent and fought with Klinkradt. He later got a cut in his head stapled together after Bradley junior Joshua Helsel and an unidentified man struck him repeatedly. Klinkradt fought back after being struck. He also suffered from a concussion and has an injured leg and neck.

Baer said the students who brawled with the officers were intoxicated, which explains why the partiers didn't invite the officers inside the apartment to begin with.

"Booze makes you do all kinds of stuff you wouldn't do sober," he said.

But alcohol is no excuse to disrespect, let alone fight authority.

While some say University Police officers ruin the fun and disrespect students, what statement are these students making about respect when they assault officers?

The officers aren't on campus to bust parties and drain the alcohol. Contrary to popular opinion, they are "real cops" with the same privileges and responsibilities as city and state officers.

They don't just hand out drinking tickets. They pull over drivers for traffic violations. They respond to 911 calls. They enforce laws and watch over the community, just as "real cops" do.

But because they are on a college campus, the police officers' positive contributions to student safety go unnoticed.

They are only known for extinguishing the fun.

Since Operation Campus/TAP was introduced at Bradley a few years ago, the University Police have been grouped with the Illinois State Police task force, whose goal is to combat underage drinking at parties and bars. They serve no other function at Bradley but to issue underage drinking tickets.

And drinking tickets aren't cheap at $375.

So while it's the task force's duty to snuff out the party, University Police officers would rather have a quiet night.

"Everyone at this institution is entitled to have a party and enjoy themselves," Baer said.

Officer Darmon Swanson, who wasn't involved in the Saturday morning incident, said if the partiers in Apt. 2 would've simply opened the door and turned down the music, the officers would've left.

"Who wants to spend the time writing 22 tickets?" he said.

But about 80 students joined a Facebook group, BU Anti-Police Brutality Sept. 7 Incident, supporting creator Alex Henderson's statement that "boundaries were crossed," blaming the police for starting the fight.

"I just don't think we should be fearing the police who protect us," the Web site states.

But no witnesses or students have stepped up to tell the other side of the story.

If they're so sure their civil rights were "pissed on," as the Web site states, why not step forward and fight for their rights instead of hiding behind a Facebook group? Surely that would win some respect.

Scout editorials reflect the view of the editorial board, consisting of the editor, managing editor, news editor, layout editor, graphics editor, Voice editor, sports editor and photo editor.

Letters to the Editor

Soccer team grateful for support

Bradley students, faculty and staff,

On behalf of the entire Bradley soccer team, we would like to express our utmost gratitude for all of the support and the record attendance at the home opener Aug. 31. In this difficult time of healing, the atmosphere and enthusiasm was wonderfully overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Again, we would like to say thank you for your current and continued support throughout the season.

Please keep Danny, the Dahlquist family, our other teammates and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Bradley Soccer

Mike Haynes, senior risk management and insurance major

Todd Reedy, senior mechanical engineering major

Opinions from other campuses

Alabama students ask for ax on tax

"A tax on textbooks is a direct tax on education," Jesse Woods, SGA senator, said in the story "Bill may exempt textbooks from taxes" that ran in the Sept. 7 edition of The Crimson White.

The CW editorial board agrees.

The SGA is working on a bill that would give students a break when buying textbooks. The bill would remove state, city and local sales taxes on textbooks. It would also stop taxes from being charged in private and public universities.

We agree that textbook prices are already exorbitant. Paying taxes on textbooks only makes buying textbooks harder - it directly affects a group already strained for money.

We understand that taxes fund education. It would be a bad idea to reduce the state's income, which can, among other things, negatively affect education, However, there are better places to generate revenue than through taxing textbooks.

Compensate for getting rid of textbooks tax by raising other taxes such as property taxes. Alabama has some of the lowest property taxes in the country.

If you spread out the increase in taxes across the state and on different items, there will be fewer complaints.

Exempting textbooks from taxes would be a giant step in the right direction, but universities also have a responsibility to students when it comes to textbooks. Universities should help students by offering books online and not requiring as many books.

Often times, students are forced to buy packaged books - a textbook, workbook and study guide - of which they will only use the textbook. The inclusion of a CD increases the textbook's price drastically. And more often than not, students won't use the CD.

Universities should find ways around dealing with companies that only offer packaged editions of certain textbooks or bundle CD or access in with the book prices.

College is about getting an education. If students - who are already struggling for money - are required to buy expensive textbooks, they may opt to not even purchase the book and rely on the teacher's lecture. How can a university expect its students to succeed if they can't afford the textbooks?

If the state of Alabama is able to compensate for the removal of taxes on textbooks, then textbooks should be exempted from taxes. Coupling the tax exemption with university efforts to find less expensive textbooks only makes purchasing textbooks easier on students.

This editorial reflects the views of the editorial board at The Crimson White at the University of Alabama.

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Karla Creuziger
Common Ground

Standing on common ground

I can't believe the summer is over and the school year has finally begun. While I'm sad to see the warm weather leave and start the daily routine of a college student, I'm very excited to get involved on campus again. My name is Karla Creuziger, and I'm the president of Common Ground, Bradley's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning alliance.

Common Ground was created in the early '90s as a support group called "People Like Us." Since then our numbers have grown and our mission has evolved. We are committed to bringing support for GLBT people and their allies to both Bradley's campus and the Peoria community. Through our weekly meetings, numerous events on campus and involvement with community groups, we hope to educate, support, encourage activism and show our pride.

Our organization is made up of a wide variety of people. I personally believe our straight allies are among our greatest assets.

The Black Civil Rights movement wasn't won solely by a large group of black people, but it took the support and efforts of many different races. I believe that holds true for gay rights. To have an effective voice, we need the voice of all sexual orientations.

In recent years, Common Ground has taken the stance that not everything we do needs to solely benefit gays and lesbians, but rather we need to encompass all who support a gay-friendly atmosphere. While we still acknowledge our ties to the gay community and continue to push for widespread equality, we have decided to host events that are beneficial to our straight allies, too.

Last semester through Student Activities Budget Review Committee funding, we brought Melissa Ferrick, an independent lesbian singer/songwriter to campus. This semester I am proud to announce that we are bringing the Kinsey Sicks, a dragapella beauty shop quartet, back to campus for the third time at 9 p.m. Oct. 19 in the Michel Student Center. The last time the group was here, the ballroom was filled, and we expect a similar performance, so come early to reserve your seats.

Another event we've hosted and hope to again this year is National Coming Out Day, a week-long coming out celebration which includes nights of kickball, an ice cream social and face painting, followed by a night of celebration in the Student Center with many guest speakers. We'll host World AIDS Day Walk to benefit the Minority AIDS Council and Friends of People with AIDS. Our largest event is the Day of Silence, which takes place in April.

Through a generous grant from the Acorn Equality Fund we are able to provide free T-shirts to students who are willing to take a 12-hour vow of silence to symbolize the silence that surrounds thousands of GLBT people on a daily basis. Events for the day include a silent gathering, silent protest and a breaking the silence rally. We hand out around 300 T-shirts every year. This is our third year of participating in the national event, and we hope to have a bigger number of participants this April.

We also hope to continue our work within the community. We've been able to bring free HIV testing to campus in partnership with PowerOn Peoria and give students a discounted rate to attend the Spring Fling sponsored by the Differently Normal Association.

In addition, we have worked with HIHAC, Rainbow Youth and Peoria mPowerment. We can only hope to create more partnerships and have them progress over the years.

Does Common Ground sound like something you might want to get involved with? We would love to have you join us. We meet at 9 p.m. Thursday nights in Bradley Hall 225. All our meetings are confidential, and your participation at our events is strictly optional. If a meeting isn't your thing, become our friend on myspace at www.myspace.com/bucommonground to stay updated on our events.

We also have a group on Facebook that we update regularly. Our office is located in Sisson Hall 429. If you have any questions or would like to join our mailing list, feel free to e-mail us at cground@bradley.edu. Have no fear, you don't have to be gay to join, just gay-friendly. We will never ask you your sexual orientation or your parents, friends or family's orientation. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you at our next meeting.

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Rashe Threatt
Black Student Alliance

BSA to make difference at Bradley

My name is Rashe Threatt, and I am the president of Black Student Alliance. Black Student Alliance, or aptly called BSA, is dedicated to promoting a healthy and enjoyable social and academic atmosphere for minority students here at Bradley.

We sponsor events on campus to develop leadership skills in minority students through their participation in various activities and civic projects.

A Leadership Workshop will take place on campus in the near future. We also get involved with the Greater Peoria area. Twice a month, BSA members and anyone who is interested in joining will volunteer at Fish and Loaves.

Fish and Loaves is a community homeless shelter in Peoria where people can get a hearty meal. The shelter gives us an opportunity to interact with those fortunate than us.

BSA will also volunteer in one of the public elementary schools in the area. A lot of the public schooling in the Peoria area offers different ways to get volunteers in the area to become part of the experience to enrich children's lives in their most impressionable years.

To switch gears, I would love to let you all in on some of the activities to look out for on campus from BSA. Important events we will celebrate this semester include Multicultural Awareness Month in October, Voter's Registration in November and the Student Leadership Workshop. Social events to be also on the lookout for are the Halloween Social in October, Community Service Projects and a night at INPlay.

One future program will be Romeo B. Garrett Week, which celebrates Bradley's first black professor, Romeo B. Garrett. Other social events include Heritage Ball, Apollo night and a fashion show.

We would love for everyone to come out to our first general assembly meeting on Monday to get the ball rolling on a productive school year. Come head a committee and make a difference here on campus.

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Ed McMenamin
Voice Editor

Hitchhikers' guide to Peoria dining

Working away the summer at an unpaid internship here in Peoria, calling home on the weekends to assure my family that I was indeed alive, emptying my wallet into street corner black holes with names like Shell, BP and Amoco, and with no dorm or fraternity meal plan to fall back on, it became apparent that I would need to find ways to eat dinners cheaply.

One of my roommates went on a strictly hot dog diet, with packs of ten doggies providing at least enough dinner meals for the work week. I resisted my temptation for cylindrically packaged animal mystery parts - Peoria provides enough monotony in its own right without eating Oscar Meyer's finest for supper every night.

I was capable of feeding myself (as long as it could be prepared on the grill). I made my best attempt to clean boxers and socks (occasionally), pay bills (nearly on time), and even get the oil changed in my 1990 Oldsmobile. At least I didn't run to Sears to buy new boxers when I didn't feel like doing laundry like last fall.

After exhausting the grillable gamut - BBQ chicken, so-called fresh salmon, burgers, hot dogs, brats, corn-on-the-cob and shish kabobs, my roommates and I put our collective brain cells together into one working apparatus. What resulted was a Monday through Friday schedule that provides free dinners every night at the best and worst watering holes Peoria has to offer.

So, here is a useful guide for any derelicts, hitchhikers or cheap college students passing though Peoria.

To start the week, we already had a problem – no free food on Mondays except the bread line. But eating soup needed by the less fortunate seemed nearly as bad as faking a mental handicap to win the Special Olympics a la Johnny Knoxville's "The Ringer." What we found instead were $1 pitchers of my personal favorite beer, Old Style, at Wiseguys on Farmington Road.

Sure, it wasn't a free meal, and we were already cheating on the plan, but as my friend's dad exclaimed, "That's how much beer cost when I was in college!"

Sadly, the novelty of that weekly event lost its luster when Wiseguys, formerly Rockies, started offering the pitcher deals on a nightly basis.

We still go on Mondays and a few of the other nights ending in "Y."

Tuesdays are easy; anyone who has spent a year or two at Bradley knows about the free pizza at Gorman's from 10:30 p.m. to midnight. It's a late dinner, but the pickle pizza is worth the wait.

Wednesdays didn't provide a challenge either – wing dings at Crusens. Customers are rewarded with a free order of wings with every $3 pitcher of either Coors Light, Miller Light and sometimes, depending on some unexplained phenomena, Bud Light.

Summer adds a special bonus – the bar isn't packed with loud-as-hell 19-year-olds, like it was during the special's glory days before the city started "really cracking down" on underage drinking.

Thanks to stiff fines imposed on Crusens and the Lucky Lady, it's safe to assume there's absolutely no underage drinking occurring in the fine, crimeless city of Peoria, Ill.

On Thursdays the Dormitory, or Facebook group calls it, "a little slice of heaven on earth," routinely offered Bacci pizza, no purchase required. A $1 draft was usually needed to wash down the thin-sliced pizza with an amazing ability to cool off faster than the Cubs in September.

The pizza wasn't an official promotion offered by the bar, but it might as well have been. If only the free shuffleboard was edible.

Fridays represented the holy grail of free bar foods. A happy hour consisting of a rotating crop of freebies ranging from fried chicken, pizza, salmon, shrimp, tenderloin, turkey, meatballs, veggies, dip and other assorted delights awaited my bottomless, greedy stomach and its manipulative, peer-pressuring taste buds. Where does this college lifestyle affirming Shangri la reside? I cannot disclose. The crowd is usually full of older Peorian clientele, and that makes the buffet line long enough. I don't want to wait even longer for my food, thank you.

As of this point, a weekend option for free food/cheap beer hasn't shown it's beautiful face. If you know of something I am missing, please let me know. I will exchange the location of the Friday buffet for any useful information.

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"Silent" crime reporting enables witness anonymity

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Silent witness crime reporting has become another method to keep Bradley's campus secure.

"It's another means to report behavior or a situation that is wrong," University Police Chief David Baer said.

This style of crime reporting allows students to access an online form on the Bradley Police Web site. The type of crime and the location or address is requested information, along with the date, time and a brief description of the incident and suspect before the form can be submitted for investigation.

"It's uncomfortable for some to come into the department and say something personally," Baer said. "Silent witness is just another method. You can personally come in, send a letter to the department, call on the telephone or send the e-mail format to report a crime."

Junior public relations major Will Coykendall said the online reporting could be both positive and negative for police investigations.

"It sounds like a good idea in case you don't want to be identified or made fun of by friends," he said. "It could also be bad because the report could be totally bogus and it would waste the police's time."

Baer said the silent reporting works on the honors system. It's not meant for students to prank others or to be used as a form for revenge.

"It's not about ratting others out, it's a way to stop a situation that is wrong," Baer said. "If a student feels a situation is wrong and needs to be brought to our attention, then they should use the format so we can review the case."

Junior political science major Brian Piotrowski said he thinks the anonymous reporting will cause problems for the police.

"A lot of people have grudges," he said. "There could be that one kid that uses it to make a prank. Not everyone would do it, but there may be the select few who do."

The silent witness reporting was enacted last school year, Baer said. Yet a number of universities have used this method of reporting for years.

Junior business management and administration major Lisa Sireci thinks the method of reporting is useful if it's well publicized.

"The key to getting anything like that to be successful is to let everyone know about it and encourage them to use it," she said. "Living in St. James, sometimes there are cases where people become unruly and things happen and it would be a good way to report crime without worrying the other person finding out you said anything."

The online format has been used about three or four times since its enactment, Baer said.

One report turned out to be a minor issue after review and investigation, while the other reports were difficult to follow and understand, he said.

Junior accounting major Steve Levin thinks the method is a good idea for those who want to remain anonymous.

"There are many people that would feel more comfortable reporting a crime if they knew they wouldn't be publicly known," he said. "It would probably reduce crime in the area."

Sophomore health science major Kristin Allexan said she agrees with Levin.

"If people use the form correctly without abusing it, it's useful," she said. "It gives [the police] a heads up and to know what to look for."

Police Reports

At about 1 a.m. Sept. 8, police officers noticed a physical altercation in the visitor's parking lot across from the Garrett Center. The officers attempted to separate two males with their hands but were unsuccessful and drew wooden batons. The officers struck the two males, one on the thigh and the other on the back of the knee. The officers forced the two males to the ground and handcuffed them. One male was released after the officers determined he didn't start the fight and the other was arrested and taken to Peoria County Jail. The fight caused damage to the rear fender of a Mazda Protoge in the parking lot. Damages were estimated at $300.

At about 2 a.m. Sept. 9, Michael Ford, David Schall and Austin Seaver entered Bacci Pizza Express and ordered food. Ford locked himself into an office room and a Bacci employee attempted to open the door. Ford ran out of the room after a few minutes and into a nearby parking lot. The employee followed Ford and told him he was contacting police officers. Ford and the employee returned to Bacci where Ford, Seaver and Schell began arguing with the employee about Ford's missing wallet. Schell walked behind the counter to confront the employee, who asked Schell to leave. Seaver and Ford began pushing two Bacci employees. Police officers arrived to find Ford and one employee in a struggle and Seaver and another employee behind the counter also fighting. Both Seaver and Ford were taken to Peoria County Jail. Schell was taken to OSF St. Francis due to a high level of intoxication and later was transported to Peoria County Jail. One employee returned to his office to clean it and noticed a liquid on the floor, desk and phone that smelled like urine. He also found Ford's missing wallet underneath a pop machine at Bacci and returned it to police officers. The wallet contained a Michigan ID listing Ford's age as 21, as well as a valid Illinois driver's license listing his age at 18. The ID was confiscated.

At about 12:30 a.m. Sept. 11, a student witnessed two unknown males throw beer cans at 1511 Fredonia Ave., breaking a window. The witness stated the two males came from the Glenwood and Fredonia Avenues intersection, walked past the house, broke the window and ran toward 706 Institute Place. The witness could only describe one of the two males and thought one was wearing khaki shorts and an orange polo shirt. Police officers later spoke to a resident of 1511 Fredonia Ave., who said a few other residents found a male wearing jeans and a red polo shirt near Institute Place. Officers determined the suspect was not involved.

All information taken from University Police Reports.

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Site assists job search

BY ALYSSA CHIAZIM
AND SCOUT STAFF
for the Scout

Smith Career Center representatives are kicking off the year by informing students about job resources within the center.

ERecruiting provides access to on-campus jobs, internships and full-time positions. It allows students to post resumes, apply for jobs, interview on campus and find out employers that will visit campus.

SCC Assistant Director Sandy McDermott said of the few college job search engines available, eRecruiting is one of the best.

"Unlike search engines like Monster, eRecruiting is really focused on the college market," she said.

She said students should sign up for an account on the SCC Web site and take advantage of eRecruiting. She said she thinks eRecruiting is a great resource, but some students don't take advantage of it.

ERecruiting offers information about career-related workshops and networking opportunities.

She said about 50 to 60 percent of students use the site. Some majors may use it more than others, including business, engineering, communication and computer science majors.

Students can upload their resumes and publish it to the resume book. Resumes are available on the Web site for employers to search.

McDermott said students shouldn't publish resumes to the book if they already have a job because their employers may check the book.

She said students can access people in a mentoring program through the Web site.

"As a career adviser, I can't be knowledgeable about every single career and these volunteers represent careers that I may not be familiar with," she said. "It gives students an opportunity to expand their knowledge about the different employment options out there."

Additionally, the search engine provides career-specific salary information, blogs, trends and articles.

McDermott also said the site offers help for teachers. The SCC hosts a teacher education job fair, and a lot of school districts post jobs on the Web site.

Senior public relations major Suzie Bilek said she takes full advantage of eRecruiting.

"I have been using eRecruiting for years and have found it very helpful in my job search," she said. "I have been able to apply for and interview with many great companies."

Junior education major Christine Hallenbeck doesn't use eRecruiting often.

"As an education major, I will primarily get experience from novice teaching and student teaching my senior year, not necessarily from internships," Hallenbeck said.

What is eRecruiting?

- ERecruiting is a Web site that offers information about on-campus jobs, internships and full-time positions.
- Students can also apply for jobs, schedule interviews and find out what employers will attend job fairs.
- The option of publishing resumes is another feature the site offers. Employers review the resumes and contact prospective employees.

Budgets burden students

BY JEFF DECHAVEZ
for the Scout

Finance professor Patricia Hatfield said budgeting is a process.

"A student should have some sort of history or chart of all their expenses," she said. "Also, take into account the money you will have to spend including entertainment and food."

She said students should formulate a list of income sources and try to map out future expenses. For school tuition, try to plan for a loan, and at all costs try to avoid using a credit card.

Sophomore advertising major Katie Sullivan said she's bad at budgeting.

"My parents handle my budgeting so that I can focus on my studies and not have to worry about anything," she said.

Freshman advertising major Kristin Eggert said she thinks budgeting is difficult.

"I think budgeting is hard because personally, I have to pay for college," she said. "I do almost everything I possibly can to try and lower the costs of living."

Eggert said she shops at the Dollar Store for generic items and takes turns with her roommate to buy food.

She made sure she understood the terms of her financial aid package and does laundry with her roommate.

"Sharing in college is important," she said. "If you share, you save money. Just keeping track of everything is overwhelming."

Sophomore psychology major Sarah Hense said budgeting comes naturally for some.

"Online banking helps a ton because I usually don't have much cash," she said. "It mostly stays in my checking account so I can always look online to see how much I have to spend."

Sophomore biology major Stephen Kwak said he knows tricks to save money and budget while in college.

"As much as possible I try not to use vending machines to get food, because usually the items are over-priced," he said. "I also try to buy all of my books online and used because in the long run it will save you a lot of money."

Kwak said he doesn't know if his tricks work for everyone.

Hatfield said buying food in college is a main expense for all students.

"When shopping for food, plan out meals ahead of time," she said.

Hatfield said buying foods in bulk and sharing the cost with others are ways for students to get the best deals.

"Whatever you do, never shop for food while you're hungry. That will just make you want to buy more," she said.

Tips for budgeting

- Make lists of income sources and spending habits
- Avoid using credit cards
- Buy generic items
- Buy food in bulk
- Plan out meals before going to the grocery store
- Share money expending responsibilities such as groceries and laundry with rommates
- Use online banking to keep track of purchases and expenses

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Bacci gains ground after slow summer

BY EMILY HEISE AND ALISSA REINHOLDT
for the Scout

Bacci Pizza Express welcomes back students to campus after a slow summer. Bacci is open until 3 a.m. and serves pizza by the slice.

photo by Megan Loos

Bacci Pizza Express is still holding its own after a slow summer season.

"Summer business was good," said junior business management major and Bacci part owner Sean Gubricky. "We paid our bills and hung in there over the summer as we prepared for another school year."

Junior business management major and part owner Phil Salamone said even though the summer season started slow, it was a good time for the business to work out kinks and get ready for a busy school year.

"Summer was just a time for us to get our name out there," he said.

Normally open daily from 10 a.m. until 3 a.m., Bacci reduced business hours over the summer, staying open until midnight during the week and 3 p.m. on the weekends.

"We did about half the business over the summer compared to what we did during the school year," he said.

During the school year, Bacci owners were making over 50 pizzas a day. They said they had to decrease pizza production over the summer.

"We didn't' offer any new specials over the summer," Gubricky said. "We kept our specials that change from day to day."

Since Bacci's opening six months ago, the business has adopted the slogan "Oh my God ... it's so big!"

"It's so darn good...and enormous," freshman communications major Jessica Tuberty said.

Bacci is run by college students who designed the interior to fit what they know college students like. The interior is modern and laid back, creating an atmosphere for people to come eat and hang out. Students can sit around the TV or outside at one of the tables on the porch and enjoy the 13 inch pizza slices while reading or studying.

Bacci is priced to fit a college budget. Students can get a slice of pizza and free Pepsi for $3.75 or a 26-inch pizza for $26.00.

When it comes to different types of pizza, Bacci has got some pretty unique selections. Besides the usual pepperoni, sausage and cheese, Bacci's also serves the Bacci BBQ, the Bacci Man (beef, onion, and garlic), the Bacci Lady (ranch and chicken), the Bacci Special, the Bacci Hawaiian, the Vegetarian and the Bacci Neapolitan.

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"Apprentice" winner's words win over BU

Bill Rancic visits campus to discuss success in business and life and share his strategies

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

The Big Event keynote speaker Bill Rancic brought in a big crowd and an even bigger applause.

Rancic, the winner of the first season of "The Apprentice" spoke about how to become a successful businessperson.

He also answered student questions during the Sept. 11 event in the Michel Student Center.

"When I look back, there has been one common denominator in all my business experiences – people telling me I couldn't do it," he said. "But you have to believe in yourself, trust your instinct and be passionate about what you're doing."

A Chicago native, Rancic attended Bradley for one year and said he frequented the Lucky Lady. He was in the process of joining Pi Kappa Alpha when his father received a job at Loyola University and he transferred for economic reasons.

Before becoming Donald Trump's right-hand man, Rancic started a cigar of the month club. Getting the business off the ground wasn't easy.

Lacking money, Rancic sent out letters to every Chicago radio station, and one responded inviting him to talk about Cigars Around the World on air.

"In life, it's all about making your timing count," he said. "I turned five minutes into 35 minutes on air. People think I learned to negotiate from Donald Trump, but that's not true."

Rancic said he's been successful for three reasons. He turns his words into actions, is willing to try different strategies and isn't afraid to seize opportunity.

"I like to take the marathon approach," he said. "I always have the big goal of crossing the finish line, but I have to make small goals for myself along the way."

Sophomore business major Andrew Weiser said he went to the event because of a class requirement, but found it to be a valuable learning experience.

"I learned that you have to go through many trials and tribulations if you want to be successful," he said.

Sophomore international business major Janay Mitchell said she found the speech rewarding.

"Bill Rancic is a man I have a lot of respect for," she said. "Not only in business, but for life in general."

Other lectures were presented by employees of national companies such as Target and State Farm Insurance.

Topics ranged from becoming an interviewing superstar to resume writing. However, attendance in the other 21 seminars didn't draw as large a crowd as Rancic.

Rancic said business at Donald Trump's level isn't that different from business at the small or mid-size level.

"The fundamentals of business never change," he said. "You have to make good decisions, seek creative solutions and have a high level of concern for quality."

Rancic said he wouldn't trade his experience on "The Apprentice" for the world because of the opportunities it has fed him – especially being able to give back to the community.

Up next for Rancic is hosting a daytime TV talk show, "In the Loop." It's the first interactive TV show tied into the Web.

"Please tune in," Rancic said with a smile. "My compensation is based on ratings."

Bill Rancic, winner of "The Apprentice," speaks to students about business success Tuesday in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

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Student Senate seats still available

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Several new senators were elected to Student Senate as a result of Monday and Tuesday's elections.

Seats are still available for positions in St. James Apartment Complex, off-campus housing, Student Apartment Complex and the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Councils.

Although not all positions in Senate were filled, Senator Eric Swanson said this is normal.

"We haven't had a full Senate in four years, or maybe even more," he said. "There's always an opening, and if people can't do it this semester they can always do it next semester."

Secretary Todd Moore said 91 more students voted this year than last year's election.

Sophomore early childhood education major Elana Dermer, who was elected to represent IFC/Panhel, said she ran for Senate because she had a great experience last year.

"I don't see any specific problems that I am looking to change at the moment," she said. "But when I talk to my constituents, they will have issues and I will voice them at Senate."

Freshman management and administration major Cathy Goldufsky, who was elected to represent Heitz Hall, said she's ready to make changes in cafeteria hours.

"I'd like to see the cafeteria open all day so kids who can't eat because of class can enjoy a meal anytime they want to," she said.

Students interested in filling the positions still available may pick up petitions in the Senate Office on the third floor of Sisson Hall.

Senate sum-up

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•Seats are still available for positions in St. James Apartment Complex, off-campus housing, Student Apartment Complex, the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council.

•Students can pick up petitions in the Senate Office on the third floor of Sisson Hall.

Those interested don't need to live in the constituencies with open positions, but must acquire 40 signatures from students who do. Senate may then vote in the students.

Technology Services and Affairs Committee Chairman B.J. Enzweiler said he doesn't think a lack of students running for Senate positions is reflective of political apathy.

"At Bradley we get a lot of business and nursing majors," he said. "It's not really known for its political science program, so it's expected. It doesn't mean everyone on campus is apathetic."

Swanson said apathy towards national politics has nothing to do with Senate.

"To be honest, I don't think you can compare political apathy here because it doesn't matter if you're a Democrat, Republican or member of the Green Party," he said. "We deal with representing ourselves and having the administration hear our student concerns. With this, there's not political apathy."

Boston U. smashes superbug

BY MATT KAPLAN
of the Daily Free Press

UNIVERSITYWIRE-Researchers in the Boston University College of Engineering have found a way to break down the defenses of some deadly bacteria usually immune to antibiotics.

The bacterial infections – called superbugs – develop when an overdose of antibiotics enter the body. If the drug-resistant bugs are not treated, they have the potential to destroy the body they inhabit.

The superbugs' defense prevents them from being destroyed by unstable molecules – called free radicals – that kill bacteria. The biomedical researchers' technique is considered a breakthrough because it uses conventional antibiotics to break down those barriers, said College of Engineering graduate student Michael Kohanski, who co-wrote the study.

"They are often very difficult to cure, and there are quite a few bacterial strains that are resistant to multiple antibiotics," Kohanski said in an e-mail. "We want to create super antibiotics that can eliminate bacterial infections with much greater efficiency."

The findings were published in the Sept. 6 online issue of Cell magazine. Researchers hope the discovery will help curb large doses of antibiotics, which can release unnecessary free radicals into the body. The goal instead is to use antibiotics to penetrate the superbug once the defense shield is broken.

"We hope to use this new common killing pathway to find targets that we can inhibit, such as the one we found which increased killing by reducing the DNA damage response, which will make current antibiotics much more efficient," Kohanski said.

Kohanski worked with biomedical engineering professor James Collins and Boston graduate students Dan Dwyer, Boris Hayete and Carrie Lawrence, who hope if the new pathway proves to be successful in humans, "antibiotic-resistant bacteria could be limited," according to a Sept. 6 university press release.

However, because the team only recently noticed that free radicals in antibiotics can be used to break the superbugs' defense, their research is not relevant in a pharmaceutical setting, and only animals have been tested so far.

"I don't want to put a specific time on how long it will take for this work to be applied in a pharma setting, because things like that tend to be somewhat fluid," Kohanski said. "I do hope, though, that there will be some interesting new combination drug therapies moving through clinical trials within the next five to 11 years."

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spray and hit Helsel several times to gain control.

Helsel was arrested and taken to St. Francis with Klinkradt. Helsel later told officers he didn't remember anything except getting hit by a police officer. Helsel was kept in the Peoria County Jail until Monday.

Bradley juniors Benjamin Weinert and Brian Chrisman were arrested for obstructing police and disorderly conduct.

Bradley junior Nels Chelstrom took pictures and videotaped the fight on his camera phone. When officers asked him to get out of the way and stop recording the incident, Chelstrom said, "I don't f—ing have to. I can do whatever I f—ing want to."

Peoria Police had responded to the incident by that time and arrested Chelstrom for obstructing police and resisting arrest.

Chelstrom, Chrisman and Weinert were released Saturday on $100 bonds.

University Police wrote 22 tickets for possession/consumption of alcohol or being on the premises of minors with alcohol.

Junior engineering major Alex Henderson started a Facebook group, Anti-Police Brutality Sept. 7 Incident. The description of the group states, "boundaries were crossed and civil rights were pissed on."

Though 67 students had joined the group by Thursday, a description of the event from the students' point of view is not listed on the Web site.

Helsel and Chelstrom didn't return calls for comment.

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"Everyone was sad to see it go, but we know it was in our best interest."

The new house is the only greek house with a handicapped-accessible ramp. Anna said the house was built in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which has released different standards for new buildings compared to preexisting ones.

Stine said the university covered construction costs, while the chapter is paying for utilities and furnishings. Anna said a large portion of the funding came from the sale of the old house.

"[We said to Sigma Chi,] 'We'll make sure you'll have a quality house to live in if you're willing to move from your own," Anna said.

He said since the new house's completion, fraternities have asked how they can finance and improve their houses.

"I think the bar has been raised a little bit, and people are looking at ways to respond," he said. "And that's a good thing."

A room with blue walls is among the many rooms in the new Sigma Chi house. The old house also had a recreation room with blue walls. *photo by Megan Loos*

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Facebook event to encourage students to contribute cookies and cards.

The cookies and cards piled up in her dorm room and she delivered them to the fire departments in Peoria, East Peoria and Peoria Heights on Tuesday.

Shamsuddin said the firefighters at all the departments were a bit confused at first about why she was there.

"They were kind of surprised that someone would go through all the trouble to bring them all these cookies and cards," she said. "But they were very appreciative of it."

Though this is her first year collecting cards and cookies for firefighters, she said it won't be her last.

"I'm looking forward to doing it again," she said. "Hopefully next year it will be even more successful."

Shamsuddin said the best birthday present is giving back to those who risk their lives everyday to help others.

And Sept. 11 is the best example of compassion.

"It's important to remember the people who lost their lives and those that helped save many of them," Shamsuddin said.

She said Sept. 11 is a day no one will forget so it's important to pay tribute to those involved.

"*It happened in our lifetime, and I know* I will remember it for the rest of my life," she said. "It's one of those things where you remember exactly where you were and what you were doing when it happened."

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Students express enthusiasm in ARH elections

BY DIANE LEE
for the Scout

More students expressed interest in running for a position on Hall Council and voting for their dorm representatives this year than last.

Nominations began Sept. 2 and there were "pages and pages of people who wanted to run for positions on their Hall Council," said Association of Residence Halls President Louise Osborn.

On average three to four people ran for each position in all five dorms, she said. Speeches took place Sept. 5 and elections were Sept. 6 and 7. Osborn said she didn't know the exact number of voters.

"From what I hear, we had full votes," Osborn said. "We had a ton of people voting."

In Heitz Hall almost 100 people voted, said Assistant Hall Director Emily Gesing. Results from last year were unavailable.

Vice President of Harper/Wyckoff Hall Jessica Lampe said voter turnout in her dorm was better than she expected.

"We had about 200 people vote, which was higher than last year," the sophomore English major said. "Our Hall Council advisers were really pleased about that."

Osborn said there was more interest and knowledge about ARH and Hall Council during this year's elections. She said students are getting more involved because they want to have a voice on campus and in their dorms.

"I think we had a fantastic year last year, and I think this year people just knew who we were and knew we were an awesome organization and just felt a need to join it," Osborn said. "I think that just has rolled over to this year and people just understand who we are more and that they can make a difference from us on campus."

Lampe said this year's candidates made posters and flyers selling their campaigns.

"The elections were very well publicized," she said. "There were posters all over the lobby, flyers all over the elevators and stairs, everywhere basically."

Sophomore AEP major Amy Carbonneau won the election for president of Harper/Wyckoff. She and her friends taped a flyer in every elevator and every bathroom stall, including the boy's bathrooms with help from male friends.

"We put it where we thought people would see them," Carbonneau said. "It was very competitive, and I ran against two freshmen, but they had flyers up too."

Lampe said she didn't make as many flyers as Carbonneau, but it was great to see everyone express their excitement about Hall Council.

"I lived in Heitz last year and I've never seen that many posters for a single event," she said. "They wanted it really badly so they kind of went all out."

Lampe said running for a position on Harper/Wyckoff Hall Council was really competitive.

"I wanted to say 28 people running for 10 positions," Lampe said. "We beat U-Hall, which almost never happens because the freshmen are usually more likely to run. But we beat them."

Lampe said she was really nervous before the winners were announced through e-mail. All five girls on her floor were screaming when they found out.

"It feels good to have an impact on what the hall does this year, and I hope everyone will have a good dorm experience," she said.

Carbonneau served as publicist and co-vice president in previous years. Running for president made her nervous because it involves more responsibility, she said.

"Being elected as president is kind a role model for the entire hall," she said. "It's kind of cool to think that everybody in the hall that voted thought that I would be a good role model and chose me over the other candidates that were running."

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Man slashes woman's buttocks with Samurai sword

BY SARA AMATO
of the Indiana Daily Student

UNIVERSITY WIRE - A Bloomington man was arrested Monday night after giving an 18-year-old woman an eight- to nine-inch cut on her buttocks with a Samurai sword.

Ashunti D. Taylor, 26, faces preliminary charges of battery with a deadly weapon.

Bloomington Police Department officers were dispatched at about 9:30 p.m. to the 1000 block of North Jackson Street in reference to a disturbance, BPD Sgt. Jeff Canada said, reading from a police report.

When officers arrived at the residence, they learned the victim was being treated at the hospital for injuries that occurred during an argument, Canada said.

Officer Tiffany Willingham arrived at the hospital and learned the victim had given her dog to an unidentified woman that lived with Taylor, Canada said. The victim and a friend went to the residence to check up on the dog when Taylor became confrontational about the puppy.

During Taylor's conversation with the victim, the dog got excited and began jumping on the couch. Taylor grabbed the dog and threw it off the couch, Canada said.

The victim began arguing with Taylor about his treatment of the dog. Taylor continued yelling at the victim when she pushed him in order to escape, Canada said. Taylor slapped the victim in the mouth and the victim returned the slap with a punch, Canada said.

Taylor left the room and came back with a black samurai sword in his hand, Canada said. Taylor swung the sword but missed the victim. As the victim was leaving the residence, Taylor swung the sword again, creating a cut on her buttocks that was eight to nine inches long and two inches wide, Canada said.

Taylor admitted to officers that he "took a swipe at her," Canada said. He was arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

Google takes off from the Earth to the skies

BY TIM DUNN
of the Daily Californian

UNIVERSITY WIRE - Millions of people who have traveled the world with Google Earth since its introduction in 2005 will now be able to explore the skies with a new service developed with the help of the University of California at Berkeley faculty.

Astronomy professor Geoffrey Marcy and assistant astronomy professor Joshua Bloom are both key contributors to Google Sky, a new addition to Google Earth that allows users to interactively survey the heavens from their computers.

A major contribution to the project came from Marcy's complete catalog of all known exoplanets, or planets revolving around other stars. Data on more than 240 exoplanets, 145 of which were discovered by Marcy and his team, were volunteered to Google Sky to help build a complete picture of the cosmos.

The data supplied to Google Sky, which is now readily available to the public, includes a wealth of information about each exoplanet, such as its coordinates, orbital properties and mass.

The Google format makes the data more available relative to other, more traditional databases, and will allow students all over the world to do "one-stop cosmic shopping," Marcy added.

"Students can find coordinates and use them for research projects," Marcy said. "Scientific journals are often less accessible."

The sky is thoroughly populated with planets and stars, which remain static for most of their lifetimes, but these bodies are also associated with time-sensitive events such as supernovae. Bloom's research on this "transient sky" led to a real-time observation feature in Google's program.

Frustrated with the way astronomers shared data about transient events, Bloom helped create VOEvent, a language that lays ground rules for how astronomers submit their observations.

Before VOEvent, there had never existed a universal, coherent way to access the massive amounts of information. Even important events, such as supernovae, almost went unnoticed as a result of disorganized databasing, he added.

"What we've been doing is trying to standardize the way people describe their discoveries," Bloom said.

Astronomers from all over the world are now using VOEvent to report their findings, which are then forwarded to Google Sky as the cosmic events are recorded.

Google Sky users can see the 15 most recent transient events as they scroll through the heavens, and the list is updated every 15 minutes as new events are reported, Bloom said.

"We think this is an exciting beginning in connecting pretty much everyone with the real-time component of what is happening at the cutting edge of astronomy," Bloom said.

Bloom said Google Sky can benefit both astronomers and the general public alike. While Google Sky is not required to access the transient event data, it provides excellent visualization of an event's location.

"Astronomers, in principle, could be going to Google Sky when they're at a telescope and use it to guide them," Bloom said.

Marcy noted that the program might have a limited effect on professional research itself, but that it could raise philosophical questions of mankind's position in the universe.

"I think the real value is subtle," Marcy said. "Google Sky allows us to think out beyond our little home planet and give us perspective ... that there is a grand perspective in space and time having to do with the enormity and the lifetime of the universe."

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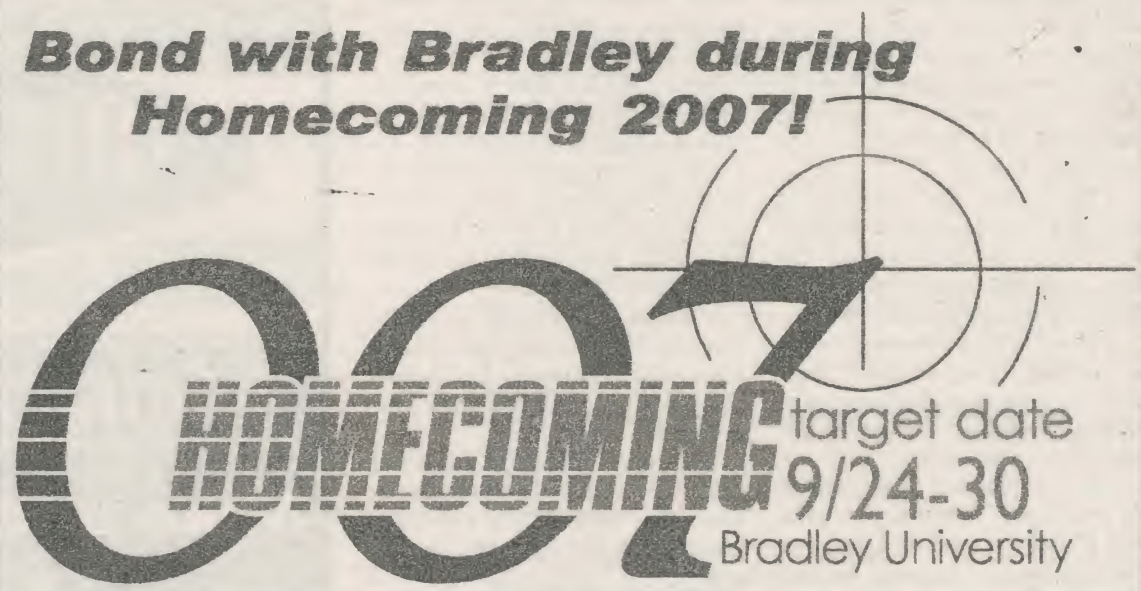

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New hybrid Metro buses unveiled in Wisconsin

BY BRIDGET ROBY
of the Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

UNIVERSITY WIRE - Madison took one step toward cleaner air and a reduced dependence on oil with the unveiling of five new hybrid-electric public transit buses Tuesday afternoon.

Scheduled to begin their routes around the city within the next couple weeks, the new buses are a part of Mayor Dave Cieslewicz's commitment to the 100K Clean Energy Challenge, which seeks to reduce citywide emissions of carbon dioxide by 100,000 tons by 2011.

"These buses will save Madison thousands of gallons of fuel annually while significantly reducing emissions," Scott Mueller, the Wisconsin zone manager for General Motors, said.

At the news conference, which took place outside the UW Arboretum Visitor Center, Cieslewicz revealed the many advantages of the new buses, including up to 75 percent better fuel economy and a significantly smoother ride for passengers.

According to a 2006 study by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the buses are also expected to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions up to 39 percent, particulate matter up to 97 percent, carbon monoxide up to 60 percent and hydrocarbons up to 75 percent.

"These buses will contribute less to global climate change," Cieslewicz said.

Metro Transit General Manager Chuck Kamp announced these are the first hybrid buses in Wisconsin.

Two of the five new buses are scheduled to run routes on the University of Wisconsin campus, as UW is the largest customer of Metro Transit. To accommodate student riders, those two buses contain extra-wide aisles as well as seats that flip up for instances of standing-room only space. The buses will also feature a unique UW graphic design and Badger red seats.

"These [buses] are concrete examples of what we're doing to help the local environment," said UW Chancellor John Wiley. "They're consistent with the university's master plan."

Wiley said UW already has four buses that are entirely electric and added the university is currently working to get them certified.

"The university has been a great partner in helping fund two of the buses," Cieslewicz said.

According to the mayor, 80 percent of the project is federally funded, while the other 20 percent comes from local funds.

Although these are the first buses of their kind in Wisconsin, the new fleet joins nearly 815 GM-Allison hybrid-equipped buses that are currently operating in 71 cities throughout North America and Europe. According to a GM news release, the company has orders for an additional 379 hybrid bus systems that will be fulfilled throughout 2007.

"These hybrid buses showcase to our community that we are dedicated to providing cutting-edge technology that translates to clean, fuel-efficient service," Kamp said in the release.

According to a release from the mayor's office, the new fleet of buses would not only benefit the environment, but taxpayers as well, as the cost of diesel fuel continues to rise.

Playboy presents new networking Web site

BY MATT SPIALEK
of the Daily Vidette (Illinois State U.)

UNIVERSITY WIRE - After making a name through magazines, television shows and parties, Hugh Hefner is at it again.

This time Playboy is targeting college co-eds through a social networking site known as Playboy U.

According to an Aug. 22 Playboy Enterprises press release, playboyu.com is strictly for college students 18 and older. Those who don't have a .edu at the end of their e-mails won't be allowed to create accounts. As the site reads, "Sorry, high schoolers, old dudes and your Mom can't join."

Chip Ross, the director of Playboy U, explained that nudity is also not allowed on the site, and the social network is for girls and guys alike to join.

"The Playboy lifestyle means a lot more than nudity," Ross said, referencing Playboy's reputation for the party atmosphere and cool social scene.

Ross explained that instead of nude or provocative photos, Playboy U offers blogs and forums on social issues such as dating and relationships. Each topic has advice and opinions directly from user dialogue, and Ross hopes to get more expert advice as well as the site progresses.

To distinguish themselves from other social networks, the Aug. 22 press release explained that Playboy U has its own radio show, which debuted last night on Sirius-Satellite Radio, and Playboy's transition to the social network is considered to be a smooth process.

"I think there is a natural tie between the college life and the Playboy life," Ross said.

And this is not the first time Playboy has reached out to the college demographic.

"We are now just bringing that to life on Playboy U," Ross added.

Playboy's move to the social network comes at no better time as technological advances are opening up new media avenues. "Twenty-five and unders are moving away from the print media. They are going to the Internet," Jim Munz, Illinois State University instructional assistant marketing professor, said.

Munz added that businesses like Playboy are just trying to find the right media vehicle.

Munz's remarks reflect a goal of Playboy U. "We are trying to find new ways to expand and reach people through these mediums," Ross said.

Although the site is fairly new to the World Wide Web, Ross said it already has a few ISU students logged into the network.

Freshman elementary education major Jessica Spethmann said she thinks ISU students would express curiosity in the site.

Spethmann thought requiring a college e-mail address to start an account was beneficial as well.

"If it is exclusively for college students, it might catch on," Spethmann added.

Spethmann also mentioned how other social networks like Facebook and Myspace are open to high school, college and non-students. Only time will tell the future of Playboy U, but for now Ross said the social network lives by a simple mantra, "Celebrate the social side of college."

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good," he said. "Chris scored a great goal there, but I thought in many ways [he] was maybe the most dangerous player on the field."

Neither team posted another goal in the final 18 minutes of regulation, forcing the game to move into overtime.

The teams battled it out through two extra periods, but neither team was able to gain a clear advantage, and the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Wake Forest 3, Bradley 0

After holding the nation's top-ranked team scoreless through the first two-thirds of Sunday's game, the Braves surrendered three goals in a 10-minute span, falling to the Demon Deacons 3-0.

Despite being outshot 9-2, Bradley managed to keep Wake Forest (4-0-0) off the scoreboard in the first half.

The Braves continued their strong defensive effort into the second half, but following an injury to senior Teddy Anderson, the Demon Deacons finally broke through in the 65th minute.

Sophomore Nick Courtney scored from 18 feet out to give Wake Forest a 1-0 lead and the Deacons followed with goals in the 74th and 75th minutes to put the game away.

DeRose said he hoped his team could keep the game close following the first goal, but it didn't work out that way.

"Unfortunately, at that point, what the number one team in the country does is, they smell blood," he said. "When they got the first one, they really got crazy-ultra-aggressive in attacking, and we just couldn't sustain it."

The Braves chances against Wake Forest weren't helped by injuries to three key defenders. Along with the injury to Anderson, senior Stephen Brust played only 10 minutes because of a bad hamstring and sophomore Grant Campbell saw only limited action over the weekend due to illness.

DeRose said missing those players hurt, but allowed other players on the roster to gain in-game experience.

"Arguably our three best defensive players [were hurt]," he said. "But really, it was great. Out there we had guys that have never played many minutes, and they were out there against the No. 1 team in the country."

Despite not picking up a win in either match over the weekend, Cutshaw said he thought the team played well.

"We played with two of the best teams in the nation," he said. "[Against] Wake Forest the score line wasn't really, indictive of the game. We got a lot of confidence, and we know that if that's the No. 1 team in the nation, then we should be able to take care of business."

Senior goalkeeper Mike Haynes echoed those sentiments.

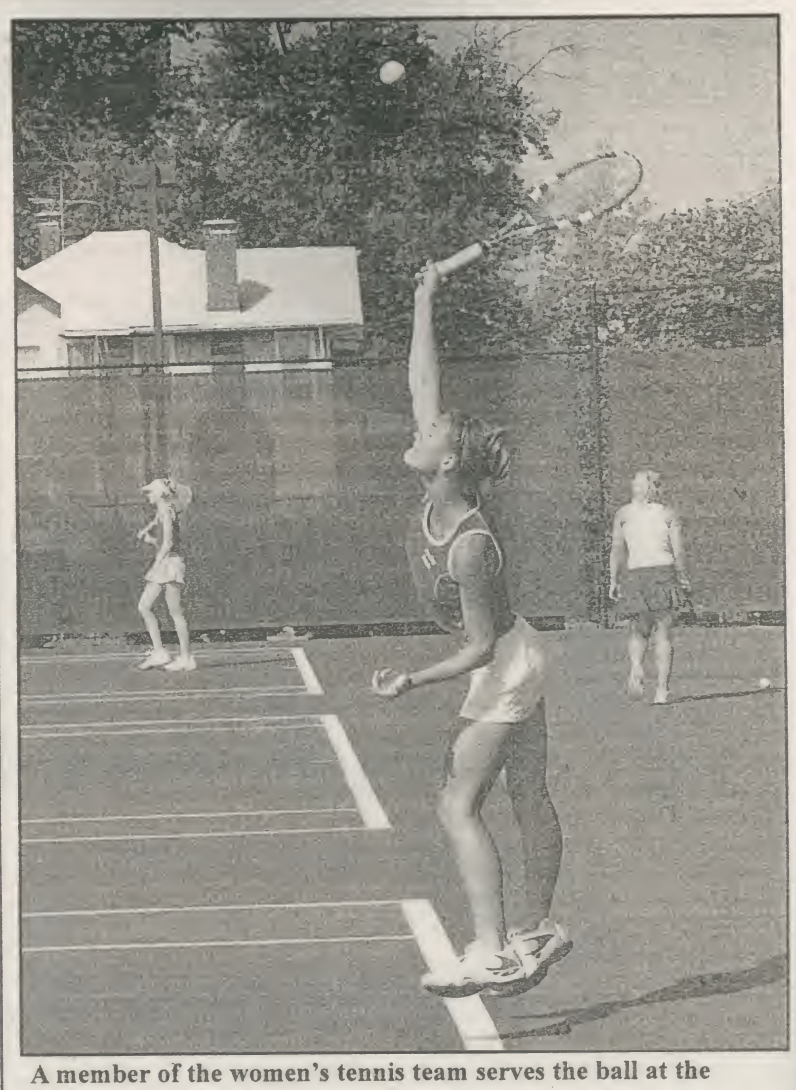
"I think it showed us that we can compete with the best teams in the country," he said.

Bradley was back in action Thursday night at Western Illinois. Results were not available at press time.

The Braves next game is at 1 p.m. Sunday when they host 2006 Big East Red Division champion Cincinnati at Shea Stadium.

The game will be Bradley's first "red-out" promotion of the year. Fans are encouraged to wear red.

In addition to the "red-out" promotion, the first 500 adults and the first 750 students through the gates will receive a free red Bradley T-shirt. The shirts will include the phrase, "Once a Brave, always a Brave" in honor of Danny Dahlquist.



A member of the women's tennis team serves the ball at the Bradley Invitational. *Photo by Megan Loos*

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In the third game, the Braves outhit their opponent, but still lost the game 30-25.

Pierzchala, 11 kills and 10 digs, and junior Sam Black, 17 assists and 12 digs, had strong performances in the match.

Bradley lost the third match to the host and eventual tournament champion Panthers.

The first game was the closest of the match. They led 21-20 before allowing the Panthers to go on a 10-2 run. They lost the game 30-23.

The Braves beat themselves in the second game, committing more errors than kills. Milwaukee hit .300 in the game, and the Braves lost the game 30-20.

In the final game of the match, they allowed the Panthers to go on two big runs, costing them the game.

After falling behind early the Braves made it 21-18. The Panthers then closed that game out 21-30.

The Braves finished fourth in the tournament and will play again at 7 p.m. Friday against Missouri Valley Conference rival Wichita State in Wichita, Kan.

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weekend," he said. "I told the girls that this is the time to find a groove again and get going."

Peterson said he took a different approach with his team this weekend.

"I talked with the girls about setting up strategies and not just playing off instinct during matches," he said.

Peterson said he thought the invite was good practice for the future.

"The spring is very big for us," he said. "We're really going to use this past invite as a stepping stone for the upcoming spring."

The Braves will play today at the Bowling Green Invite in Toledo, Ohio. The tournament runs through Sunday.

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Cross country hits stride at Bradley Open

BY LUKE MROZINSKI
for the Scout

The men's and women's cross country teams finished second and fourth respectively at the 22nd Annual Bradley Open at Detweiller Park.

Senior Nathan Leech fueled the men's team with the best performance of his career, clocking in with a time of 25 minute, 52 seconds.

Along with the Nebraska native's personal best, he was named the Bradley Country Insurance and Financial Services Scholar-Athlete of the week. Sophomore Rachel Brubaker led the women's team, finishing ninth overall for the Braves.

With eight runners returning this season, the men's team is gunning early. While Leech tore up the field coming in fourth, three other runners placed in the top 15.

Senior Chris George wasn't far behind Leech, finishing in seventh with a 26:16 time. Senior Nick Palumbo came in 12th-place with a 26:27 time and junior Nathan Ahart came in 14th at 26:40.

Redshirt freshman Andrew Wieser was the last to cross the line for the Braves, with a 16th-place finish at 26:46.

Bradley put up 53 points, 46 points more than that of Missouri Valley Conference rival Northern Iowa. Indiana State failed to disappoint, coming in first at the meet with 21 points. Their top runners finished the event in first, second and third.

Coach David Beauchem said he was more concerned with evaluating his runners than with the end result.

"This was our first real big meet. We didn't go into this meet with much expectation of the runners," he said. "It was more of an evaluation for us as coaches, instead of performance."

Beauchem said the final results aren't as important in early meets as they are later in the season.

"Our sport is different in that it comes down to the conference championship in October and regional meet in November," he said.

The team's strong early season performance earned the Braves a Div. I Cross Country poll ranking of No. 15 in the Midwest, composed by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coach's Association.

The women's team ran its first 5,000-meter race of the year with equally impressive results.

Brubaker, followed by freshman Mary Goldkamp finished ninth and 10th respectively with times of 19:14 and 19:18 respectively.

Senior Ainslie Schultz turned in a respectable time of 19:32 for 14th place followed by redshirt freshman Marlana Haefelin at 19:35.

Although Indiana State was expected to win both men's and women's races after they had won team titles in 2006, Northern Iowa stole the thunder to claim first in the women's race.

Beauchem said both the men's and women's teams were aided in the meet by their training regimen.

"We trained pretty hard for that week," he said. "We really didn't let up much for the meet."

Though neither team won, Beauchem said he was pleased with the way both squads performed.

"Everybody ran pretty close to what we expected," he said. "The men's [team] ran better than the women's, but that's because the men's team has a lot of leadership from their seniors and our women's team is still pretty young."

Both teams return to action when they head north to participate in the Minnesota Invitational Sept. 29 in Minneapolis.

Two Bradley runners compete in Friday's race at Detweiler Park. The women finished in fourth place. *Photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Members of the men's cross country team run the 8000-meter race last Friday at the 22nd Annual Bradley Open. The Braves hustled their way to a second-place finish. *Photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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Men's golf finishes 15th

Golfers struggle to find consistency in first event of the 2007 season

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The men's golf team swung into action Monday and Tuesday, finishing 15th at the John Piper Intercollegiate in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Zach Wanken

Bradley struggled to find consistency in its first event of the fall, with players alternating between good and bad rounds at the par-72 course.

The Braves opened the event Monday with back-to-back rounds of 310, leaving them at the back of the pack to end the first day of play.

Bradley was unable to improve its position in the final round of play. The Braves carded a final-round 326 to finish the event in 15th place.

Tommie Ackerman

The team's final score of 946 was 13 strokes behind 14th place Oakland. Eastern Kentucky took home the team title with a final score of 844.

Coach Jeff Roche said despite the poor showing, he thinks the team can learn from its experience and improve.

"We didn't get the results we were looking for," he said. "But there were some good spots in there."

Sophomore Zach Wanken was the Braves most consistent golfer, carding rounds of 75, 76 and 76. His final score of 227 was good for a 34th-place tie in the individual standings.

Freshman Coby Thompson was the only other Braves player to finish in the top 50. He finished two strokes behind Wanken with a final score of 229 to finish tied for 46th. Thompson's second-round 72 was the best individual round for any Bradley player.

Seniors Tommie Ackerman and Nick Roth also teed-up for the Braves, finishing 74th and 77th respectively.

Ackerman finished with a score of 242. Roth finished nine strokes back of his teammate with a score of 251.

Bradley's other participant was freshman Nate Perry, who finished in 78th with a 252 in the first collegiate event of his career.

Roche said course conditions contributed to the Braves high scores, but many of their struggles came from mental mistakes. He said the team plans to work hard in practice to try and correct those problems.

"We're just going to work on course management and decision making," he said.

The Braves return to action Oct. 1 and 2 when they head to Lemont to participate in the John Dallio Memorial.

Women's golf season tees off with sixth place finish

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

The women's tennis team finished the Brickyard Invitational taking 6th place.

The Braves finished Monday in 5th place, but slightly dropped the ball on Tuesday.

The highlight of the event came when Bradley senior Whitney Cox shot a 77 at the par-72 invitational. Cox finished the invite tied for 19th overall at 155 (78-77).

Whitney Cox

Bradley sophomore Bari-Lynn Erais shot a 79 and finished the event tied for 16th at 154 (75-79).

Senior Rikki Sobel also shot a 79 and finished the invitational tied for 24th-place at 157 (78-79).

Freshman Breanne Neufeld shined in her debut, shooting a first-round 70 that helped the Braves finish the first day in fifth place.

The last freshman to have a better first-round than Neufeld was Kelly Dillon, who shot a 69 at the 1999 Missouri Valley Conference Championship.

Neufeld shot an 82 in the second round, which helped her finish the invite tied for 11th at 152 (70-82).

She said she wasn't entirely full of confidence before she had a strong first round at the invitational.

"I was really nervous, because this was my first college tournament," she said.

Rikki Sobel

Neufeld insisted she still has work to do, even though she had a great first start.

"I really feel there are still things I need to work on," she said. "I want to get better in my short game."

Junior Lauren Downing finished with a 91 and tied for 58th (80-91-171). Freshman Caitlin Deeken shot a first-round 83 and then a second-round 81 to finish tied for 46th at 164.

Coach Bo Ryan felt his team did a good job considering it's the beginning of the year.

"Overall I would give the girls an A-minus Monday and B-minus on Tuesday," he said. "This is a marathon, not a sprint. We know what we need to work on and I feel this was a good starting point to build on."

Ryan also said the addition of his new freshmen will likely take some time to get used to.

Eastern Michigan shot a final-round 301 to finish at 600 and take home the team title.

Ball State came in second with a 601 and was only a single shot behind Eastern Michigan.

Bradley's score of 618 was one shot back of fifth place Toledo, who finished the event at 617.

The Braves return to action Sept. 29 and 30 when they tee off at the Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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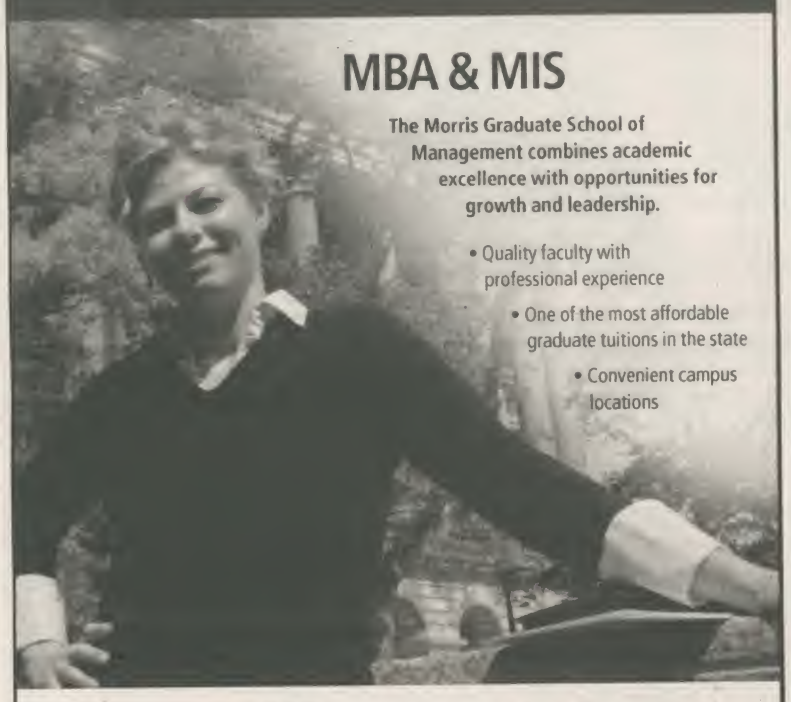

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Sports stars with a greek side

BY ALEX MAYSTER

When you think of fraternities, one of the first things that comes to mind is sports.

The two go hand in hand like hot dogs at a ballgame. So, in the spirit of recruitment, these sports stars are members of fraternities represented on Bradley's campus.

Alpha Epsilon Pi: Steve Stone

Steve Stone attended Kent State, where he was an All-Mid-American Conference pitcher and a member of the bowling and volleyball teams.

He won the Cy Young award with the Baltimore Orioles in 1980 and retired a year later. He then became the color commentator for the Chicago Cubs in 1983 and announced with the legendary Harry Caray. He held the position until 2004.

Delta Tau Delta: John Elway

John Elway played football and baseball at Stanford. After finishing second in the Heisman Trophy voting, Elway was drafted by the Baltimore Colts in 1983. He demanded a trade and was eventually dealt to the Denver Broncos.

After reaching the Super Bowl and failing to come through three times early in his career, Elway won back-to-back Super Bowls in 1997 and 1998 and then retired.

Delta Upsilon: Robert Cade

Robert Cade didn't participate in sports during his college career but is still an important sports figure. While attending Florida in 1965, Cade patented a sports drink called Gatorade, named for the school mascot, the Gators.

Phi Gamma Delta: Jack Nicklaus

Jack Nicklaus is considered by many to be the greatest golfer of all time. He won the 1961 NCAA championship in golf while attending Ohio State. He then went on to win 18 majors, a record that Tiger Woods is still chasing.

Phi Kappa Tau: Darrall Imhoff

While he's not a household name, Imhoff played an important part in basketball's history. While playing basketball at UC Berkley, Imhoff was named to the Olympic basketball team that won the gold in 1960.

Pi Kappa Alpha: Kyle Orton

Best known for being a back-up to Rex Grossman, Orton put together a solid career as the quarterback at Purdue. Orton was in the Heisman race in 2004 before being drafted by the Chicago Bears in 2005. He started 15 games that year and helped the team into the playoffs.

Pi Kappa Phi: Jim Edmonds

Edmonds was selected in the seventh round of the 1988 MLB draft out of Cal State Fullerton. He was drafted by the Angels but later traded to the Cardinals in 2000. He has been a big part of the Cardinals success since then, and is considered one of the best center fielders in the game.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Phil Jackson

Phil Jackson played for North Dakota but is better known for his coaching. After playing in the NBA, he coached Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls to six NBA championships. Jackson then retired, but later returned to the league to coach the Los Angles Lakers to three titles. Jackson is a member of the NBA Hall of Fame and has won a total of 10 championships in his career.

Sigma Chi: Mike Ditka

"Da Coach" played college football at Pittsburgh, was drafted by the Chicago Bears and went on to become the first tight end inducted into the Hall of Fame.

After his playing days were over, Ditka coached the Bears to a Super Bowl victory in 1986.

Sigma Nu: Eli Manning

Probably most famous for being Peyton's brother, Eli has put together a solid career of his own. He led Ole Miss to a Cotton Bowl victory in 2003 before becoming the No. 1 pick in the 2004 NFL draft. He was traded from the Chargers to the Giants on draft day, and is currently the starting quarterback in New York.

Sigma Phi Epsilon: Dr. James Naismith

Dr. Naismith graduated from McGill University in 1887. While working for the YMCA in 1891, Naismith invented the game of basketball. The game originally only had 13 rules, which didn't include dribbling. The sport later became an Olympic event in 1936.

Theta Chi: Jim Parque

Parque attended UCLA and was the team's top starter. He also pitched for the 1996 Olympic team in Atlanta that brought home the bronze medal. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers, but later pitched for the Chicago White Sox where he had a 13-win season in 2000.

Theta Xi: Al Brosky

Al Brosky played football at Illinois from 1950-1952 where he was a defensive back. He had 29 interceptions in his career, which is still the NCAA record. After college Brosky was drafted by the Chicago Cardinals.

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One-on-One

Should the Bears bench Rex Grossman?

Yes

If the Bears hope to reach the Super Bowl again this season, they'll need to make a change at quarterback, and soon.

Rex Grossman is simply not good enough to be the starting quarterback for an NFL franchise, let alone a team with championship aspirations.

In the Bears' loss to San Diego last Sunday, Grossman completed just 52.2 percent of his passes for a meager 145 yards. Those numbers are highly unimpressive, but not unexpected.

Last season, Grossman's completion percentage, a paltry 54.6, was the third-worst of any full-time starter in the league. Only scramblers Michael Vick and Vince Young connected with their receivers less often.

Vick and Young make up for their inaccuracy by gaining large chucks of yardage with their legs, but Grossman is hardly fleet of foot. For a drop-back-and-pass quarterback like Grossman, such a low completion percentage is simply inexcusable.

Grossman's supporters point to inexperience as his main problem and claim he will only get better the more he plays, but I don't buy it. This is Grossman's fifth year in the league and second as a starter. If he hasn't developed by now, he's not going to.

It's time to face the facts. Grossman has got to go.

- Adam Mettrick

No

Unless the Bears aren't looking to get back to the Super Bowl, they'd better continue to start Rex Grossman.

It's amazing that after only one game, Bears fans are already calling for Brian Griese. Although Grossman didn't even have an average performance Sunday, he didn't blow the game, nor was he the sole reason the Bears lost.

The Bears lost because of a horrid running game that coughed up two fumbles and safety Brandon McGowan's unforgivable turnover, which bounced off his back shoulder pad during a punt return.

By no means did Grossman do anything particularly well. He struggled moving the chains, threw an interception in the end zone and almost fumbled while trying to make a play.

But, you know what? It's only one game, Bears fans!

Grossman had a bad game against one of the NFL's best defenses. There are still 15 games to go. He's going to win games for Chicago.

He still has much to prove, but Grossman deserves a chance to show he has matured as a quarterback. He gives the Bears the best chance to win and has all the big-time play ability. He just needs to learn to take better care of the ball and make good decisions.

At least give the guy a few more games before completely throwing him under the bus.

- Adam Kagan

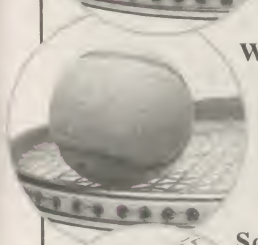
WHO'S ON DECK

Cross Country

Not in action this week

Men's Tennis

Today	Saturday	Sunday
TBA	TBA	TBA
Ball State Invitational at Muncie, Ind.	*Ball State Invitational at Muncie, Ind.*	*Ball State Invitational at Muncie, Ind.*



Women's Tennis

Today	Saturday	Sunday
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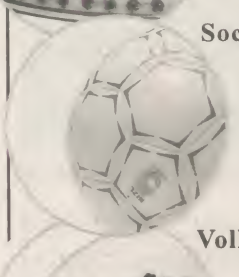

Soccer

Sunday
at 1 p.m.
vs. Cincinnati
at Shea Stadium

Volleyball

Today	Saturday
at 7 p.m.	at 7 p.m.
vs. Wichita State	*vs. Missouri State*
at Wichita, Kan.	*at Springfield, Mo.*

Sport SHORTS

Bills tight end suffers spinal cord injury

Buffalo Bills tight end Kevin Everett suffered spinal cord injuries after lowering his head making a tackle last weekend against the Denver Broncos.

Everett had spinal surgery preformed immediately after reaching the hospital last Sunday. He had a fracture between his third and fourth cervical vertebrae and the spinal cord was also damaged.

Doctors removed bone chips and re-attached the third and fourth vertebrae. They also inserted four screws and two rods into his back.

At first, doctors thought Everett wouldn't be able to walk again, saying that a full recover was unlikely.

However, Everett can now move his arms and legs and is able to communicate.

Men's basketball gets verbal commitment

The Bradley men's basketball team has received an oral commitment from point guard Eddren McCain of Reserve Christian High School in Laplace, La.

McCain, a senior, had impressive statistics in his junior season. He scored 21.8 points per game and averaged 9 rebounds, 7 assists and 3.3 steals.

He was ranked the 28th best point guard in the nation by one scouting service, and was referred to by his high school coach as the "steal of the 2008 class."

McCain, 5-foot-11, is considered a complete point guard. He is the second recruit from the class of 2008 to commit to Bradley. Daniel West was the first.

Sports

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Tennis opens season with wins

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

The women's tennis team delivered some convincing wins at last weekend's Bradley Invitational.

The Braves had four individual players post victories on the third day of the invite.

Sophomore Kelly Donohue defeated Hayley Homburg of Eastern Illinois by default to win the Flight B singles title.

Sophomore Emily Regenold claimed third place in Flight A singles, with a default over Melissa Holzinger of Cleveland State. Sophomore Jessica Buterbaugh lost to Lilian Asuaje of Northern Illinois in three sets, 7-5, 5-7, 11-9 and junior Kim Braun was defeated by Sammi Schoen of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 6-0, 6-3.

Freshman Nicole Miller won her first college singles match while also reaching the finals in Flight B doubles.

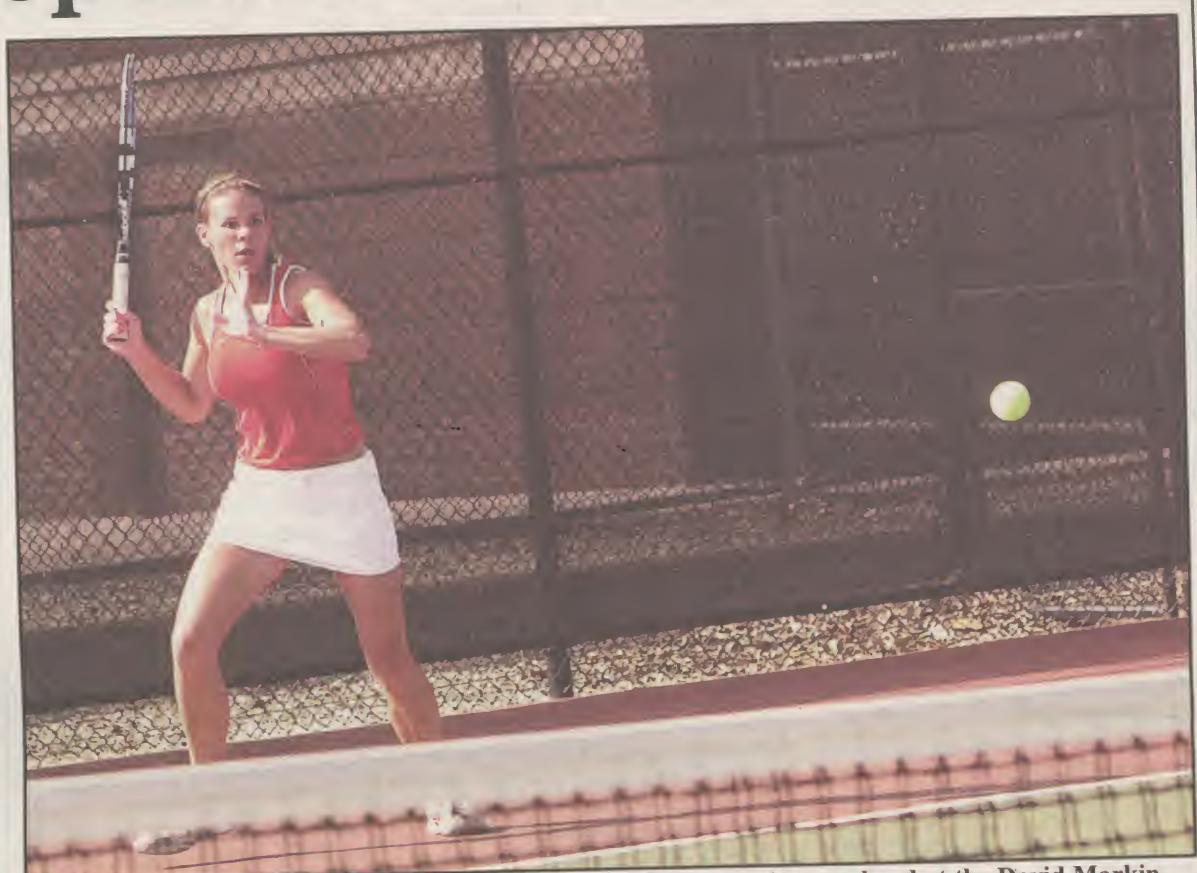
Miller was happy to get off to a good start and get her first win as a college tennis player.

"It was a really close match," she said "I had to just stick with it and somehow I pulled off a victory."

Although she won her first singles match, Miller didn't think she played to her ability.

"Even though I won I didn't feel I played my best," Miller said. "I just never got into a good groove over the weekend."

The play of Donohue and Buterbaugh earned the duo fifth place in Flight A doubles, defeating Melissa Holzinger and Lindsay Sellers of Cleveland State.



Sophomore women's tennis player Kelly Donohue returns a shot last weekend at the David Markin Tennis Courts. Donohue earned the Flight B singles title. *Photo by Megan Loos*

In Flight B doubles, Regenold and newcomer Miller were defeated in the title match by Jenny Edner and Nao Umemura of Northern Illinois.

Braun and junior Erin Krubeck lost the Flight C doubles third-place match to Traci Litscsher and Lauren Fenley of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Coach Scott Peterson said he liked what he saw from his team and thought the invite was a big success.

"I thought we had a good

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Volleyball drops 3 at Panther Classic

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

After recently picking up its first win of the season, the volleyball team wasn't able to carry its success into last weekend's Milwaukee Panther Classic.

The Braves (1-9) were the underdogs going into the tournament. They faced three teams with records over .500, all of which came in with five wins.

The team wasn't able to overcome the challenge, getting swept in every match. Bradley fell to the Cincinnati Bearcats (8-2), Virginia Tech Hokies (6-4) and the Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers (8-1).

Part of the reason for the Braves struggles stemmed from not playing at 100 percent. Seniors Nikki Pierzchala and Jenna Harrison are only practicing two days a week, and junior Katrina Goncher was out this week with a concussion suffered in practice.

"We're getting better," coach Scott Luster said. "We're playing four freshmen, and freshmen will be inconsistent at times. We have to get them in a good position to do well and start winning games. We have to get over the hump."

Amy Reichel

The Braves dropped the first match against the Bearcats by scores of 31-29, 30-27 and 30-28. The match was a lot closer than it looked on paper, as the Braves led in every game.

Bradley led the first game early by a score of 16-13 before Cincinnati scored eight of the next nine points to make it 21-17 Bearcats.

Bradley battled back. After a kill by sophomore Amy Reichel, the game was tied at 29-29. However, the comeback fell short when a Bradley attack error ended the game with a 31-29 Bearcat victory.

After being down 21-12 to start the second game, the Braves rallied to tie the game 24-24. After reaching even, they let the game slip from their grasp and lost 30-27 on another attack error.

Melissa Collins

The Braves had a late 22-20 lead in the final game of the match. After letting it slip away, freshman Melissa Collins' kill closed the gap to 29-28. The Bearcats then scored on the next play to win the game 30-28.

Collins led the team in the match with 11 kills and sophomore Kaitlyn Comiskey added 17 digs.

Bradley also fell in three games to the Hokies.

The first game went back and forth, and was tied a total of 12 times. The Braves' latest lead was 17-16 before they lost 30-24.

In the second game, Bradley had a 24-18 lead, but again let it slip away. They allowed Virginia Tech to go on a 12-1 run and win the game 30-25.

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Braves fall to top-ranked Wake Forest, tie UNC

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

After picking up a tie and a loss on its challenging weekend road trip, the soccer team returned home Monday wounded, weary and winless, but not disappointed.

"I don't think many people gave us a chance to get anything out of that trip, and maybe under the circumstances, a couple of 4-0 or 5-0 losses," Bradley coach Jim DeRose said. "To get the one tie was a big help against two [Atlantic Coast Conference] teams."

The Braves (2-1-1) hit the road for the first time this season when they traveled to Winston-Salem, N.C. to take on two of the ACC's top teams in the Wake Forest Tournament.

Bradley scored a 1-1 tie against North Carolina in the first game of the event Friday *night before falling to* No. 1 Wake Forest 3-0 in Sunday's finale.

Bradley 1, North Carolina 1

North Carolina (1-1-2) came out firing early and didn't let up, outshooting the Braves 9-1 in the first half.

The Tar Heels notched the game's first goal in the 19th minute when sophomore Zach Loyd took a pass on the right side and sent a kick sailing into the net from 15 feet out.

Neither team managed another goal until late in the second half. After a pair of missed opportunities, Bradley sophomore Chris Cutshaw finally put one between the posts with an acrobatic bicycle kick in the 72nd minute to even the score at 1-1.

"It's just something you practice in the parking lot, doing bicycle kicks on the practice field, and luckily I connected," he said. "I swung my leg over my head, because the ball was about a foot above my head, and put it in the net. It was one of the best goals I've ever scored."

DeRose had high praise for his highly-touted forward.

"Anytime you score on a bicycle kick in soccer, it's pretty

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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL	MVC	OVERALL
CREIGHTON	1-0	5-4
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	9-2
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	8-2
ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	8-3
EVANSVILLE	0-0	7-4
WICHITA STATE	0-0	6-3
NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	5-5
INDIANA STATE	0-0	3-5
BRADLEY	0-0	1-9
DRAKE	0-1	2-6

SOCCER	MVC	OVERALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-0	4-0-0
CREIGHTON	0-0	1-0-2
BRADLEY	0-0	2-1-1
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	2-1-1
EVANSVILLE	0-0	2-2-0
DRAKE	0-0	2-2-0
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-0	0-2-2

On the Record

"Based on our experience, the fact that he's moving so well - so early after such a catastrophic injury, means he will walk again. It's totally spectacular, totally unexpected."

— Dr. Barth Green discussing Buffalo Bills injured tight end Kevin Everett

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50 CENT vs. KANYE WEST

NEW DISCS BATTLE FOR HIP-HOP SUPREMACY

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

Rap has been as impotent as your old man this year, but two giant Viagra pills dropped Tuesday, guaranteeing the rap game the boost it needs.

"Curtis," the latest effort from king of New York 50 Cent, faces stiff competition from rival hip-hop icon Kanye West, whose "Graduation" completes his college trilogy.

50 Cent vowed to quit putting out albums if sales of "Graduation" surpassed those of "Curtis." Whether that's true or not, both albums are sure to spark a "who won it" debate in the hip-hop community not seen since Jay-Z and Nas butted heads. Here's the point-by-point on the two biggest discs of the year:

Lyrics

50 Cent recently claimed himself the King Kong of rap, but rhyming "hood" with "good" is about as far as this rap gorilla has evolved.

"Amusement Park," with its sexual innuendo gone horribly wrong, proves 50 is the Fred Durst of rap. Kanye's no Jay-Z, either (and never will be) but his pointed lyrics range from insightful to flat-out hilarious, whether he's talking about ladies or the hip-hop scene, where range is a rare thing.

Beats

"Curtis" sounds like a cross between the hood-scapes of 50's debut, "Get Rich or Die Trying," and the gloss of 2005's "The Massacre." The opener "My Gun Go Off" uses the formula heard on his earlier records, turning gun-cocking sounds into gritty beat machinery. Songs like "Movin' On Up" have beats so street it's like putting your ear to pavement, and this is the best part of "Curtis."

West's beats are more inspired than 50's grimy rehashes. Using synthesizers, he's added more blips along with the bumps, but "Graduation" will still have backpackers and clubbers alike nodding in unison.

Producer Nottz takes the reigns for the spaced-out, minimalist funk of "Barry Bonds," but otherwise Kanye is Jack Sparrow on this pirate ship – a neurotic control freak who can't help but command your attention.

Subject Matter

50 Cent brings more rhymes about how women love him and men should watch their backs. He'll still shoot you in the throat if you cross him – we're still not amused.

It's hard to hear Kanye lyrics like "I'm talking on TV like it's just you and me / I'm just saying how I feel" (from "Can't Tell Me Nothing") without thinking of that George Bush-Katrina fiasco. Events of the past two years gave West enough to work with, but he still engages in attacking materialism, the media and the Man. Key track: the robotic fight song "Stronger" could be a new Rocky theme.

Guests

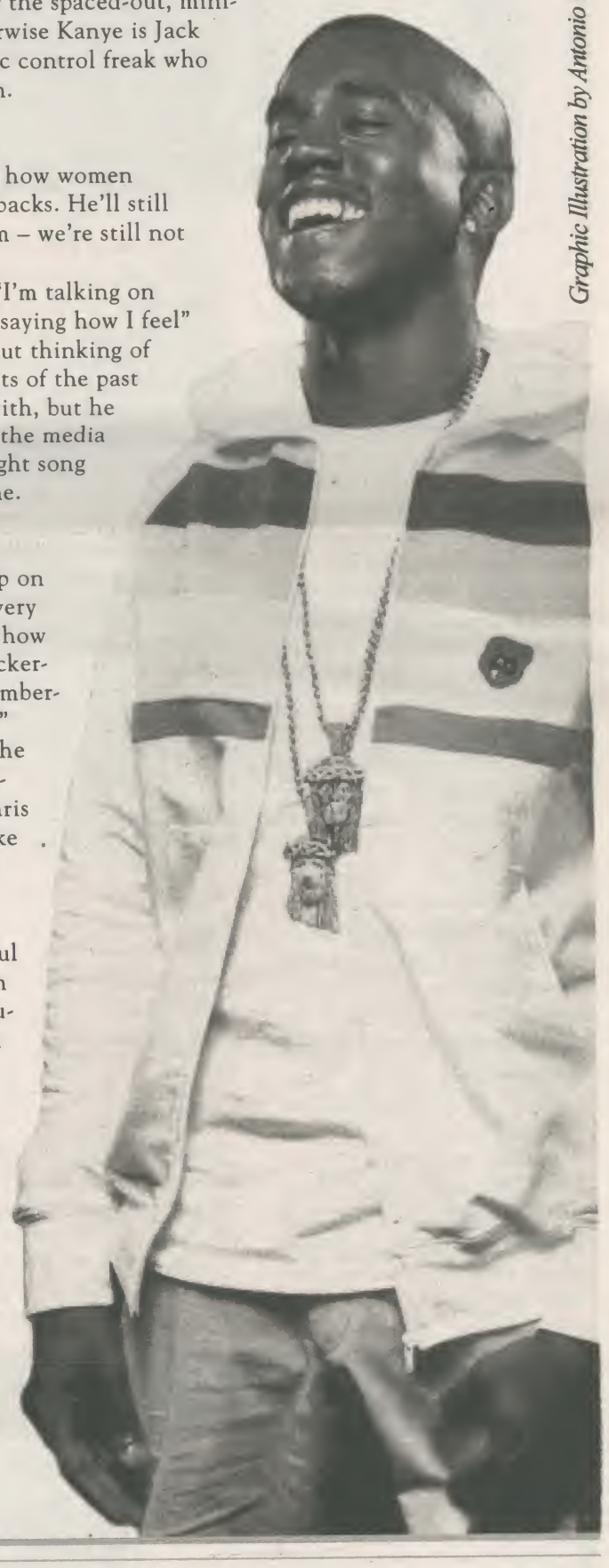
The usual G-Unit suspects show up on "Curtis," and it seems Akon crashes every hip-hop disc these days, talking about how he's such a "konvict." Eminem spits sicker-than-usual sex rhymes, while Justin Timberlake dances all over "Ayo Technology."

West's album wins this round for the lack of Akon alone, although an unexpected appearance from Coldplay's Chris Martin singing about "fireworks at Lake Michigan" will delight Chicago fans.

Samples

Branching outside the world of soul records, samples from Michael Jackson to Can are drizzled throughout "Graduation." Some are more shameless than others – "Stronger" gets deep-fried in Daft Punk – but no sample is used without purpose. Unlike "Graduation," 50's album doesn't feature any recognizable rips. Heavy sampling was never his thing, as he's always gone for a from-the-ground-up approach.

Still, Kanye is a regular Iron Chef with dusty basement vinyl, making old recipes better instead of botching the birthday cake with too much frosting like "Curtis" tends to do.



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THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

"Ocean's Thirteen," 8 to 11 p.m. in the Marty Theater as part of the fall film series. Tickets are $1 for students and $1.50 for the public

"Exhibit - The work of sculptor Marlene Miller," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Heuser Art gallery and Hartmann Center gallery. Admission is free

SATURDAY

"Ocean's Thirteen," 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Marty Theater

SUNDAY

"Aesthetic Underground Open Mic," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Arts Center of Peoria, 305 SW Water St. Admission is free, donations welcome

SUNDAY

"Billy Madison," 8 p.m. in the Marty Theater

Old west, new attitude

'Walk the Line' director successfully delivers gritty, modern western

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BY LISA FITCH
for Voice

In today's day and age, Westerns are treated as antiques – a genre that should've remained in the '50s with the Cold War and Elvis.

Yet in the coming months, moviegoers will become reacquainted with Hollywood's "Golden Era," as a flock of westerns will soon be riding into theaters. Director James Mangold ("Walk the Line") leads the pack with his remake of the 1957 classic "3:10 to Yuma."

Originally an early short story by the then obscure Elmore Leonard, "Yuma" bravely defies the conventions of the gung-ho Western.

In place of the gun-slinging cowboy is the poor but honorable Dan Evans played by Christian Bale ("Batman Begins"), a former Union solider turned rancher, trying to stake out a living in the arid Arizona territory with his family. However, the passive Evans doesn't have much luck on his side.

Having lost his leg in the Civil War, Evans is in the constant battle of not only paying off his debts to his greedy landlord, but also maintaining what little respect his teenage son and wife have for him.

By chance, Evan's fortunes improve with the capture of the suave yet deadly Ben Wade played by Russell Crowe ("Gladiator"). Wade is an infamous outlaw with a fondness for robbing stagecoaches and trains.

Still knee-deep in debt, Evans agrees to escort Wade to the city of Contention for the 3:10 prison train to Yuma for $200, hoping the money will save not only his ranch but also his dignity.

However, a simple prisoner escort soon turns into a race against time as Wade's cutthroat crew wants its boss back and are willing to go to any lengths to make sure he's set free.

Like most old oater flicks, "Yuma" is a straight shooter, focusing on atmosphere and characters instead of complicated storylines. While the vistas in "Yuma" are a sight to behold, at its heart it's a character driven picture, focusing namely on the relationship between Evans and Wade.

The contrasting personalities of an honest rancher and despicable outlaw provide excellent banter for stars Crowe and Bale, who both disappear completely into their roles.

Bale, gaunt and ragged, inhabits Evans with a distinct sense of humanity, allowing the character to slowly grow as the film progresses. Crowe is deservedly no stranger to conniving and cocky characters such as Wade, making the actor look right at home in "Yuma."

Strangely enough, the most surprising performance is delivered by none other than newcomer Ben Foster ("X-Men: The Last Stand"), who superbly portrays Wade's No. 2 man, Charlie Prince.

Redheaded and wild-eyed, Foster almost effortlessly steals scenes away from both Crowe and Bale, no easy task considering the two men's credentials.

3:10 To Yuma

Russell Crowe
Christian Bale

Grade: A-

However, "Yuma's" biggest accomplishment is its clever avoidance of the typical cowboy mythos of the Old West. This isn't a world where the hero can simply walk into the sunset, tossing aside any horrible deeds and move on.

Instead, it's a place where everyone has to deal with the consequences of their actions, even the ones that seem immune to the long arm of the law.

While at times the film may stretch the bounds of plausibility, "Yuma" hits far more than it misses. By revving up both the action and the dialogue, Mangold has managed to capture Hollywood's oldest genre for the modern viewer, making a decidedly old and dusty subject once again sleek and exciting.

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McCafferty's 'Darling'

Graphic Illustration by Antonio Gentile

Author will make book tour stop in Aurora during fall break

BY AMBER HUETT
for Voice

Megan McCafferty, author of the New York Times best-seller "Fourth Comings," says the most important thing about writing is finding your voice.

McCafferty found hers through her now published childhood journals she kept for fifteen years, beginning in the fifth grade. Her "(retro) blogger" on her Web site is filled with everything from her love of Michael Jackson to her wedding day.

Still, she didn't just find her own voice. She found Jessica Darling's.

McCafferty will be in Aurora on Oct. 6 and 7, appearing in support of her latest "Darling" work.

While claming to be "geographically challenged" in Peoria's relation to Aurora, she said would love to meet some Bradley fans.

Darling is the central character in the "Darling Series" of "Sloppy Firsts," "Second Helpings," "Charmed Thirds" and the recently released bestseller "Fourth Comings."

In "Fourth Comings," Darling is a female college graduate struggling to find her place in the working world.

The glamour of city life and independence isn't what it seems. With a marriage proposal and strained friendships, Darling must decide where her life is going.

"Fourth Comings" narrates Darling over a week's time and shows how much has changed since high school.

McCafferty wants the novel to illustrate how much more difficult Darling's life had become since the earlier installments. This is the same way many of her readers lives become more difficult and hectic.

Even so, Jessica Darling's reign is not over yet.

"There will be a fifth and final book and I knew it all along," McCafferty said. "There were a lot of open-ended conclusions, just like real life."

McCafferty said she has many fans who want to tell her how to end the series, but closure is what she's looking to give them.

"Fourth Comings"

By Megan McCafferty

"I want my readers to end it so they know she's going to be okay," McCafferty said.

Darling's coming of age tale serves as both entertainment and a lesson for young people, particularly in a time when they might not know how post-graduation will treat them.

McCafferty insists college isn't just about learning what you want to do, but what you don't want to do.

"Internships are fantastic," she said, "I worked at three magazines before I graduated and figured out teen magazines are where my head and heart is."

On top of her encouragement to find a writing voice and to find what you love to do, McCafferty wants the Jessica Darling series to teach students how to prepare for life after school, particularly from Darling's challenges in "Fourth Comings."

"I think the greatest tension is in the line between what you are passionate about and what you pursue, " she said. "You need to incorporate passions day to day, but still be able to pay your bills."

McCafferty's passion, aside from her unwavering love for Justin Timberlake whose album is currently on repeat on her stereo, is being comfortable with her voice, age and integrity.

"I read my journals and it's funny to see how much I have changed, but on a basic level, how much I haven't," she said. "I am more comfortable in my thirties than I was in my twenties."

McCafferty admits her love for "low culture," but said integrity and balance are critical in her enjoyment of the pop-culture.

"I bought a copy of "Us" and "Star" magazine for my train ride today, but I also read the New York Times cover to cover every day," she said. "Fluffy and escapist is fine as long as it's not your only source of news and media."

In the Internet media age, McCafferty said she does her best to remain positive.

"There is so much negative, anonymous and vicious stuff out there, and every mistake you make is seen again and again — like Miss South Carolina," she said. "Even five years ago it would have just been a joke on Letterman and forgotten."

McCafferty's sincerity in her writing and her advice deliver the same genuine quality that doesn't just promise to be worth your time, but something to learn from and laugh about.

For more information on her book tour, biography, her (retro) blogger and the Jessica Darling series, visit www.meganmccafferty.com.

WILLOW KNOLLS CUTS PRICES, COMPETES WITH RAVE

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
for the Scout

Not only are blockbusters competing for audience attention, but it seems the local movie theaters are now jumping in the spotlight to achieve top box office grosses.

Rave Motion Pictures Grand Prairie 18 and Goodrich Willow Knolls 14 Theatre marquees are now boasting some of the same titles, something that hasn't happened since Rave opened in 2004, said Rave's Manager Sarah Campen.

"Previously, we had a split agreement between theaters which meant that our theaters could not show the same title at both locations," she said.

Chris Dungan, the manager of Willow Knolls, said a split agreement is formed by the corporate movie offices and film studios. Most agreements state that theaters within 10 miles of each other must split titles to provide equal sales opportunities and avoid swamping the market with the same title at numerous local theaters.

Since many agreements are made higher above the local theater levels, Dugan admits to not knowing all the details.

"I get the bookings from the corporate office. I'm not privy to all the details," he said. "I'm in the dark as to how all this came about."

Campen, however, is under the impression that the breaking of the split agreement was more on the part of Willow Knolls corporation. She does admit, though, that she was given no further information about the whole ordeal.

At first glance, one would think this would give one theater an upper hand, but both theaters agree there haven't been huge fluxuations in their numbers.

"Honestly, we've continued to see business. In our eyes, we're still the No. 1 theater," said Campen with a slight chuckle. "There has been no faltering in our audience. If they want to see the movie, they'll be here. If not, they won't."

Dugan agrees, but feels a bit more positive about the effects. Previously, he said when one theater got a big movie, the other theater had a lull and vice versa.

"There used to be peaks and valleys, but now the audiences have leveled out. We've gotten positive feedback from the audiences, and we know we bring things that will only help us get more feedback and growth."

Dugan noted their competition, ticket prices were lowered a small amount. He sees no financial trouble with the lowering. In fact, he feels with the facilities and "perks" Willow Knolls offers, he can give Rave a run for its money.

"We offer an affordable movie going experience with stadium seating and high quality presentations," said Dugan. "We also, at times, show special movies, like foreign films, that Rave does not show."

But Rave said it's not to be outdone. Campen said it hosts many corporate events for companies such as Caterpillar Inc., and also special events for parties and large groups. Campen also said employees strictly follow regulations.

"We card very hard for R-rated movies," Campen said. "Our customers know that if you aren't of age, you aren't getting into the movie. If that's what they want, they have other options."

Dugan said there are options to a movie-going experience. Willow Knolls, for example, boasts a $6 ticket price for an adult ticket after 6 p.m. and $4 ticket for students with IDs at all times.

Rave offers student discounts Sunday through Thursday at $7.50 a ticket and $8.50 for a general adult ticket in the evening.

Junior criminal justice major Allie Chlebek said she thinks that might have an effect on the theaters now school is in session.

"Since the decision was made at the end of last school year, a big chunk of their audience wasn't here for the summer," she said. "Once the school year gets going, I think that you will find the students going where there are the best deals."

But some choose quality over quantity.

Sophomore theatre performance major Jacob Cohen said what the theater offers influences his decision more than the prices.

"I want to experience a good movie with great sound, seating style, all that stuff," he said. "I'm willing to pay the extra couple bucks for it."

This may be a good thing for college students because this split agreement isn't returning any time soon. Both theaters' managers said they think the split agreement is history.

"I mean, I'll never say never, but at this point, I don't see us going back to the old way," said Dugan.

Students may have a little research ahead when picking out their next blockbuster experience for a boring Friday night. But it will be worth the extra time. Get the most out of your money because viewing a film should be an experience.

After all, like famous movie producer Samuel Goldwyn said, "Why should people go out and pay to see bad movies when they can stay home and see bad television for nothing?"

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"Beyond The Gates"
"Ghost Whisperer: The Second Season"

NEW DINER PROVIDES HOME COOKING, WARM ATMOSPHERE

BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

Accepted college cliches – missing mom's home cooking, refusal to do laundry at responsible intervals and avoiding all productivity before noon.

Zim's, a new diner in Campus Town, won't clean your laundry, but will offer the kind of hearty meals many students haven't tasted since high school, said owner Heidi Zimmerman.

Heidi owns the diner with husband Brad. The recently married couple has known each other since the age of six, when he was her brother's best friend. Both have previously worked in the food service business.

Zim's is a family affair. Besides managerial duties, Heidi will serve customers and do the books. Brad will fry eggs, flip omelets and master the art of sticky buns.

"My brother and Brad love to cook, and so does my cousin," Heidi said. "They will be the three back in the kitchen doing what they love to do – it should be fun for them."

Heidi's cousin, Josh Felker, said specialties include sticky buns, but even diner mainstays will have special twists.

"We put our ideas into everything on the menu," he said. "It's a delicious secret."

Heidi's brother, Rob Yoder, said he wants to get Bradley students into the restaurant for what he calls the "hang-over easy special."

The diner will initially open from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m., but Heidi said long-term goals include later hours and eventually 24-hour service.

She describes Zim's as a restaurant offering a clean, warm environment where students and Peorians can enjoy home cooking with a family-friendly atmosphere.

The restaurant opened Aug. 31 after months of renovations and remodeling.

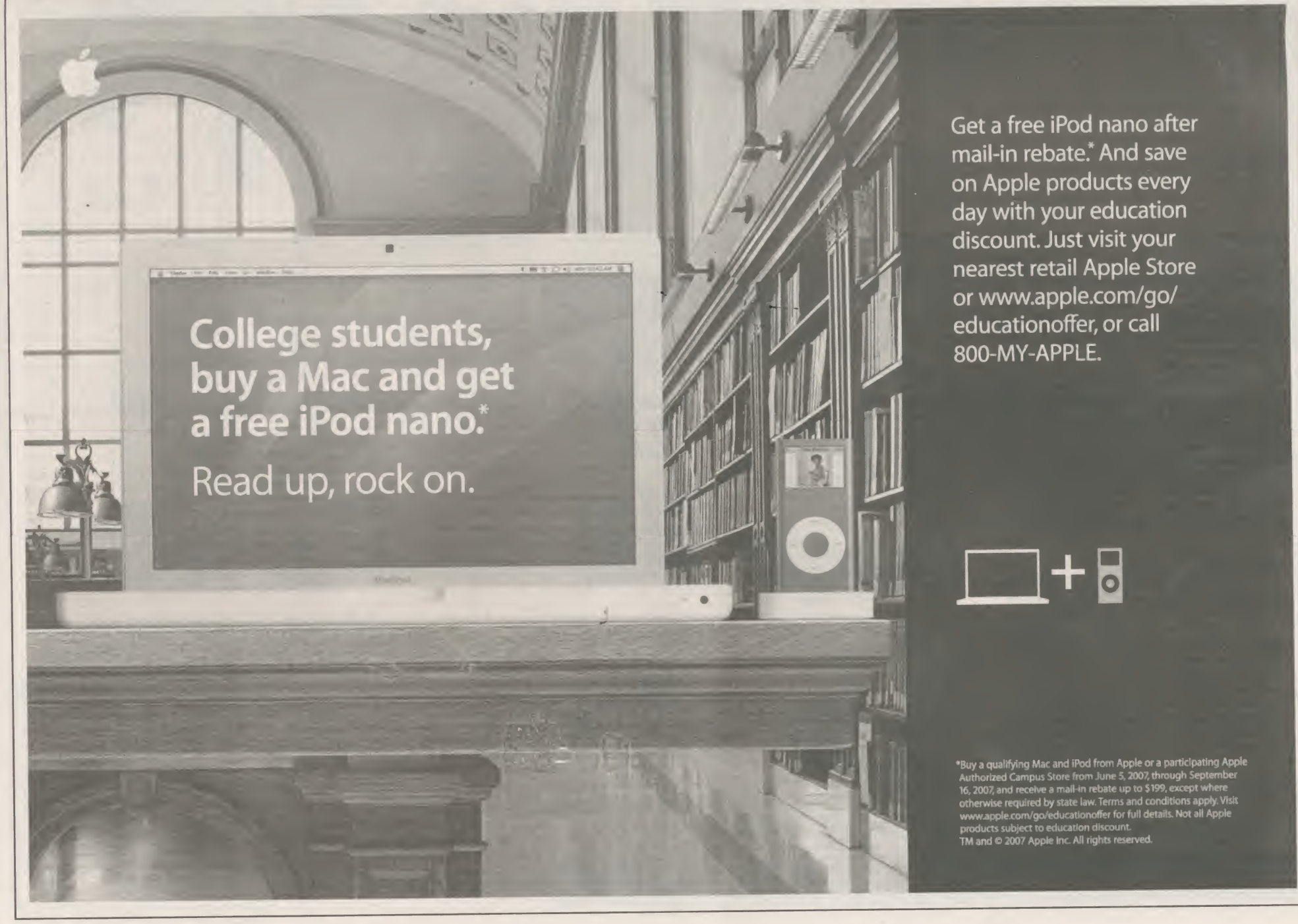
"It was awful," she said. "When you walked in the place you had to have an open mind – not what it was, but what it could be."

Everything except a bar and black wood moldings framing arched mirrors was gutted, scraped and removed. All new furnishings, freshly painted walls, news appliances and restrooms give Zim's a clean start. It will also allow Bradley artists to hang paintings for sale under special lighting on the walls.

Heidi said the diner's goals are simple – to be more successful than the glut of establishments that have failed in the same strip mall space.

She said she's confident a restaurant in the unit will work without a liquor license.

Zim's doesn't plan to compensate with Gormans. To compensate, Heidi said Zim's will offer shakes, smoothies and shake-ups.



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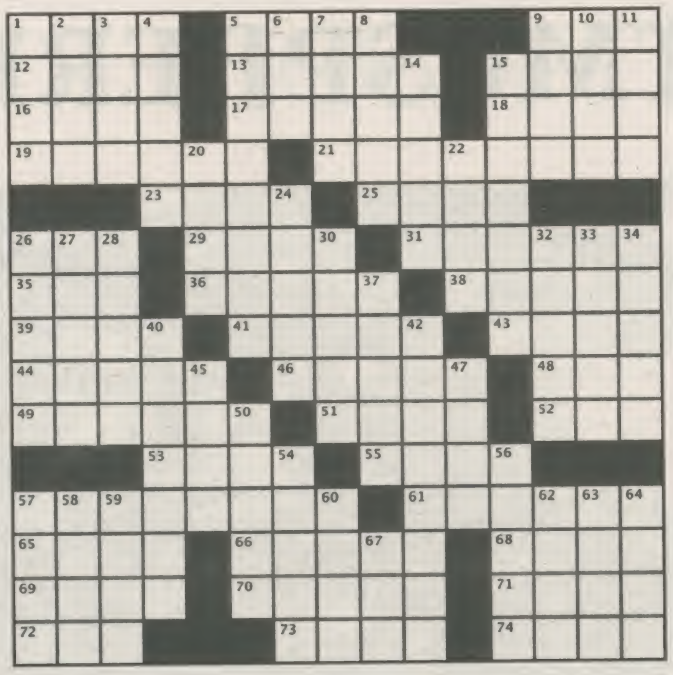

Across

1- Yellow cheese coated with red wax
5- Monetary unit of Burma
9- Bordeaux, e.g.
12- Tent stick
13- Influential person
15- Fix up
16- Corp. VIP, briefly
17- Cupboard
18- Matures
19- Device for applying eyewash
21- Self-fertilization
23- Church recess
25- Transmit
26- Prefix meaning "beneath"
29- "Consarnit!"
31- Smelting residue
35- Black bird
36- Eight singers
38- Gnu cousin
39- Delves
41- Nairobi's nation
43- Italian resort
44- Alcoholic liquor
46- Grow to maturity
48- Little drink
49- False
51- Concern
52- Consume
53- Exclamation to express sorrow
55- Burden
57- Defensive mounds
61- Violation of trust
65- On
66- Mother-in-law of Ruth
68- Wight or Man
69- Cheerful
70- Impassive
71- Equipment
72- The middle of summer
73- Finishes
74- Back of the neck

Down

1- Fencing sword
2- Mistress
3- Sheltered, nautically
4- Birthplace of Muhammad
5- Backpack
6- Sweet potato
7- Swedish pop band whose hits include "Waterloo"
8- Doughnut-shaped surface
9- Star of the first magnitude
10- As previously given, in footnotes
11- Prying
14- Units of computer memory
15- Stuffed doll
20- High hair style
22- On a single occasion
24- Go into
26- Hindu ascetic
27- Conjunction
28- Intolerant person
30- Photo finish
32- Elevate
33- Gandhi's land
34- Take as one's own
37- Representative
40- Fragmentary
42- Vigorous exercises
45- Hawaiian native dance
47- Become closer to
50- Merits
54- Declare
56- Condescend
57- Steak order
58- Smallest component
59- Rock clinging plant
60- Before long
62- On or towards the Mediterranean, for example
63- Applaud
64- "You are ___"
67- Central

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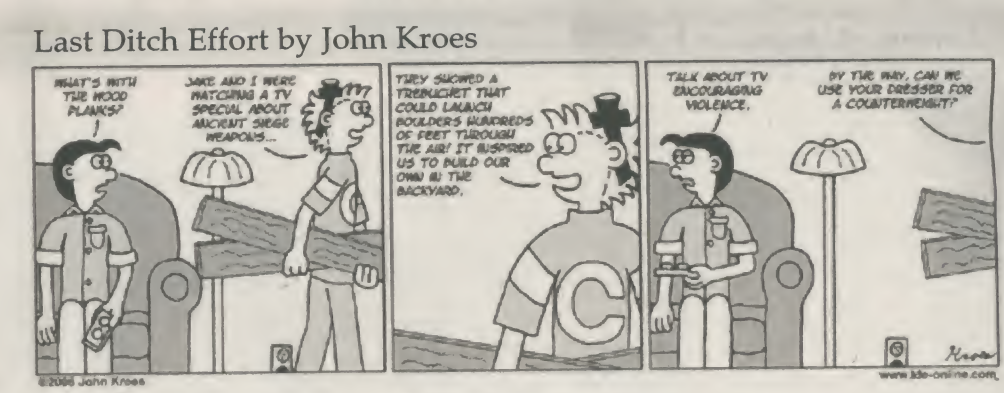

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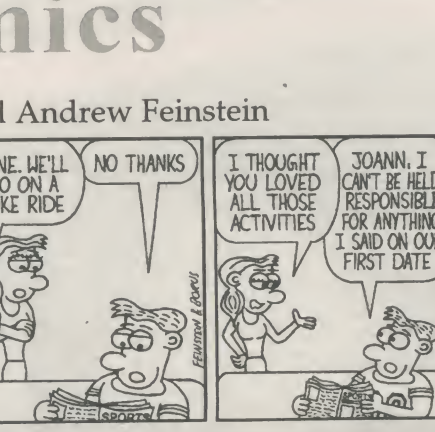

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Break a leg to the cast of Urinetown! Love, the Scout

Does Starbucks deliver? Happy Birthday, Adam M!

Love, the Scout

Party hats. Everyone should wear party hats.

Alex looks pretty in a dress.

Jeremy G. Fleming, Sorry we left out the 'G' in your name. It didn't fit. We'll remember it next time. Love, Erin and Sarah

Adam, can you drive me home? Love, Sarah The batcave is amazing!

Love, Lauren

Harvs, I miss you!

Thanks for putting up with my stress! You girls are amazing! Love, Emily

Best of luck to all participating in recruitment this weekend!

Allie, this past week has been amazing -Alex

We quit. Love, the Scout

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Lydia, the quad, squirrels
Phuong is all right too.

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It's just a flesh wound, lambchop.

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COLLEGE SURVIVAL GUIDE

BY LAUREN REES
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Living away from home for the first time can be an eye-opening experience. Students are faced with new responsibilities, some of which can make or break their time at Bradley.

Laundry

Doing one's own laundry is a crucial part of living away from home. Some students' parents instill this knowledge early on, making the task less traumatic when at school.

Web site www.ehow.com recommends sorting clothes into piles for whites, bright colors and darks and checking pockets to avoid washing anything valuable. Reading clothing labels can provide information on the best way to care for items, but according to the site, cold water should be used for colors and darks. Warm or hot water should be used for durable fabrics such as cotton and whites.

The site also recommends hanging delicate items to air dry and using medium dryer heat for most fabrics. Avoid overloading the washer or dryer.

Health

Students living away from home for the first time may have a difficult time coping with illness. Waking up with a cold or the flu is never fun, but being away from caring parents and a trusty pediatrician makes sickness even worse.

The Health Center, located in Heitz Hall, is available to treat sick students. Students must make an appointment first, and can do so by calling the center at x2700 or visiting www.bradley.edu/eddev/appointment.html. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Stocking up on painkillers and cold remedies can also be helpful, preventing a sniffling student from venturing to CVS in cold-induced misery. The Health Center Web site recommends taking a product with pseudo ephedrine, like Sudafed, for a stuffy nose. For a cough, the site advises students to try a cough syrup with an expectorant or guaifenesin, like Robitussin or Triaminic. Headaches can be eased with a product containing acetaminophen.

But preventative measures, such as eating healthy, can help avoid sicknesses.

The Wellness Center Web site recommends students choose fruits and vegetables at mealtimes to gain antioxidants and carbohydrates such as pasta and cereal to form the foundation of a healthy diet. Students should also be sure to eat a variety of foods and get daily servings from all areas of the food guide pyramid.

Studying

Developing a study system is important to succeeding while living away from home. Different methods work for different people, but generally a calm, well-lit area works well.

The Cullom-Davis Library is a quiet, study-friendly place. With its cubicles, large tables and individual rooms, the library offers a variety of areas to study in a quiet atmosphere.

The library also houses the Center for Learning Assistance on the third floor, where students can receive up to two hours of free tutoring per week and can pay for additional tutoring hours.

Organization

Good study habits are important, but good organization habits are also beneficial to the student living away from home. The Web site www.about.com recommends making the bed every day to instantly make the room appear more organized.

According to the site, an all-purpose cleaner like Windex Multi Surface or Formula 409 can be used to clean washable surfaces in a dorm room. Keeping papers filed in a filing system can also make life easier for a busy college student, according to the site.

Piles of dirty dishes make a small room look even dirtier. Keep a dish-washing caddy to make washing dishes easier. Dusting electronics is also important for a clean, organized room.

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Student gives different account of police fight

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Students and police disagree about a recent violent party that ended with four arrests and several injured officers and students.

Junior engineering major Alex Henderson was at the Sept. 7 party and said police were aggressive without cause.

"We were all just stunned because they were screaming at us," Henderson said. "We're just drinking kids, but they were treating us like we're jihad."

Henderson said students started partying at about 9:30 p.m. in Apt. 2 of 1400 Fredonia Ave., and University Police came about four hours later.

Sgt. Troy Eeten responded to a noise complaint at a different apartment in the same building but heard loud noise coming from Apt. 2. He decided to ask the students in this apartment to turn off their music too, according to university police reports.

Henderson said a student opened the door, saw Eeten sprinting from behind a vending machine toward the door of the apartment, and the student shut the door.

"They never knocked on the door and said, 'This is the police. Can we talk to the owner of the house?'" Henderson said. "They just started pushing on the door and screaming."

But University Police Chief Dave Baer said Eeten knocked, and a student opened the door and slammed it. Eeten knocked again. One of the apartment tenants came to the door and gave Eeten the OK to come in. But someone else pushed him out and slammed the door.

Henderson said when the students knew Eeten was in the hall, the party stopped.

"We turned off the lights," Henderson said. "We were all quiet for an hour and a half, but [Eeten] wanted to get in

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Pi Beta Phi members embrace each other in excitement on Bid Day Sunday. *Photo by Megan Loos*

Recruitment wraps up

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

After two weekends of recruitment, 227 women joined sororities and 182 men joined fraternities on campus.

A few changes were made this year to the recruitment process.

Sororities hosted Philanthropy/House Tour round and Conversation round on the same weekend.

Fraternities were allowed to call, e-mail and visit potential new members in the dorms for the first time this year.

Although these new rules were introduced to increase numbers, there wasn't an increase in membership compared to past years.

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Teniell Trolian said fall recruitment was a success.

"Our numbers were very similar from last year for both Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council, and our processes went very smoothly," she said.

Freshman civil engineering major Abby Robinson said she agreed.

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Numbers varied for fraternity recruitment

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Phi Gamma Delta's three new members are unique men who seem eager to get involved in greek life on campus.

"You don't just accept members to accept guys," Michal Smoley, the president of Fiji, said. "They have to be the quality you feel is right for your chapter."

Fiji attracted three men through formal recruitment this fall, while Delta Upsilon's new member class is 34, the largest of all fraternity new member classes. The average class is 14.

Last fall, Fiji got no new members through formal recruitment. The fraternity attracted two men through informal recruitment, which took place after formal recruitment ended.

"[Formal recruitment] was a disappointment but it was one of those things that it was not the end of the world," Smoley said. "We didn't stop there, we kept going from it. [Last year] we went into informal recruitment with our heads held high and got two guys who are going to be an asset to the fraternity."

Smoley said he'd like to see the chapter grow, but its low numbers are not a cause for concern. He said all fraternities are concerned with recruitment numbers.

He said Fiji is in a rebuilding period. The men have had larger than average graduating classes, which cause lower numbers.

Fiji attracts men who may have had doubts about participating in recruitment. But these men soon become leaders within the fraternity.

Freshmen learn about Fiji's informal recruitment through attending class and participating in campus organizations with members. The fraternity has gained one new member through informal recruitment so far and three or four other men seem interested.

Teniell Trolian, the associate director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said informal recruitment allows potential

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Habitat for Humanity

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Bradley Briefs

The Smith Career Center will host a seminar on Applying to Graduate School from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in Burgess Hall 124. Representatives from several graduate schools will be on hand to answer questions.

The Turner Center for Entrepreneurship will host a workshop for starting your own business 4:30 to 7:00 Tuesday in Jobst Hall 141. Topics range from how to get a business name registered to employee taxes covered.

The Smith Career Center will host an employment information session with LaSalle Bank (ABN AMRO) from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Braves Room of the Michel Student Center. Representatives from LaSalle Bank will answer questions.

Bradley University Theatre presents "Urinetown." The play will run from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hartmann Center.

Urintetown

The Activities Council will host comedian Dan Cummins from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

The Turner Center for Entrepreneurship will host a Business Plan Workshop at 3 p.m. Thursday in Jobst Hall 141. Topics will range from how to organize a business plan to loan programs.

Dan Cummins

Around the World

Local Democrat first to run for Congress

Democrat Chuck Giger is the first from his party to formally announce his candidacy for the 18th Congressional seat after U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood announced his retirement.

Giger said he thinks he can make an impact on his constituents. He also said he's running because his life has been centered on volunteering and public service, according to the Journal Star.

The candidate has made several stops in the Peoria area including Tazewell, Peoria and Mason counties to rally support and gain the popular vote.

Simpson released on bail, faces felony charges

O.J. Simpson was released from a Las Vegas detention center Sept. 12 after charges of armed robbery.

He's accused of entering a Las Vegas hotel room with armed accomplices to recover memorabilia from his football career he claimed was stolen from him.

Conditions of the $125,000 bail agreement included surrendering his passport and being prohibited from having any contact with witnesses involved in the case.

"Despite his past and public opinion about his past, he is not a flight risk and not a dangerous to the community," Simpson's lawyer, Yale Galanter told USA Today.

Simpson will return to his home in Miami, Fl.

Iranian president can't honor 9/11 victims

New York City officials denied Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's desire to visit the site of the destroyed World Trade Center.

Ahmadinejad requested to lay a wreath at the site of the 2001 al Qaeda attacks, paying his respects to those who died in the terrorist strikes.

Workers are rebuilding the foundations of ground zero, "and it would not be possible for him to go where other people don't go," Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly told CNN.

Iranian officials haven't appealed for further opportunities to visit the public platforms at ground zero, police spokesman Paul Browne told CNN. But, "If there were a further request, we'd reject it" because of security fears," he said.

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Students agree, Sex Ed Bingo sizzles

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Students scrambled for seats as condoms flew through the air during Sex Ed Bingo, an event hosted by Help, Encourage and Teach and the Association of Residence Halls.

Hosted on Sept. 13 in Neumiller Hall, students opted to sit on the floor after room capacity filled.

"I thought it was an excellent turnout," HEAT junior sexual health chair and ARH campus outreach co-chair Erika Hammock said. "We had about 450 people show up and we had to turn people away."

Hammock said lines were out the door as group members passed out bingo cards and condoms to use as bingo markers.

"Sex Ed Bingo always has a large turnout as one of ARH and HEAT's biggest events," she said. "It's sex, and sex is a draw. Plus, there are free condoms and it's fun."

Sexual health definitions were called out as students marked their cards, battling for sex-related movies and books.

Planned Parenthood health counselor Cassaundra Powell was one presenter who stressed the importance of protection and safe sex.

"STIs are no joke, if your gonna do it, strap it up," she said. "I'm not gonna be one of those old people and tell you not to do it, sex is the greatest thing in the world."

Once quieting the loud cheers of approval, Powell said it's important for students to know the consequences of sexual actions and sex isn't a trial run.

Hammock and HEAT member Per Ellingson demonstrated and discussed the proper way to use a condom with the help of a model wooden penis, "Woody."

"The first thing you do is turn on the light and check the expiration date while looking for an air pocket," Hammock said. "Then, no tearing with your teeth boys. No matter how sexy, it's not safe."

Ellingson said it's important to form a "smurf" hat with the condom by pinching the tip and then rolling down.

"The condom only protects what it covers," he said. "Semen travels at over 25 miles an hour and without that hat at the end, the condom will shoot right off. And guys, you don't have to have sex to get a girl pregnant, if semen gets anywhere near or right outside the vagina, a girl can still become pregnant."

If students want to make healthy decisions, they need to know what they're getting into and how their bodies work, Hammock said.

Junior organizational communications major Cyndi Stenwall said the groups made the event fun and educational.

"It's very important on a college campus to inform students that may not know otherwise," she said. "A lot of people have lived fairly secured lives and might not know all the realities of life."

Students at Sex Ed Bingo show their excitement to win prizes. *Photo by Megan Loos*

Junior electronic media and psychology major Daniel Shore said he went to the event because he enjoys bingo and the fact that it was about Sex Ed was an added bonus.

"An event like Sex Ed Bingo is important because when kids are at college, it's not always easy to think about possible consequences of their actions," he said. "This program definitely made attendees aware of the negative repercussions of unsafe sex and provided them with the knowledge on how to make their choices more responsible. Anytime an event can get college kids excited about making good choices is quite an accomplishment."

Hammock said next year's goals include making the event run even smoother and trying to reserve the Michel Student Center ballroom. But for the most part, she was happy with the event's success.

"I hope [students] take away a bit more knowledge about sex and its consequences," she said. "I also hope they had fun and got a lot of free condoms. Our goal is to make people happy."

Cox, Custer prove love knows no politics

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

Many couples seem to butt heads on every little issue in their relationship. Whether it's about being late for a date, who's going to pay for the dinner or forgetting an anniversary – no one is safe.

Throw differing political views into the mix and you've got a recipe for disaster, or so one would think.

President of College Democrats Josh Cox and girlfriend, President of the College Republicans Zephanie Custer, seem to have the perfect solution.

"We just don't talk about it," Cox said.

"Unless of course Josh is yelling at the television, then we discuss it," Custer said.

After being together for a year and a half, the couple can say politics has never interfered with their relationship.

Like a classic college movie plot, Custer and Cox hit it off from the moment they met while waiting in line for help with a – go figure – political science essay.

"We were sitting in the professor's office just trying to kill time. That was the spark to our relationship," said Cox. "Unfortunately, it was the end of the semester that we met and she lived in West Virginia. As it was the end of the semester, we had to wait all summer to see each other again."

It was her interest in politics that hooked Cox.

"You don't meet a lot of girls that have such heavy political interests," he said. "It was nice to see that on top of her own personality quirks."

Custer said she saw something in him she didn't see in most political men.

"Most guys who are into politics won't even stop to give a girl the time of day in our age group," said Custer. "Oh yeah, and of course his stunning good looks."

President of College Democrats Josh Cox and President of College Republicans Zephanie Custer don't let their opposing political views to get in the way of romance.
photo courtesy of Josh Cox

While attributing their relationship to their common interest in politics, both admit to having very little family influence on the topic as children.

Cox admitted he came to Bradley as an advertising major and had no past of family interest in politics. But a "mission" trip where he met a group of homeless Vietnam veterans made him want to take part and make a difference in the country by joining the Democratic party at a young age.

Custer's family also showed little interest in politics at home in West Virginia.

"In fact, a large part of my family is not even registered to vote," she said.

Her family's disinterest in politics didn't stop her from following what she loved.

As a child, she watched Judge Judy and C-Span constantly, only stayed up past her bedtime on election nights and missed her high school homecoming to attend a dinner for the Republican Party.

So who would have thought that love could blossom from those pasts?

"We've never been pissed off at each other about our political views," Cox said. "Sure, we've had disagreements, but we pull from our differences."

Living in different states, the two admit their state governments don't play a huge role in each other's lives.

"The best part about this is that we can learn about the other person's political stance in a way that doesn't upset the other one because we're unbiased to the opposite state's government," she said.

That's not to say that tensions don't arise.

"Most of our friends are Democrats," Custer said. "They don't try to get us to argue, but they definitely enjoy the show when it happens."

"I'm usually the one who starts it," Cox said. "Our friends like to see it, but it's not an everyday thing."

As a couple, the two are a force to be reckoned with. Together, they are hoping to make Bradley a more politically aware community.

In response to the recent Princeton Review ratings, they hope to decrease the amount of political apathy on campus through their own political organizations.

"We're getting better. There is no denying that. But overall, we just need to start caring more," said Custer. "Students who are not political science majors think that politics does not affect them. But they need to realize it does."

Cox said the "Bradley bubble" hinders students' awareness about politics.

"Students are in this comfort zone here on campus. They look at issues like sidewalk maintenance in Peoria and think that it is not important to them," he said. "There seems to be very misplaced priorities here on campus."

Despite differing platforms, the couple said they'll be able to use their love for politics (and each other) to increase political awareness and tolerance here on campus.

So while they may not be jumping down each other's throats about Bush's latest screw up or the Obamarama, which is sweeping the nation, Custer and Cox will continue to prove true love knows no politics.

Blog reveals founder's thoughts

BY JEFF DE CHAVEZ
for the Scout

The statue of Lydia Moss Bradley in Founder's Circle has watched over Bradley students for over 100 years.

She sees students walk by and Laura McGowan, the director of Academic and Marketing Publications, decided to start a blog of all Lydia's thoughts and recollections.

On Bradley's homepage, students can see Lydia's thoughts about events around campus through her blog, Lydia's View.

"I was looking for ways to integrate new technology to people in a fun way," she said.

McGowan tried new experiments to see if people would look at a blog from Lydia's point of view.

Lydia's View was created last fall, and is now catching students' attention.

The idea of the blog was a way to promote Bradley's community and its students, McGowan said.

"I like to pick topics that help people get a sense of the community," she said. "I also like to pick topics that interest large groups of people or attract Bradley alumni."

McGowan said her favorite piece this year was the one about the construction of the new Sigma Chi house.

A statue of Lydia Moss Bradley overlooks the Bradley campus.
Photo by Saleena Fortunato

"I can't believe all the huge yellow earth movers that have taken over the area once occupied by the Alumni Center, Haussler Pool and the Sigma Chi house," McGowan wrote in the blog. "I am afraid this week they are going to be working in intense heat. I have some nice shade, but the construction workers are sweltering out in that sun and dirt."

The last event Lydia's View covered was the first Caterpillar Career Day.

Since McGowan is the only person working on Lydia's view, she'd like to get help from faculty and students. She doesn't have time to update the blog regularly.

"I am always looking for students to send in stories or photographs of the events around Bradley," McGowan said. "That would be a great deal of help."

McGowan said she's still looking for things to enhance the popularity of Lydia's View.

"It would be nice to get some comments on the blog updates just so I can get a sense of idea of what the students really think," she said.

Freshman business management major Kyle Jones said he's never heard of Lydia's View.

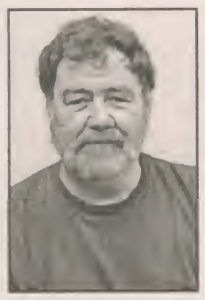
"It's a pretty cool idea to have a Web blog about events around campus," he said "I am just not too sure if it should be in Lydia's point of view."

Freshman engineering major Bill Lorton said Lydia's View is refreshing. Lorton also said he thinks it's a clever way to attract students who wouldn't normally read the blog.

"I think it's a great way to keep Lydia Bradley's legacy alive," Lorton said. "Since this is the age of technology, what better way to keep that legacy alive then a blog of what she thinks about today's news?"

BU professor dies after cancer battle

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout



John Freim

John Freim Jr., 69, of Peoria died June 1 at Methodist Medical Center after battling cancer for nine years.

Freim worked at Bradley for almost 40 years. He taught physics, radiation biology, health physics courses, among others.

"He was loved by his students. He was very committed to his teaching and he was a wonderful colleague," Caterpillar professor James Craig said. "His passing was a tremendous loss for the department and Bradley."

Bradley alumnus Rich Gioiosa had Freim as an instructor for a physics lab class his sophomore year.

"He was a really good professor. He told jokes and was friendly," he said.

Gioiosa said Freim didn't hide his illness and would occasionally talk about it in class.

"I knew he had had health troubles," he said. "But it didn't really affect his teaching performance at all."

Freim became ill near Spring Break and was unable to complete the spring semester.

Chairman and professor of physics Kevin Kimberlin said he got the impression Freim might want to come back to teach someday.

Kimberlin said Freim was recuperating well after doctors were forced to amputate his leg because of angiosarcoma.

However, within a few days of leaving the hospital, the cancer aggressively returned.

"We thought he was improving and would leave the hospital and begin a new aspect of his life," Craig said. "Then it turned to the worse."

Kimberlin estimated more than 100 people attended the funeral. He saw many Bradley professors and former students there.

Kimberlin remembers Freim fondly.

"He was an excellent instructor," he said. "He cared very deeply for his students."

Craig said Freim studied and made advances in various types of cancer therapy involving radiation. While teaching, he authored a book about calculating radiation doses. Additionally, Freim developed a graduate course for the nursing program.

Bradley buys Second Life island

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

Bradley has begun to expand into another dimension – the Second Life dimension.

Bradley purchased an island in the online virtual reality simulation last year. The island consists of a replica of the Cullom-Davis Library, a model of the Lydia Moss Bradley House, Founder's Circle and several new projects in the making, said Library Director Barbara Galik.

The Bradley House is a museum of Bradley history.

There is a Lydia room with photographs of her and heirlooms. Upstairs is a room where several art students have displayed their work so people from all over the world can see it. People on Second Life have contacted the university to get in touch with past student artists, Galik said.

The Bradley House is going to be remodeled to make it an exact replica of the original. Also in the Bradley House is a room with portraits of past and current presidents and a video of Bradley's basketball team.

She said there's also a section of the island devoted to helping students learn how to use Second Life. It's called a sandbox, and anyone can go and build whatever they want. The object will stay built for an hour.

One of the new projects in progress right now is the building of gazebos that will contain information about various schools and departments at Bradley. Students aged from 13 to 18 recently requested universities involved with Second Life have virtual college fairs.

Galik said Second Life could be a resource for potential students.

"It's great, we can use Second Life as an admissions tool," Glaik said.

Gazebos on the island will contain information about Bradley such as admission requirements and majors offered.

Freshman graphic design major Brent Taylor said he wasn't so sure about using Second Life as a recruitment tool.

"I think it would be great for kids already using Second Life, but I don't think anybody outside of the program would join just to go to a college fair," he said.

The Second Life team also has plans for homecoming celebrations on the island. Galik said it's planning on having a dance for anyone from Bradley on Second Life, and Bradley's jazz band will provide the music.

Second Life provides a virtual haven for students.

Galik also said she's interested in putting more on the island, but is looking for student input. She said some schools have islands just like their campuses, and others have islands that don't look anything like the campuses.

Bradley was able to purchase the island at a discounted rate by having a librarian staff the Second Life reference desk two hours a week. The reference desk is open to anyone on Second Life, and students can ask questions for projects or homework they're working on.

Galik said the reference desk is just one of the many ways Second Life can be used as an educational tool. The desk is always staffed by certified librarians.

Habitat for Humanity shacks up for homeless

Shack-a-thon to raise money to build homes for local families in need

BY ABBY WALSH
for the Scout

Shacking up can help the homeless, and your mother won't disapprove either.

Students will build and spend the night in shacks during Habitat for Humanity's "Shack-a-thon." The event will take place from noon Wednesday to noon Thursday on Olin Quad.

"[Habitat for Humanity] raises money to help build houses for needy families in the community," Vice President of Bradley's chapter Mike Hoehn said.

Habitat is a nonprofit, volunteer organization in which members fundraise, construct and fix houses for Peorians in need.

Throughout the 24-hour period of "shacking," events and activities will take place to help students understand what it's like to be homeless, Fundraising Co-Coordinator Danae Hancoop said.

Last year, 15 different groups participated in the event, but many students stopped by to show support and have fun.

Senior family and consumer science major Danielle Morten said the shacks each year can get extravagant with decorations, electronics and more.

"It's always fun to see how people build their shacks," she said. "One even had a television inside."

Junior mechanical engineering major and Habitat member Mike Carey said his organization had difficulty with last year's shack.

"It was extremely entertaining. Our shack collapsed mid-build," he said. "They forgot to turn off the sprinklers, so at 2 in the morning the sprinklers came on and some of the shacks started disintegrating."

Above: Students collect empty cardboard boxes and duck tape to construct a home where they will live for 24 hours to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. Right: Participants come together to play card games in their cardboard home in the late cold hours during last year's Shack-a-Thon. *Photos from Scout archive*

Everyone is encouraged and invited to attend, Hancoop said.

Any group can participate in the event by paying a $30 fee.

"It raises awareness while having a good time," Habitat's public relations officer Cheryl Austin said. "There's going to be a Phuong look-alike-contest. That's pretty freaking exciting."

Students can attend Habitat for Humanity meetings at 9 p.m Mondays in Neumiller Lecture Hall.. Habitat members also meet at construction sites on Saturdays and help to fundraise by canning.

Students can find more information by e-mailing the group at bradleyhfh@gmail.com.

Although opportunities to help with construction are limited this semester, there are many other ways to get involved through fundraising and advertising.

Homesickness hurts, but isn't without a cure

BY CELESTE MARTINEZ
for the Scout

Samantha Sweeney is suffering from homesickness.

"Everything I enjoy doing and the people I love are all back home," the freshman AEP major said.

Not having her pets, boyfriend and sister around has been difficult, Sweeney said.

Although she hasn't tried getting involved much, she said classes have been a healthy distraction for her. But she still misses her family.

"I call home a lot," she said.

Sweeney also said she'll most likely have to come back next year whether she likes it or not.

Freshman political science and English major Amie Betzwiser said she doesn't feel homesick.

"I feel so at ease because I was welcomed so much into the Bradley atmosphere," she said.

Betzwiser said she immediately knew she wanted to come to Bradley.

"I knew Bradley was it when I could see myself walking to class and studying in the quad," she said.

She's also been getting involved with activities such as softball, volleyball, Broadside, Photo Society, Hall Council and other activities.

Betzwiser said even though she doesn't miss home, she misses her eight-month-old baby brother.

Director of Counseling Janine Donahue said homesickness is a normal reaction to change in a living environment, and is more prone among students who already suffer from an anxiety disorder.

She said homesickness occurs because students are apart from their loved ones.

Donahue also said it's important to prevent homesickness before leaving for college.

"It is important for a student to visit the campus before they begin classes, to contact his or her roommate before they get to campus and make an effort to get to know people on their floor," Donahue said.

She said students should get involved in clubs and groups but still keep in contact with their family. Students should bring items that remind them of home to increase the comfort level in their dorm room, Donahue said.

Donahue also said homesickness could last several weeks.

"Students should contact counseling at Health Services if they feel that they are feeling worse over the first several weeks of school as opposed to feeling better every week," she said.

Students should also know homesickness isn't the same as depression because depression is more intense.

"Depression can lead to greater impairment in a person's life, such as not going out of their room, missing classes and isolating from friends," Donahue said.

Students who suffer from depression may experience crying spells, hopelessness and suicidal thoughts, along with changes in sleeping and eating habits.

Students who fear they might have depression should contact the Health Center immediately.

If students don't feel comfortable contacting the Health Center, they can contact their resident advisers.

Heitz Hall RA Maeghan Rempala said she's had some students from her floor visit home already.

"I usually tell the students to call home but not go home," Rempala said. "If they get into the habit of going home, they will never experience the Bradley weekend life, which will make it harder to make friends."

Rempala also said homesickness might last a couple of months, but if it doesn't go away by the end of the first semester, the student should look into going to a college closer to home.

Editorial

Students, police need mutual respect

A recent fight between Bradley University Police and students left members of both parties injured and feeling disrespected.

One Bradley student shoved Sgt. Troy Eeten and slammed a door in his face when he asked the noisy apartment party to quiet down, according to university police reports.

Doctors had to staple together a large gash in Officer Scott Klinkradt's head, who also suffered from a concussion and an injured leg and neck after responding to Eeten's call and fighting with a different student at the party.

Bradley junior Joshua Helsel was taken to the hospital after Klinkradt slammed his head into an apartment wall, friend and junior Alex Henderson said.

"Josh Helsel was destroyed," Henderson said. "Josh was taken out of a bedroom, bloodier than hell – bloodier than I've ever seen anyone. Covered."

Junior Nels Chelstrom also went to the hospital and had his chin stitched after an officer slammed him into a kitchen counter, Henderson said.

Which account is true – the officers' or Henderson's – doesn't matter. At least four people were shoved, hit, slammed or battered in this incident – an incident started because of loud music and a lack of respect.

And just days after the brawl on our campus, a University of Florida student was Tasered and arrested by campus police at a political forum after trying to ask Sen. John Kerry questions.

Videos of the event show student Andrew Meyer being pulled away from the microphone by two police officers after asking Kerry about the 2004 Presidential election, Bush's impeachment and Kerry's alleged participation in the famed Skull and Bones secret society at Yale.

University of Florida spokesman Steve Orlando said Meyer asked several questions, went on for a while and was asked to stop, according to CNN.

"He had used his allotted time. His microphone was cut off, then he became upset," Orlando said.

The police intervened and removed Meyers from the microphone stand.

Kerry can be heard on the video saying the student's questions were not a problem and he would answer them. But Kerry didn't get a chance to.

When Meyers heard Kerry say he'd answer the questions, Meyers tried to get away from the police.

The police forced him to the ground and told him to stop resisting. Meyers yelled at the police, and they Tasered him.

Kerry said, "I regret enormously that a good, healthy discussion was interrupted."

In both incidents – the Bradley party fight and the University of Florida Tasering – students and police lacked understanding of the other side.

Though the details of the Bradley fight aren't as clear as the Florida episode, people were hurt in both incidents because of a lack of respect and communication.

When did students start fighting officers, and when did officers start Tasering students for little or no cause?

Students like Meyers should be able to speak their minds and we should all be able to party. But we should also respect our allotted time at a podium and open doors for police officers when asked.

While it might be easy to take sides in each situation, that's not the point. The point is students and police need to find mutual respect and understanding for each other.

As students, we need to follow laws just like other citizens. But police need to follow procedures too.

As University Police Chief Dave Baer said, "Just because we uphold the law doesn't mean we are above it."

And students aren't above it, either.

Scout editorials reflect the view of the editorial board, consisting of the editor, managing editor, news editor, layout editor, graphics editor, Voice editor, sports editor and photo editor.

Letters to the Editor

Police should set positive example for students

After a long day of recruitment, I wanted nothing more but to spend a laid back night with my roommates. My plan was to go to bed early, and I did. I fell asleep accompanied by the loud rhythmic thumps of bass coming from my neighbors' stereo in Apt. 2. I thought nothing of it considering it was a Friday night on a college campus. Never did it once cross my mind that I would be awakened by the rattling of my walls brought on by police officers pounding on my neighbors' door.

I don't claim that what the students did was justifiable; however, I don't know if the way in which some of the policemen acted was either. As a resident of 1400 Fredonia Ave., I did think that the music was obnoxiously loud, but not so much so that I was unable to sleep.

However, I did find it impossible to get any rest with the police banging on the door at 1:30 a.m. followed by police screaming, "You mother f----ers, get down on the floor right now!" I wasn't at the party and didn't see what was going on, but the things I heard were inexcusable on both parties' ends.

While I can understand the frustration the police endured when trying to gain entry into the apartment for a little over an hour, I don't understand why such harsh words were so casually thrown into the air. As authority figures, they did a poor job of leading by example.

I believe this shows that we all have lapses of judgment. The students screwed up when they didn't open the door, but does that mean it is OK for the police to get verbally violent? What does that solve?

Obviously the officers knew they were dealing with intoxicated students – students who were so trashed they thought it was OK to disrespect officers by saying, "I don't f---ing have to. I can do whatever I f---ing want to."

But how do the police justify their actions? Is it because they were merely disrespected? What kind of a world would we live in if every time someone is disrespected we respond in a vicious fit of anger?

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Cheryl Austin
Habitat for Humanity

Giving a hand up with Habitat

Whether you like it or not, you have seen them – on the streets of downtown or wandering around campus.

Homeless and poor people are in the many places we go everyday. Twenty percent of Peorians live in poverty. Not surprisingly, this isn't just a problem in Peoria. It affects every person in the world.

About 1.6 billion people live in substandard housing and one million are homeless. The average age of a homeless person is nine. Half the world lives on less than $2 a day.

Facts like these led Millard and Linda Fuller to found Habitat for Humanity in 1976 in Americus, Georgia.

Habitat for Humanity International works diligently year after year to help combat the growing problem of poverty and homelessness.

The organization has built more than 200,000 houses, sheltering more than one million people in more than 3,000 communities worldwide.

The underlying message of Habitat for Humanity is that it's a hand up, not a hand out. The owners of the house pay for all the material costs and have to make a $500 down payment. What makes the house more affordable is the homeowners don't have to pay for labor costs because volunteers build the houses.

The owners also have to put in 300 to 500 "sweat equity" hours of work on their own home. This holds the owners accountable for their home and gives them a sense of responsibility toward it. The organization doesn't want to just give houses away, it wants people to have a sense that they earned their homes.

Many times, we point, stare, laugh or judge these impoverished individuals for their unfortunate situations. It's time to change our attitudes and take a stand to end the injustice of substandard housing.

What can you do to help? Every year the Bradley chapter of Habitat for Humanity builds a home in the Peoria community. This year, the home is for Barbie, a disabled woman who requires special additions to her house, such as a ramp and wider rooms so she can move around more easily in her wheelchair.

The only way Bradley's Habitat for Humanity can afford to build this house is by raising $20,000 each year.

This is where you come in. Not only can you come out to the building's site Saturday mornings to help construct the house, you can also help us raise money and awareness toward the elimination of poverty and substandard housing.

The biggest event of the semester for Habitat for Humanity will take place from noon Wednesday to noon Thursday. If your organization or just you and some friends want to have a space on the quad, bring some cardboard and camp out for a night in a self-made shack. The cost is $30 a shack.

If that's not for you, come out and see the other activities planned during this fun 24 hours. Bags games, ultimate Frisbee and a Phuong look-a-like contest will take place.

The event is fun and supports a worthy cause. There are also weekly chapter meetings 9 p.m. Mondays in Neumiller Hall.

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TV entertaining and enlightening

I couldn't believe it when I learned that shows like "The O.C.," "The Sopranos" and "The Simpsons" were actually working to make our society more intelligent. Honestly, what could shows that offer lifestyles of well-bronzed Cali girls, inner life of the mafia and idiotic antics of our favorite yellow donut lover do to possibly increase our mental capacity?

Recently, I finished a book by Steven Johnson titled "Everything Bad Is Good For You" about this very subject. When I picked it up and read the back of the book, it was very hard for me to wrap my head around the fact that our "dumbed-down" pop culture was actually benefiting us. We've all looked at certain television shows, movies and other media facets and thought, "Wow, I'm really too old/mature/intelligent for that to even be good."

But now, science has proved pop culture is actually constantly bettering itself to suit our needs. Johnson talks about a theory he calls the Sleeper Curve and how it's appearance has greatly increased our mental capabilities over the last couple decades.

While reading, I found myself thinking about the whole truth of this evidence. Johnson points out that we question the integrity of the programming we watch saying the ideas behind shows are steadily decreasing at such a rate that we view the shows as obsolete and almost unviewable. He then goes on to say that in all actuality, the programming is becoming more sophisticated because, compared to TV 50 some years ago, we are actually thinking while watching.

A new form of multitasking? Not really. The thing is, we don't even think about the process we go through while viewing these shows As we watch the events unfold between the housemates on the latest "Real World: Australia" episode, we are using our cognitive minds in order to process it all together.

The vast and complex relationship structure in so many of today's TV shows (Johnson refers to "24" and "Six Feet Under" as examples) makes us use our noggins to pull information from the previous episodes and sometimes even seasons to make sense of the situations.

Back in the day, all that mattered was that you remembered what happened in the beginning of the episode and followed that one plotline throughout the show. But now, while watching The Real World, we have to remember in an earlier episode Cohutta and KellyAnne were hitting it off and that's why she is so upset Cohutta is flirting with Trisha.

Now we as viewers have the option to rewind and replay virtually all the shows we see thanks to Tivo and DVD collections. How can this help?

Repetition helps us pick up on the little things we've missed the first time around. TV is full of inside jokes just waiting to be picked up by the viewer. As time goes on, these jokes become discovered, prove to be funny and then lose their luster.

By doing this sort of cognitive detective hunt, we are improving our brain structure and losing interest in "lower" forms of entertainment. In order to keep their audiences, networks strive to create new forms of entertainment that push the audience's limits.

The problem is, if the shows are too simple, the audience feels superior and stops watching. If the shows are too complex, the audience doesn't get it and stops watching. They must create the happy medium – keeping viewers on their toes and making them smarter.

So while you may not think you are getting anything out of Lauren and Jason's crazy mixed up relationship on "Laguna Beach," you're wrong. As menial as many of these TV shows may seem, there's something about them that is challenging the way you use your brain.

The next time you flip on a "Flava of Love" rerun, don't scoff at the apparent simplicity of it. Instead, sit back, relax and soak up the knowledge.

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Senator sues God for natural disasters

Nebraska Democratic State Senator Ernie Chambers filed a lawsuit against God Friday, Sept. 14 in Douglas County Court.

Seriously ... God is being sued.

Chambers alleges the Almighty is responsible for natural disasters including earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes.

Fox News' Omaha affiliate posted the filing on its Web site, www.kptm.com.

Check it out if you have a chance. If you haven't guffawed in awhile, reading the case will certainly change that.

The nature of the case: "This action seeks a permanent injunction ordering Defendant to cease certain harmful activities and the making of terrorist threats," according to the document.

Is this insinuating God is a terrorist?

Wait, it gets better with the court's description of God.

"Defendant (also known by various aliases, titles, names, designations) is present in all places at the same time ('Omnipresent'); is the admitted perpetrator of the deleterious acts complained of herein."

It goes on to say the court has jurisdiction over the case because God is omnipresent, he is present in Douglas County.

OK, OK, there's a method to Chambers' madness. He's attempting to make a statement.

Chambers is trying to fight proposed restrictions on filing suits that may seem absurd — cases like his own.

So, he's purposely making the case one big joke. I see the point he's trying to make, and I strongly disagree with it.

In a world where people sue for preposterous reasons, there needs to be a line of absurdity that can't be crossed in the legal system.

Cases involving incidents such as the man who sued a drycleaners for $54 million over a pair of pants have no room in court.

Last summer Roy Pearson, of Washington D.C., claimed that satisfaction wasn't guaranteed as advertised in the shop. Thankfully, Pearson not only lost the case, but also appeared like a national loser for raising such a stink.

If a jury's time is better spent cutting their lawns with scissors than listening to a ludicrous case, it's a waste for everyone involved to pay attention.

Time is a precious commodity. Many would say time is the most valuable gift a person can give. Yet, because of people like Mr. Pants Suit and The AntiGod, time turns into a wasted gift.

The only thing Chambers is achieving here is drawing attention to what an idiot he is making of himself. Unfortunately, he's dragging the integrity of the American legal system down with him.

As ridiculous as this situation is, it would be hilarious to see such a case reach court. Wouldn't that mean God would have to defend Himself against the allegations?

Because God isn't tangible, His followers would be able to represent Him in defense, according to the case filing.

And if the claims ring true, justice must be served! It would be nothing less than fair to put a stop to God's natural disastrous antics. It would be Judgment Day of an entirely different kind, but there must be equal justice under the law, right?

Ultimately, the religious folks of the world can sleep soundly knowing God most likely won't be sent to the slammer any time soon (but what a sight that would be).

Enough laughs though.

We understand this case is a statement more than anything. Although I disagree with Chambers' argument that even frivolous cases deserve to be heard, he'd have a better time winning over public opinion if he changed how he attacked the issue. True persuasion is not just about attracting people's attention, but also doing so with concrete reasons and examples.

As for now, I recommend Chambers do a couple things:

1. Keep an eye out for extremely religious people. They just might take "bible thumping" to a new extreme.

2. Go find the Pants-in-a-bunch-Pearson. Maybe they could sue the country for false advertising with the phrase, "In God we trust."

They could make a fortune.

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Homecoming hits the Hilltop

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Calling all spies and secret agents. Homecoming 007: The Week is Not Enough will kick off Monday, with events planned for the entire week.

Activities Council U-Spirit committee head Lauren Sandstrom said the week will be busy and packed full of campus-wide events.

"I'm hoping there will be a big turnout for events," she said. "We have spent a lot of time getting homecoming awareness out to students and I hope they support the school. I'm looking forward to it."

Monday night's "Bonding on the Quad" from 4:30 to 7 p.m. includes a bowtie pasta dinner, numerous games, inflatable sumo wrestling and a giant blow-up slide. The event will conclude with a revamped pep rally beginning at 6 p.m.

Students can participate in the Murder Mystery Dessert Theatre 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Michel Student Center ballroom. Tickets cost $5, and all proceeds go to Easter Seals.

Sophomore secondary education major Rachel Ganellen said she's looking forward to the play.

"I can't wait to be a part of the audience and help solve the mystery," she said.

Casino Royale Night will be hosted from 9 p.m. to midnight Wednesday in the ballroom. Help Encourage and Teach will provide mocktails for students while they watch James Bond movies, play Bond video games and poker.

A Bond/Bond Girl Look-a-like contest/Spy Trivia Night co-sponsored with the Association of Resident Halls, will takw place 8 p.m. Thursday in Neumiller Hall and after Friday's soccer game, a Dance Auction After Party will be held at 9 p.m. in the ballroom.

Sandstrom said students can purchase guest athletes and members of organizations for dances. The Bradley Swingers and local dance instructors will be available to teach ballroom dancing lessons.

"Unlike other date auctions, students will have the chance to purchase dates and spend the evening dancing and hanging out with them," Sandstrom said.

All the money earned from the auction will be donated to the Danny Dahlquist Memorial fund.

The week ends Saturday with a parade starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Bradley Soccer game against University of Illinois-Chicago at 7:30 p.m. at Shea Stadium.

Smaller events including laser tag, a campus-wide water fight and voting for the homecoming court will be available throughout the week for students to participate in, Sandstrom said.

"In high school I planned all the homecoming events for my senior year and seeing the whole week put together and hearing students responses to the events was so rewarding," she said. "I'm hoping the response will be the same, if not better, for this homecoming week."

Sophomore electronic media major Aaron Friedman said he's looking forward to all the activities planned for the week.

"I plan on participating in homecoming week somehow because I feel that it's an important way to show my support and my spirit for Bradley."

Free music downloader gets new features

BY AISHA KHAN
for the Scout

Ruckus provides music to students free of charge.

New features on Ruckus are available for students' entertainment pleasures.

The nationwide free download Web site now offers new services for Bradley students. Two of the most popular are a Facebook application, which allows members to view their friends' playlists and events at other campuses and Media Player, which allows Ruckus users to organize their music. It also includes an alarm clock for late-night users.

Other features include a free video service, which allows members to access thousands of full-length songs, videos and sports channels.

Ruckus also sponsors The Perfect Dorm contest. Winners of the contest can win a new Sony laptop and a Bose multimedia speaker system, as well as other prizes.

"This could be a good opportunity," said Nial Johnson, the executive director of the Instructional Technology and Media Services.

One feature currently in the works is the ability to download free movies.

"They've offered movies in the past," Johnson said. "Now they've removed the fee and now they're trying to create access for other movies. I felt the fee was unacceptable to me."

The movies are free, but the selection is limited.

Johnson said only a few movies can be downloaded. These movies are between two to three years old, and Ruckus is still in the process of getting the movie list up.

"I don't see a lot of choices because this is a new launch for them," Johnson said. "I see these as important features Ruckus wants on their sites."

Bradley students use Ruckus to download music legally.

And there are new features to come, including a student-only gaming channel and a music recommendation engine.

However, for those who use Ruckus, most of the new applications have yet to strike a chord.

"I wanted to read the details," junior psychology major Constance Hughes said. "I just don't have the time."

But most students use Ruckus for the same reason it came to campus – free music.

"I don't need anything extra," Hughes said.

Ruckus is still popular. Last year's Bradley student subscription of 2,400 jumped to 3,000 this year.

"Are they going to like it? I don't know," Johnson said. "But I'm excited to see where they're going to take it."

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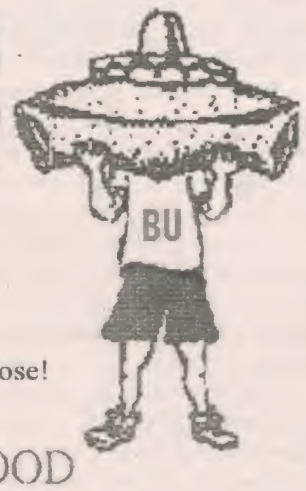

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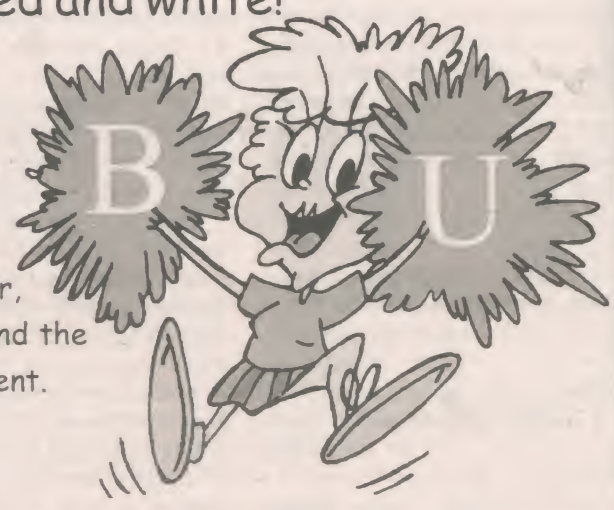

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Students strategically drop classes to help GPA

BY MATT BENTEL
for the Scout

The last day for students to drop classes without academic or financial penalty has recently passed.

Students are allowed to drop classes until Nov. 21 but will receive a withdrawal on their transcripts.

Registrar Kathie Beaty said 1,448 courses were dropped last semester after the initial drop date.

"I like to talk to students and let them know they have options and what those options are," Beaty said.

Time and workload are often motivators for dropping courses, but the main cause for course dropping is grades, Beaty said.

Executive Director of Student Support Services Barbara Carraway said, "Most of the time, students drop because of grades. They need a certain GPA in order to keep their financial aid."

The fear of losing possible scholarship money and state-funded student aid contributes to students' course dropping, Carraway said.

A general apprehension of course material also plays a part in their decision making.

"Bradley is a more humanities school, so science and math classes are the ones often dropped," B.J. Lawrence, the associate dean of Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts said. "Students get afraid of these classes and they panic. They think the content is over their heads."

Freshman communications major Sam Mangieri dropped MTH 115.

"I didn't need the class I was taking and I didn't have enough time to complete the work," he said.

Many students believe in a philosophy of hard work and putting in the extra effort.

"I tell students to first go to the Center for Learning Assistance," Lawrence said. "They can help with time management and tutors, see the professor, find out office hours and work with them. Lastly, find an independent tutor."

Sophomore education major Tyler Fox said he encourages friends not to drop classes.

"Even if it's hard, I'm the type of person to work my butt off and get through it," he said.

Students should make an effort to stay enrolled in a course. However, there are occasions when dropping a class is seen as a smart if not responsible choice, Carraway said.

"I would rather see a student with nine credit hours and a 2.25 GPA than the regular 12 to 16 hours and a lower GPA," she said.

There is a fine line between responsible decision making and abusive habits, Carraway said.

"Dropping one or two classes is not a big deal," Carraway said. "But if someone has a steady habit of dropping, their work ethic, determination and persistence are all brought into question."

Bradley offers various sources, including deans, academic advisers and professors, to help students learn and understand their options before making decisions about classes.

110th Founder's Day pays tribute to Lydia Moss Bradley

BY ANNABELLE VANG
for the Scout

University President Joanne Glasser said she's looking forward to her first Founder's Day, a tribute to honor a woman who's inspired her.

"I like to imagine she'd quietly say to [Student Body President Jordan Ticaric] and to me, 'You go, girls,'" she said.

Founder's Day is an annual event paying tribute to Lydia Moss Bradley and Bradley alumni and faculty who've served over 25 years.

This year, Founder's Day will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday in Dingeldine Music Center. Classes are cancelled during the event.

This tribute has been going on since 1897. Founder's Day includes a convocation and a luncheon. It provides testimonies to Lydia Moss Bradley by Glasser, Ticaric and President of the Alumni Association Phil Bach.

Faculty are recognized for their research, teaching and service. Directly following the convocation is the Founder's Day Luncheon hosted by the Alumni Association and Central Illinois Bradley Alumni Chapter at 11:30 a.m. in the Michel Student Center ballroom. At the luncheon, two awards will be presented, the Outstanding Young Alumni and Distinguished Alumni Awards. The cost of the luncheon is $15 per person.

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said students usually get involved with Founder's Day.

"Typically, students will honor Lydia Moss Bradley by decorating her statue around 2 p.m. on Founder's Day," said Galsky.

Students have been known to decorate her with flowers, hats, scarves and other accessories. Galsky also said students have visited her grave to pay tribute.

"This has been going on since before I began teaching here, over 40 years ago," he said.

Galsky said he thinks this is a special year because our founder, University President and Student Body President are all female for the first time in Bradley history.

Founder Lydia Moss Bradley

"If Lydia Moss Bradley were here today she would be impressed by the student body," freshman AEP major Stephanie Schumacher said.

Galsky agreed.

"She would be proud of the university," he said. "In her days, women didn't even have the right to vote. Now they have presidential positions. We've come a long way."

Glasser said Lydia Moss Bradley would be proud of the university.

"I am confident that she would burst with pride at how the generations that have followed her have sought to do what was wise and honorable on behalf of this institution and that it has flourished to become an elite private university of national distinction," she said.

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Campus celebrates Constitution Day

BY ALLISON HOGSHEAD
for the Scout

Students enjoyed live music, skits, a picnic-style lunch and speakers at the Constitution Day celebration Monday.

"I believe Constitution Day is important because it is a chance for a university-wide program that incorporates the talents of Bradley students combined with appreciating and celebrating being in America," Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said.

Galsky said as many as 400 students, faculty and staff attended Constitution Day.

"There would've been 50 percent more students at Constitution Day if they hadn't had class during that time," he said.

University President Joanne Glasser and Student Body President Jordan Ticaric spoke during the celebration. The Manual High School color guard posted and retired the colors for the event.

During the spring semester, coordinators of the event will plan for next year's Constitution Day. Galsky said he plans to keep the same format with an outdoor program and lunch but plan on changing the music and performances. They want Constitution Day to happen every year.

"It is a chance to reflect on the Constitution and build a sense of pride for those living in America," Galsky said.

Galsky, who also teaches EHS 120, was one of four EHS 120 professors who required his students to go to Constitution Day because he said he believes in encouraging freshmen to enjoy Bradley's resources.

"I strongly felt that this was something that should be part of their freshman experience," Galsky said. "When they are sophomores, juniors and seniors, they can make their own decision on whether or not they want to go, but chances are they will since they enjoyed it in the past."

Freshman business major Brenna McMahon and freshman nursing major Hannah Liter went because it was required for their EHS 120 class with Galsky. Both found the event to be pleasant and worth their while.

"The speeches were pretty good," McMahon said.

The picnic luncheon also went over well with students. It cost one swipe of a meal plan card.

"The apple pie was pretty decent," Liter said. "Only thing I would've done differently was take away the cost."

Constitution Day was implemented at Bradley in response to a law passed three years ago requiring all colleges to have a day to honor the U.S. Constitution.

Bradley's first Constitution Day was in 2005, and it didn't include lunch or speakers. In 2006, Constitution Day was combined with a tribute in remembrance of the fifth anniversary of 9/11.

Constitution Day takes place Sep. 17 each year – the anniversary of the first state, Delaware, to sign the Constitution. It took about two and a half years for all thirteen colonies to sign it. 2007 is the 220th anniversary of the Constitution.

Top: Manual High School color guard performs during the Constitution Day Ceremony Monday afternoon. Above: Senior public relation majors Daunte Henderson and Suzie Bilek enjoy their lunches outside Baker Quad celebrating Constitution Day. Left: President Glasser speaks to students and faculty during the lunch ceremony.

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Clockwise, from left: A member of the color guard proudly displays the Illinois state flag; Student Body President Jordan Ticaric greets attendees; Members of the Woodwind band perform.

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Students find alternatives to washing laundry in St. James

BY MARKUS JOHNSON
for the Scout

Living off-campus has created laundry woes for upperclassmen.

A number of students living in St. James Apartment Complex are frustrated with the limited number of washers and dryers in the buildings.

St. James houses nearly 600 students. The number of students varies per building, but each building has two washing machines and two dryers.

Senior accounting major Ryan Pickering said he lives in a building with 36 other students. He's endured lengthy waits when doing laundry and has found alternative means to get his washing done.

"I pay to have my clothes washed at Squeaky Clean Laundromat," Pickering said.

Cambridge Manager Greg Pollard said the number of washers and dryers has been the same since the apartment complex was established. Since there have been no formal complaints, there are no plans to add any more laundry machines.

Mac-Gray Corporation, the company responsible for maintaining the machines at St. James, has never received formal complaints from the tenants regarding the number of machines.

Bruce George, a technician for Mac-Gray, said the number of machines is proportional to the number of tenants in the buildings. He also said the number of washers and dryers are comparable to the other dorms on campus.

George said the perception of laundry-room overcrowding has more to do with when people are doing laundry rather than the number of machines.

"I usually come in to do maintenance between 9 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon, because the laundry room gets pretty busy between 2 and 6," he said.

Senior advertising major Kyle Leland said she does her laundry at varied times, and learning to schedule is just part of college life.

Senior marketing major John Juliano does his laundry at St. James Apartment Complex late at night to avoid waiting for washers and dryers.
photo by Saleena Fortunato

"There were a couple of times where I had wait about an hour," she said. "If there were too many people, I would just leave and come back later."

Senior advertising major Jennifer Harris said students should avoid doing laundry on Sundays. She opts do to laundry at home for convenience, rather than in the backed-up laundry rooms.

Senior mechanical engineering major Jason Smid has never had a problem with the wait in St. James and feels laundry was a much bigger problem as an underclassman.

College students often targets of identity theft

BY NAFIA KHAN
for the Scout

Bradley students living on campus may have received pre-approved credit card offers in the mail. But accepting the offer could lead students down the harmful road of identity theft.

College students are the target of identity fraud and identity theft, two of the highest crimes on the rise. Identity fraud is typically when someone gets a hold of an existing bank account and runs up charges on a person's credit cards.

Identity theft is the "worse of the two," said Todd Davis, CEO of LifeLock, an identity theft prevention company. An individual poses as someone else and has the ability to access personal information to manipulate credit whichever way he or she wants.

"College students are young and have a lot of earning potential," Davis said. "They're more likely to overlook charges on a bank statement and less likely to appreciate a good credit score."

Davis said he thinks it's easy for hackers to get a hold of information.

"Almost 50 percent of the time, a student's information can be easily found through the university's databases," he said.

Other common entry points include offers on Web sites for "Free Ringtones" and peer-to-peer networks such as LimeWire.

"Anyone can find your Social Security number because you opened the door and let them in," Davis said.

To prevent identity theft and fraud, Davis said he urges students to set up fraud alerts. Major credit bureaus like Equifax and TransUnion offer free fraud alerts as part of their packages.

"Fraud alerts are the best line of defense you can have," he said.

Davis also encourages renewing alerts every 90 days for effective protection.

As CEO of LifeLock, Davis and his colleagues are confident about the company's reputation. LifeLock customers who experience any problems can receive a million dollar buyback from LifeLock.

"My social security number is 457-55-5462. Go ahead and try me," he said.

Junior social work major Cathleen Chandler has experienced firsthand problems with attempted identity fraud. She, her sister and mother share a bank account, and their account number was stolen.

"My mother got a call at 3 p.m. one day asking if she had made a $300 purchase from a New Jersey Macy's store," she said.

Chandler said the Discover cards had to be canceled.

"We didn't have to pay anything extra to have it fixed," she said. "It could have been so much worse."

Sophomore accounting major Eric Miller has known someone who has been a victim of identity theft.

"It's a long and grueling process that takes many months to clean up," he said. "Be diligent in your business transactions."

Sophomore sociology major Christina Seaton said she's never knowingly had problems with identity theft herself, but she said she's heard it's a growing problem.

"Someone can spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on your account and most of the time, they don't suffer any consequences," she said.

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Amnesty International moves in at Bradley

BY JIM FERRUZZA
for the Scout

A new club is trying to make a difference in the world without leaving campus.

Amnesty International, a human rights organization, now has a Bradley chapter.

Chris Sayasane, a junior management and administration major, and senior economics major Brian Biggs head the local chapter. Sayasane said the international organization, which started in the 1940s, does world-changing work.

"We are very broad based," he said. "We work to try and prevent genocide, illegal arms trading, violence against women, the international child sex trade and many other concerns."

Biggs agreed with Sayasane.

"We are involved with a whole variety of issues," he said. "We investigate human rights violations, both domestic and abroad and try to raise awareness about how people are being mistreated."

Sayasane said he belonged to a similar organization called the Bradley Peace Network, which is no longer on campus. He and Biggs met through Facebook. They tried to restart the organization but couldn't because of bureaucratic problems.

Amnesty Internatonal Info

What: An organization working to end human rights violations. Bradley's chapter was recently founded.

How to get involved: Meetings take place 8 p.m. every other Thursday in Bradley Hall 160. The group will host a guest speaker from Artists for Human Rights on Sept. 28.

For more information, contact buai07@yahoo.com

Sayasane had a friend at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who belonged to Amnesty International. He recommended they start a chapter at Bradley.

Sayasane and Biggs began planning the chapter a year ago and received funding last semester. Biggs said Bradley has been known to be apathetic.

"Living here in the United States and especially going to Bradley, a private school, it's really easy to get sucked up in the academic and social life," he said.

Sayasane said he's happy with student participation.

"We have quite a few freshmen who had been in the organization in high school, so they might eventually take over," he said.

Despite having some experienced members in Amnesty International, Sayasane and Biggs said they're always looking for new members, especially officers.

"We just want to get the word out," Biggs said. "We're just trying to get people involved. The best thing that people can do is just show up. We hope people will be moved. The first step is understanding."

Sayasane said he became involved with the organization because he liked its philosophy.

"What I like about Amnesty International is that they are nonbiased, nonpolitical and nonreligious," he said. "As long as someone didn't get a fair trial, Amnesty International will be there."

Biggs said he thinks the organization is important because of the work it does to help people in need.

"A lot of people are being mistreated around the world whose voices don't get heard," he said. "We want to get their voices heard. We want to let people know that there are a lot of people doing unjust things. We just want to let people know that through education and awareness we can change the situation for the better."

Freshman criminal justice major Travis Gauwitz said he didn't know Amnesty International had a Bradley chapter.

"I possibly might go to a meeting," he said.

Senior math major Devin Burns said he's too busy to join but is glad the organization is on campus.

"Amnesty does some pretty good stuff," he said.

Junior English major Nicole Sutton said she'd like to go to a meeting.

"I definitely think that anything that helps people in that kind of a tragic situation is important," she said. "I think that it's good that there are people doing that."

Biggs said anyone who's interested should come to one of the group's meetings, which take place at 8 p.m. every other Thursday in Bradley Hall 160.

Biggs said the group will host a guest speaker from Artists for Human Rights on Sept. 28.

Minimum wage increase not benefiting some BU workers

EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

A recent increase in Illinois minimum wage didn't result in pay increases for many Bradley employees.

Minimum wage increased from $6.50 to $7.50 per hour over the summer.

Director of Payroll Marianne Rees said changes were made to comply with new state standards.

"All students that made less than $7.50 per hour were increased to a minimum of $7.50 per hour with the new minimum wage increase," she said.

However, changes were not made for university employees making $7.50 or more.

Director of Human Resources Nena Peplow said employee pay is based on a variety of factors.

"In regards to employee wage increases, they are communicated to employees before June 1, the beginning of the fiscal year," she said. "Increases are tied to many factors including performance, assessment of market wage, economic factors and availability of university funds."

The increase in minimum wage came in July, therefore employees had already been informed of their salaries for this school year.

However, Peplow said the increase is something the payroll department will be looking at for future pay evaluations.

"There is a respectable margin between minimum wage and our employee wages, but recent changes in minimum wage could affect market wage conditions," she said. "The university will certainly give that consideration going forward."

Sophomore dietetics major Cat Schamberger said employees' salaries should've been increased this year.

"The whole system needs to shift," she said.

Schamberger said she experienced problems with the minimum wage increase during her summer job.

"At first they weren't going to increase my pay so first-year workers would have been making the same as me after I've put in the time and worked there for five years," she said.

Illinois has one of the highest minimum wages in the country. Federal minimum wage is $5.85.

Schamberger said increasing minimum wage was a good idea.

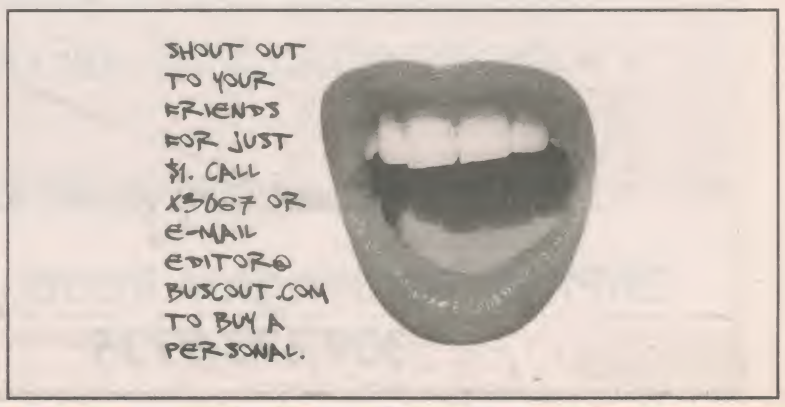
"With an increase in prices on everything, such as oil, they needed to raise the minimum wage so people can afford things," she said.

According to www.acorn.org, there are 450,000 households in Illinois whose main incomes are from minimum wage jobs.

Even with the minimum wage increase, those earning minimum wage are still under the poverty line.

The Web site also states increases in minimum wage adversely affect businesses by causing more educated workers to be replaced by less educated ones and decreasing overall employment levels.

The federal minimum wage is set to be $7.25 by July 2009, and Illinois minimum wage is will increase to $8.25 by 2010.



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Henderson said he and the other students thought Eeten would leave if the lights and music were off.

But Eeten called for backup, according to university police reports, and several officers came to the scene.

Henderson said he and the other students looked for ways to escape the apartment.

"We went in different rooms just to see if we could get out a window or something just to get away," he said. "But there were cops at every window by the time people started doing that."

Henderson said he heard officers trying to get in the windows. Bradley junior Joshua Helsel, who was later arrested for aggravated battery to a police officer with great bodily harm, resisting arrest and obstructing police, was in a different bedroom than Henderson. But Henderson heard a fight.

"We started hearing all this noise – banging and smashing," Henderson said. "Josh [Helsel] was screaming, 'I'm down. I'm down. I'm down.' So we were all wondering what the hell was going on."

University police reports state that Helsel attempted to shut a window on Officer Scott Klinkradt when Klinkradt was attempting to enter through it. The two had a tug-of-war before Helsel pulled Klinkradt through and struck him several times.

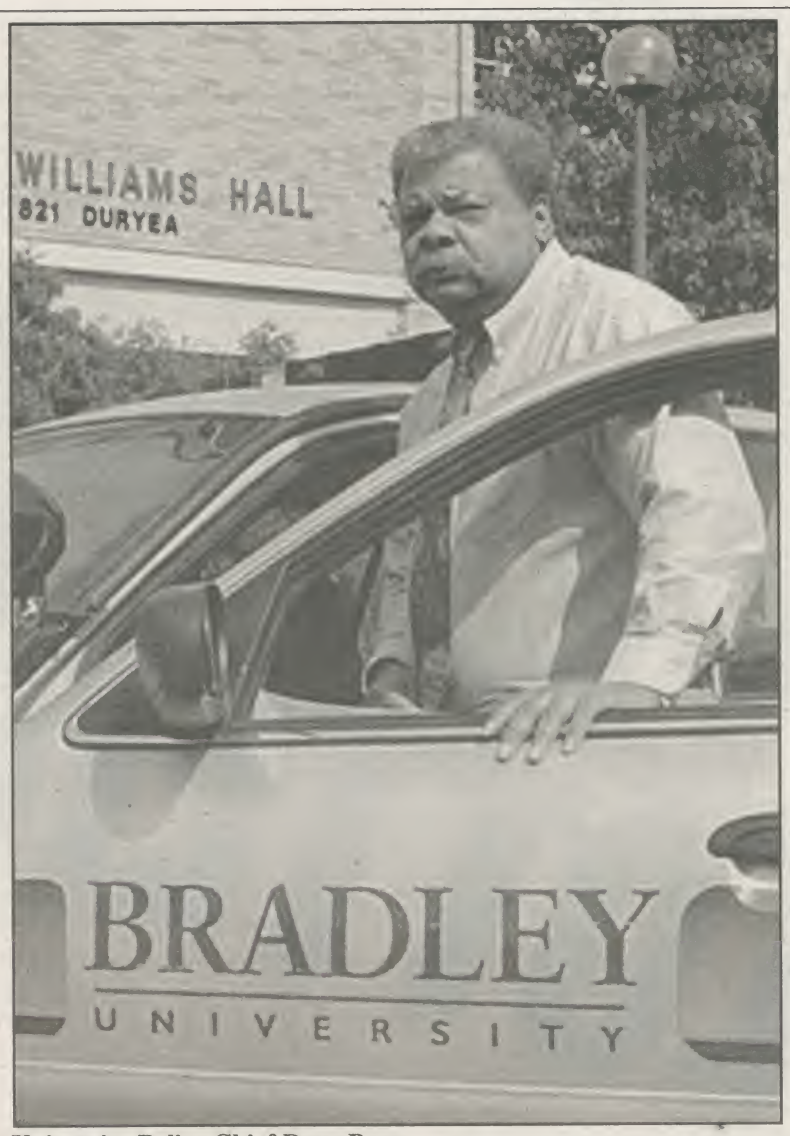
However, Henderson said he talked to a witness who was in the bedroom with Helsel and Klinkradt, and the witness said Klinkradt grabbed Helsel's head and pushed it into the wall.

"There's a hole in the dry-wall about this big," Henderson said as he held his hands about a foot apart. "Blood splattered all over where they slammed his head into the drywall."

Henderson said once the officers gained entry into the apartment through the window, the officers let Eeten in through the front door.

"[Eeten] started screaming, 'You're all going to jail. You're all going to jail,'" Henderson said.

Henderson said he and the other students were sitting in the living room waiting to get drinking tickets when Bradley junior Nels Chelstrom asked an officer if he had a warrant to be there.



University Police Chief Dave Baer

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Baer said the officers didn't need a warrant to enter the apartment because a tenant had given Eeten the OK to enter.

"They aren't going there to search the place, so no search warrant is needed," he said. "You can knock on every apartment door you want as long as you've got some mission."

Henderson said when Chelstrom asked about the warrant, an officer grabbed Chelstrom's forearm and slammed him into the counter, splitting his chin open.

University police reports state Chelstrom was recording the incident on his cell phone and was arrested after police asked him repeatedly to stop and get out of the way, and he refused.

Baer said Chelstrom was resisting arrest and flailing his body, and he hit his chin on the counter.

Bradley juniors Brian Chrisman and Benjamin Weinert were also arrested for obstructing police and disorderly conduct.

Officers issued 22 drinking tickets. Henderson said the partiers could have saved time, injuries and arrests by opening the door to begin with. He said if they knew how the incident would turn out, they "definitely would have just opened the door and taken the drinking tickets."

Baer said he's suspect of Henderson's account of the incident because Henderson said he was drinking and not in the same room as some of the action. While Baer said it's possible that officers could lie in their police reports, he doesn't think that's what happened.

"If an officer writes a report, they are swearing to the fact that the information they are providing is accurate to the best of their recollection," he said. "Certainly it could happen. But if it comes out that they have lied, they stand to lose their job."

Baer and Henderson both said they don't know if the situation is going to court.

Chelstrom, Chrisman, Helsel, Weinert and witnesses declined comment.

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new members to spend more time with fraternity members on an intimate level. Some men may need more time to make lifelong decisions.

She said 50 percent of all freshmen men go through formal recruitment, and informal recruitment is a good way to reach the other half of male freshmen.

Smoley said Fiji is a dry house, which means it doesn't allow alcohol. He said it's a choice fraternity members made, and he thinks it doesn't negatively affect recruitment numbers.

"If you ask all the guys in the house they would say, 'yeah, we like being a dry house,'" he said.

Smoley said the fraternity attracted men by participating in student activities and talking to freshmen around campus.

Trolian said she thinks some potential new members prefer smaller fraternities while some like joining larger ones.

A member's fraternity experience is different if he's in a large fraternity as opposed to a small one, she said.

"With larger fraternities, you're around obviously more people and you are involved with more activities, and smaller organizations provide opportunity for immediate leadership," she said.

Trolian said in a smaller fraternity, freshmen and sophomores could have executive board positions. In larger fraternities, more people compete for the same amount of positions as in smaller ones.

She said instituting a quota, or a number of new members every fraternity must take, doesn't make sense. She thinks it wouldn't be fair to tell a smaller fraternity to take more men.

"Why would we require an organization to take 20 men when they're preference is to take three or four or five men that they are really interested in?" she said.

Also, fraternities' national organizations don't encourage quotas on campuses.

Delta Upsilon President Tim Disch said he thinks the new Interfraternity Council recruitment rules helped his chapter attract more men. IFC created the rules to make recruitment less formal and encourage interpersonal communication between fraternity and new members.

He said this year, DU members were able to get to know potential new members sooner and find out which men would fit the fraternity.

"We have to take advantage of if guys want to come eat with you in the cafeteria, that was awesome," he said. "In previous years, if we knew even like a little brother we couldn't talk to him."

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"The recruitment process was good," she said. "My recruitment counselor was great, and I knew exactly where to be at what time."

An evaluation process is being conducted over the next couple weeks to determine what changes will be made for next year's fall recruitment.

Robinson said she didn't think much needed to be changed.

"The only thing that I would like to see happen would be to be able to spend more time with each girl that was talking to me in the houses," she said.

Robinson said conversations were a main factor in choosing which sorority to join.

"The girls at Alpha Chi Omega were genuine and welcoming," she said. "I was able to have conversations with all of them that I was able to talk to."

Trolian said sororities and fraternities are also looking to make changes during the year.

"As I have met with chapter presidents from each organization, I have found that all groups are focusing on adding additional leadership and service programs, working with new members to get them more involved in their prospective fraternity or sorority on campus and focusing on improving scholarship to increase their overall GPA," Trolian said.

Police Reports

At about 4 p.m. Sept. 17, a man reported his bicycle missing from 704 N. Duryea Avenue. He said he locked his bike with a cable lock to the railing on his front porch at about midnight and when he returned, his bike and the cable lock were gone. The bike is a light metallic blue Trek mountain bike. There are no suspects at this time.

At about 11 p.m. Sept. 15, a man was driving eastbound on Farmington Road when an unknown person threw a beer bottle through his car window, hitting him on the shoulder and neck. The man stopped the vehicle in the parking lot of Jimmy's Pub and confronted the person who threw the bottle. The argument escalated to a physical altercation, and the two men were pulled apart from one another. Witnesses announced the police were on their way and the man fled from the scene, returning to his girlfriend's house to call Bradley police. The victim said his right knee, jaw and ribs hurt and he planned on going to Proctor Hospital to have his injuries examined. Bradley police informed the victim Jimmy's Pub isn't within their jurisdiction and he would have to contact county police.

At about midnight Sept. 17, an officer noticed a group of people standing near Dingeldine Music Center. The officer stopped his car and saw the group of people scatter. He called for them to stop and noticed the odors of burning marijuana and alcohol in the air. The officer identified five of the people to be David Bornfleth, Jonathan Gher, Emily Habisch, Daniel Severance and Matthias Loomis. The officer also found beer and a small bowl pipe filled with marijuana. Bornfleth had a Missouri driver's license stating his name was James A. Bornfleth, which he admitted to stealing from his brother to purchase alcohol. All five were given tickets for possession and consumption of alcohol by a non-age person and referred to Residential Life to discuss the marijuana. Bornfleth's Missouri ID was confiscated.

At about 11 p.m. Sept. 15, a student parked his vehicle in the parking lot at 1501 W. Fredonia Ave. He returned at about 6:45 p.m. Sept. 16 to find his car scratched down either side and an insult scratched into the paint on the driver's side corner of the hood. The victim said he has had previous problems with another student who he believes may have scratched his car. but doesn't wish to pursue any further police investigation.

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Freshman Rudy Garcia juggles the ball away from the Bearcats during Sunday's game at Shea Stadium. Bradley defeated Cincinnati 1-0 to record its second consecutive shutout. The Braves are now 4-1-1 on the season.

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The Bradley Braves come together during the second half of Sunday's game after Grant Campbell scored his second goal of the season.

Photo by Saleena Fortunato

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Cincinnati attempted to even the score late in the game when a Bearcats' player sent a rocket towards the goal in the 83rd minute, but Haynes made the save to keep Cincinnati off the board.

DeRose said he expects the Braves defense to be strong all season.

"Our identity is to win tight games and lock up the other team's best attacking players," he said.

DeRose sang the praises of senior Teddy Anderson for his defensive performance in the game.

"I thought [he] just did a phenomenal job on two or three guys today," he said. "That really allowed us to be in a position to win it late."

Anderson downplayed those remarks. He said the defense was simply doing what it was supposed to.

"We're doing our part. That's our job is to mark down their best players and try to not let them get on the stat sheet," he said. "We did a pretty decent job today."

Anderson said he thinks as the Braves' fitness level improves, it will help them continue to provide a solid defensive effort throughout the remainder of the season.

"We did miss a lot of practices at the beginning of the year," Anderson said. "But I think our game fitness is starting to come as the season goes on. As long as we keep learning and keep getting fit while we're winning, then that works for us."

Along with Anderson, DeRose said he was also impressed by the play of 5-foot-7 freshman Rudy Garcia.

"Rudy had a great game," he said. "One of the things that has impressed me most about [him] is that you worry a little bit about his size, but he's got a great competitive spirit."

The Braves will attempt to extend their shutout streak tomorrow night when they host No. 21 Saint Louis at Shea Stadium.

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Braves were up by nine points before the Shockers came back to take the lead 26-22.

The Braves then battled back, getting strong play from their freshmen. Black gave the Braves the lead with an attack that made the score 29-28. Bradley scored the game winning point off of a block on the next play and won the game.

The Braves couldn't carry their success into game four and dropped the game and the match. Bradley was tied at 7-7, but let the game get away from them shortly after.

Starks and fellow freshman Melissa Collins had strong performances in the second match of the weekend, but they couldn't do enough to stop the team from losing three straight games to the Bears.

The Braves hit a respectable .241 in the first game, but were overpowered by the Bears .389 attack percentage. The Braves lost the game 30-16.

In the second game of the match, the Bears took an early lead, 19-9. The Braves couldn't come back and fell 30-18.

The third game was the closest of the match. The Braves were up 16-14 before Missouri State started to pull away and had a 23-18 lead. The Braves rallied to make it 23-21 but were never able to come all the way back. They eventually lost the match 30-24.

Black had her second strong match of the weekend, contributing 17 assists and 11 digs.

The team is preparing for a good weekend.

"We are able to compete from an offensive point-of-view," Luster said. "We need to make the defense strong and pass better."

The Braves will be helped by the return of Katrina Goncher. She has been sitting out due to a concussion suffered in practice.

The Braves play their next game at 7 p.m. tonight, when they face off against Drake at Robertson Memorial Field

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seasons as an assistant.

Before his time at Western Michigan, Wolicki worked as a volunteer assistant at Virginia, where he coached two players who were ranked in the national top 30.

This will be Wolicki's first season as a head coach, a goal he said he has been working towards since he broke into coaching.

"Initially when I got started with college coaching it was my dream," he said. "It's a great opportunity being here at Bradley."

Wolicki said he had opportunities to coach at other schools this season, but chose Bradley because he thinks he can build a successful program here on the Hilltop.

"There were actually several other opportunities during the summer with head coaching positions that I interviewed [for]," he said. "From all those positions that I interviewed, I felt like Bradley had the most to offer."

Wolicki said Bradley's academic reputation had a lot to do with his choice.

"I think every time we look at a student athlete we not only want to develop them athletically, but we want to give them the overall student athlete experience," he said. "When they leave here most of them will not turn professional in the sport they compete in. I think with Bradley being such a good academic school, when a student comes through here we can get the most out of them academically and athletically."

With only three players returning from last year's team, the Braves feature a lot of youth and inexperience.

Wolicki said a lack of experience might slow the team at first, but he thinks a busy fall schedule will help prepare the players for the team portion of the schedule in the spring.

"We do have a very young team. We have a lot of new guys coming in so naturally it's going to be an adjustment period," he said. "I've taken the time to schedule a lot of fall tournaments this season to get these guys as ready as we can for the spring."

Tennis players earn individual wins

Men earn early-round victories before faltering late in the tournament

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The men's tennis team opened it's season at the Ball State Invitational in Muncie, Ind. The tournament marked the beginning of a new era under new head coach Jacek Wolicki.

In singles play, the Braves came out solid on the first day of competition, and many players had strong first games.

Michel Macara-chvili

In Flight A, freshman Milos Romic put away Eastern Illinois' Jordan Nostrud in three sets with scores of 6-3, 5-7, 10-6.

Romic later fell to Eduardo Pavis of Ball State in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3.

"I wasn't really happy with my singles matches at the tournament. I felt like I couldn't give 100 percent of myself, because I haven't played a lot of matches in the last year, so I'm not really mentally and physically sharp right now," Romic said. "I just need to play a lot of matches so I can gain some confidence."

Junior Evgony Samoylov also competed in Flight A singles. He took down IPFW's Nabil Fiho with scores of 6-3, 6-3. He lost his second match to Ball State's Jarrod Epkey by the same scores of 6-3, 6-3.

In Flight B singles, Bradley freshman Vuk Bolic defeated Cleveland State's Rob West 6-4, 2-6, 10-8. He then lost to Marquette's Stephen Shao in straight sets 7-5, 6-2.

Michel Macara-chvili also competed in Flight B singles but couldn't continue the streak of first round victories and lost to Shaun Bussert of Ball State 6-1, 7-6.

Flight C singles included freshman Wilder Sampson winning his first match 6-0, 6-1 over Cleveland State's Adam Perkins.

Eastern Illinois' Robert Stedman defeated Bradley sophomore Richard Robertson 7-6, 6-2.

On the second day of play, Sampson had a quarterfinal match in flight C singles.

Sampson beat Sam Brown of Butler University 6-2, 7-6. He then lost 2-6, 6-0 to Marquette's Pete Van Lieshout. The match ended singles play for the Braves in the tournament.

The Braves doubles teams got off to a slow start.

Flight A saw Bolic and Romic falling to Ball State's Jose Perdomo and Epkey with a score of 8-6.

Samoylov and Macara-chvili lost their first game of Flight B doubles 9-8 to Nathan Jones and Justin Collins of IPFW.

Sampson and Robertson's Flight C doubles victory over Blake Douglass and Gregory Sirotek of Marquette highlighted the first day of doubles play for the Braves.

The second day of doubles matched Sampson and sophomore Richard Robertson against Eastern Illinois' Jeff Rutherford and Sean Bush. They lost the match 9-7.

On the last day of the tournament, Bolic and Romic played for the consolation doubles championship. The duo fell to Danny Vidal and Eduardo Pavia of Ball State.

"Had we held our serves more often, we would have had much better results," Romic said. "We also failed to use our opportunities in the matches that we lost, so we didn't do so well. However, we're working really hard on the practice courts right now, so I hope that things are going to start falling into place."

The Braves will play at 7 p.m. tonight to kick off the Bradley Invitational at the Markin Tennis Courts. It will be the last tournament before the Missouri Valley Conference individual championship in Omaha, Neb. next weekend.

Women's team picks up wins in both singles and doubles play at the Bowling Green Invitational Tournament

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

The women's tennis team posted some impressive wins in last weekend's Bowling Green Invitational. The invite was a two-day ordeal for the Braves, and the first day was frustrating.

The Braves' Emily Regenold impressed and split a pair of matches in Flight 1 singles. She earned a first round victory over Tonya Gombera of Akron in three sets, 3-6, 6-2, 10-2. Regenold struggled in the second round and lost against Anna Volkova of Youngstown State 6-0, 6-3.

Regenold finished the invite in third place in Flight 1 singles, losing to Kara Courntey of Xavier, 6-3, 6-3.

Kelly Donohue

The rest of the team struggled on the first day of the event.

Bradley sophomore Kelly Donohue lost her first match of the season in the first round to Maha Guirguis of Toledo, 6-3, 6-4 in Flight 2 singles. Donohue then fell in her second match to Carolina Castro Cota of Akron.

Jessica Buterbaugh also had a pair of losses on Saturday. Buterbaugh lost in the quarterfinals in three sets to Jenn Myers of Cleveland State, 6-4, 2-6, 10-7. She lost again on the first day to Aneta Maricevic of Detroit.

The second day was more productive for the Braves.

Bradley junior Erin Krubeck defeated Kelly Culbertson of Youngstown State 7-5, 6-2 to finish seventh place in Flight 5 singles.

Jessica Buterbaugh

The Braves' Kim Braun finished seventh in Flight 6 singles, defeating Hannah Patten of Youngstown State, 6-2, 6-0.

Braun finished the invite strong but was unsatisfied with her play over the weekend.

"I was not very happy with my results," Braun said. "I thought I could have performed better."

But Braun was happy her team got to play in the tournament and said its a tight knit unit who help each other out.

"This was a great tournament for us because we played tough teams and as a result improved our games," she said. "We have a very close team, so we do everything we can to help each other on and off the court."

In doubles action, Krubeck and Donahue won their seventh place match in Flight 3 doubles over Patten and Irena Lanc of Youngstown State, 8-3.

Bradley freshman Nicole Miller and Buterbaugh lost a pair of matches Sunday in Flight 1 doubles. They lost to Anna Volkova and Emily Thayer of Youngstown State, 8-5. The pair came up short again in its next match against Sanda Bjelan and Charlotte Gibbons of Cleveland State, 8-4.

The duo of Braun and Regenold dropped the seventh place match to Culbertson and Tanisha Welch of Youngstown State, 8-5 in Flight 2 doubles.

The Braves will take this weekend off before traveling to Omaha, Neb. Sept. 27 for the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Championship.

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Belichick's legacy forever tarnished

BY ADAM KAGAN

The NFL's most feared and respected coach now has a huge asterisk next to his name.

New England Patriot's head coach Bill Belichick has tarnished his reputation after being found guilty of stealing the New York Jets' signals before their Week One game.

Belichick refused to comment on the incident during press conferences. The only thing he was concerned with was talking about the San Diego Chargers.

"I think I've addressed [the situation]," Belichick told www.patriots.com, "And right now I think it's time to address the Chargers. I think that's the most important thing for our football team."

That may be the best thing for your team, but you owe an explanation to the fans who've supported you and your team for the last seven years.

We're not talking about just another NFL team here. The Patriots have been the NFL's poster team since 2001. Tom Brady and Belichick have been considered one of the best quarterback/coaching tandems ever.

Every single team in the NFL knows when you play the Patriots it's going to be a chess match. Belichick's schemes and game plans have always been so well-designed and thought out. The media, fans and other NFL teams have always been under the impression that Belichick was smart and clever.

That assumption was proven false during Week One. Belichick has been labeled a cheater and joins the list of other employees who've taken hard hits from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The punishments of NFL players Tank Johnson, Adam "Pacman" Jones and Chris Henry weren't surprising. These individuals had a history of causing problems so their mistakes didn't have a huge impact on the NFL.

Though Michael Vick's allegations and eventual indictment for dog fighting came as a surprise to many, he's caused problems in the past.

Vick was previously involved in an airport incident in which he was thought to have tried to transport marijuana inside a water bottle. Vick also caused problems when he flicked off a fan at a home game last year.

Although Vick was found innocent in the airport incident and apologized for his emotional actions against the fan, he did have some history of causing problems.

Belichick's incident comes as a huge surprise and disappointment to the NFL. No one ever imagined seeing Belichick's name next to the word cheater.

The Patriots have always been a team which has stressed morals and good character. Belichick is known for drafting and signing only players with no previous legal troubles.

Belichick is now a hypocrite for becoming a distraction and problem to his own team. The very man who has always talked about doing the right thing has pulled the wool over everyone's eyes. He's embarrassed his personnel, the NFL and his players.

The image of the Patriots as the "modern football dynasty" is ruined. Football fans will never forget this.

It's known throughout the league that teams will try to steal each other's signals. However, this is done by the human eye and not videotape. The use of videotape allows teams to constantly go over and study signals so they can use them for competitive advantages.

Apparently the Patriots have had a competitive advantage all along. It's no wonder they've always pulled off miracle wins and racked up three Super Bowl titles.

Belichick has a 76-37 career record with the Patriots. That means 67 percent of the time the Patriots have won under coach Belichick.

What's even more impressive is Belichick's postseason record. It ranks second all-time to Bill Walsh's record. The Patriots are 12-2 in the playoffs with their head coach. This record will get Belichick into the Hall of Fame instantly when his time comes.

If Belichick had signals stolen for every game it means he's cheated his way to three Super Bowl titles. Maybe having those signals on videotape gave the Patriots an extra advantage to beat all of the teams they met in the Super Bowl.

It's sad to know all of Belichick's records have been achieved through cheating, or at least some kind of constant competitive advantage.

It's also a huge disappointment for all the kids who view the Patriots as role models. This incident will give children the wrong impression, leading them to view cheating as a way to become successful.

Goodell didn't hand out a harsh enough punishment for the New England coach. Losing a draft pick and $500,000 will hurt Belichick, but not in the long run.

The Patriots still have the victory, and the punishment won't hurt them moving forward. Belichick should've been suspended and not allowed anywhere near team facilities for three or four games.

The NFL has been the fastest growing sport in the last 10 years. The fan base has increased dramatically, and the NFL is even having games in other countries now.

The constant problems these players and coaches have caused so far this year have been detrimental to the league's image.

Belichick is one of the best coaches in the league, if not the best. He'll go down in history as a great game planner and motivator for his team.

It's too bad he'll also go down in history as a cheater.

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One-on-One

What's the most boring sport on televison?

Golf

Golf is by far the most boring sport to watch on TV.

The action lasts for one second, when the golfer makes contact with the ball. The other 99.9 percent of the time the golfers are doing nothing.

They're walking around, practicing their swings or talking with their caddies.

No one wants to waste their weekends sitting on the couch watching these guys do absolutley nothing.

To avoid this downtime, networks show all the different golfers taking their shots. The majority of fans only know a handful of golfers, and most only tune in to see Tiger Woods.

It's not like other sports where people know everyone in the league and cheer for their favorite players.

There probably aren't many kids who have posters of their favorite golfers hanging on their walls. Those sacred spots are reserved for great athletes like Michael Jordan and Walter Payton.

If you go down to your local school, you won't hear much chatter about how Phil Mickelson did on the 17th, or what club Tiger chose to reach the green on the 12th.

The fact is, golf is an actionless sport, and if it weren't for Woods being one of the greatest athletes of all time, there would be no reason to watch.

- Alex Mayster

Figure Skating

It's hard to imagine anything more boring than televised golf, but such a thing does exist.

The culprit? Figure skating.

Watching a figure skating competition on TV will put you to sleep faster than drinking an entire bottle of NyQuil or listening to classical music.

There's only one enjoyable sport that takes place on ice and it involves a stick, puck, net and a lot of fighting. Figure skating has none of those things. How exactly is that supposed to be entertaining?

If he's not firing 100 mph slap-shots into a net, there's simply no reason for a man in skates to be on TV.

Well, unless that man happens to be named Will Ferrell, but that's a completely different story.

The fact is, only once in its history has figure skating managed to climb to a level of even minimal relevance. That, of course, was the infamous Tonya Harding incident.

Having an athlete conspire to injure one of his or her competitors can do wonders for a sport, but even tire-iron wielding lunatics can only hold your attention for so long.

Unless ESPN decides to try and make "Watching Paint Dry" as the next great televised sporting event, figure skating will continue to be the most boring sport on TV.

- Adam Mettrick

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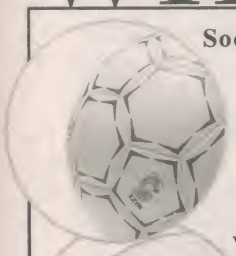

Soccer

Saturday
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at Shea Stadium

Volleyball

Today
at 7 p.m.
vs. Drake
at Robertson Memorial Field House

Saturday
at 7 p.m.
vs. Creighton
at Robertson Memorial Field House

Tuesday
at 7 p.m.
vs. Valparaiso
at Valparaiso, Ind.

Cross Country

Not in action this week

Men's Tennis

Today
TBA
Bradley Invitational
at Markin Tennis Courts

Saturday
TBA
Bradley Invitational
at Markin Tennis Courts

Sunday
TBA
Bradley Invitational
at Markin Tennis Courts

Women's Tennis

Thursday
TBA
MVC Individual Championship
at Omaha, Neb.

Sport SHORTS

Favre breaks all-time quarterback win mark

Last Sunday Brett Favre became the winningest quarterback in NFL history.

The Packers win over the Giants gave Favre his 149th career win. That tops John Elway who now has the second most wins for a quarterback with 148.

Favre had a strong game completing 29-of-38 passes for 286 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. The Packers routed the Giants 35-13.

Favre's record is just another achievement on a resume which will likely land him in the Hall of Fame when his career is over.

Favre is also chasing another record currently held by Dan Marino. Only four touchdown passes separate Favre from breaking Marino's all-time record of 420 career touchdown passes.

Thome blasts 500th career home run

Chicago White Sox designated hitter Jim Thome hit his 500th career home run last Sunday, and in the process won his team the game 9-7.

The Peoria native nailed a two-run shot during the bottom of the ninth inning to win the game.

Thome is just the 23rd player in MLB history to join the 500 home run club, an achievment widely considered a benchmark for Hall of Fame induction.

Thome reached the mark in only 6,809 at-bats, the fourth fewest in history.

Members of men's and women's tennis teams pick up individual wins. Page A18

Braves blank Bearcats for fourth win

Soccer team notches second straight shutout in 1-0 win over Cincinnati

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The soccer team took advantage of strong defensive play Sunday to post its second straight shutout, beating Cincinnati 1-0.

The Bradley defense held the Bearcats (1-4-0) to only three shots on goal in the game, and senior goalkeeper Mike Haynes was up to the task on all of them. Haynes finished the contest with three saves to preserve the shutout for the Braves (4-1-1).

Bradley's previous shutout came Sept. 13 when the team traveled to Macomb and downed Western Illinois for an easy 3-0 win.

Sunday's game proved to be a defensive struggle on both sides, as neither team managed to net a goal until late in the second half.

The lone goal came in the 78th minute when sophomore midfielder Grant Campbell gathered up a loose ball in front of the net and sent a kick just inside the right post to give Bradley the 1-0 victory.

Coach Jim DeRose said Campbell plays all over the field and always seems to be in the right place at the right time.

"He's 5-foot-8, he plays 6-3 and he's always got his nose in there," he said. "He's already broken his nose once, he got pulled out again at [Western Illinois] for blood. It's probably the first game of the year he hasn't been pulled out for blood, so that tells you a lot about his courage."

The Braves had several other opportunities to score in the contest.

Bradley failed to score early in the game when senior Joe Donoho sent a header over the top of the net. The team also was unsuccessful on a succession of corner kicks prior to Campbell's goal.

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Senior Stephen Brust keeps the ball away from a Cincinnati defender. The Braves won 1-0 against the Bearcats. *Photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Volleyball losing streak hits 6 with pair of weekend losses

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's volleyball team dropped its first two Missouri Valley Conference games of the year last weekend, falling to the Wichita State Shockers (7-4, 1-1 MVC) and the Missouri State Bears (11-2, 2-0 MVC).

The pair of losses extended Bradley's losing streak to six.

The Braves (1-11, 0-2 MVC) were looking to turn their season around against their conference foes. They dropped their first match to the Shockers in four games: 30-16, 30-15, 28-30, 30-15.

Alex Starks

Nikki Pierzchala

The first match was highlighted by freshman Alex Starks who recorded 12 kills. Junior Sam Black added 18 assists and 12 digs. Senior Nikki Pierzchala, the most consistent player on the team, contributed 8 kills.

In the second match of the weekend, the Braves were swept by the MVC leading Bears. They lost the three games by scores of 16-30, 18-30, 24-30.

"Starks did a nice job for us with her 12 kills," said coach Scott Luster. "She showed us the talent that we will see for the next four years."

Luster said Starks will miss the remainder of the year with an injured shoulder. She's in the process of applying for a medical redshirt.

Overall Bradley wasn't able to handle the intensity of Wichita State. The Shockers had 12 aces and held the Braves to a .087 attack percentage.

The Braves started the first game well, and had the score tied 9-9. The Shockers then went on an 11-2 run to go up by a score of 20-9. The deficit proved to be too much for the Braves to handle, and they lost the game 30-16.

Bradley lost 30-15 in the second game of the match.

The Braves never had much of chance in the game, allowing the Shockers to hit .395, and score double the amount of points.

After two tough losses, the Braves showed heart in the third game. They started the game strong and scored the first five points. The

see **VOLLEYBALL** Page A17

Wolicki takes control of men's tennis team

New coach confident he can build a winning program on the Hilltop

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

It's been several years since the men's tennis team has ventured from the cellar of the Missouri Valley Conference, but new coach Jacek Wolicki thinks that's about to change.

"I have extremely high expectations for this program," he said. "Not only in the [MVC] but also on the national level."

Jacek Wolicki

Wolicki, who was named as the team's new coach in August following the resignation of Mark Dolan, said he isn't sure how long it will take to turn the program around, but intends to do it as quickly as possible.

"The transition period is seldom perfect. It's hard to judge how long [it's] going to take," he said. "But already here early in the season we're taking steps in the right direction."

Wolicki comes to Bradley after serving as an assistant coach at Western Michigan for two years.

In those two seasons, Wolicki helped guide the Broncos to a 43-13 record, two Mid-American Conference tournament titles and two trips to the NCAA tournament. The program also appeared in the national rankings during both of Wolicki's

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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL	MVC	OVERALL
MISSOURI STATE	2-0	11-2
ILLINOIS STATE	2-0	10-3
CREIGHTON	1-0	7-5
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	1-1	9-4
WICHITA STATE	1-1	8-4
EVANSVILLE	1-1	8-5
NORTHERN IOWA	1-1	6-6
DRAKE	0-1	3-9
INDIANA STATE	0-2	3-7
BRADLEY	0-2	1-11

SOCCER	MVC	OVERALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-0	5-1-1
BRADLEY	0-0	4-1-1
DRAKE	0-0	4-2-0
CREIGHTON	0-0	3-0-2
EVANSVILLE	0-0	3-3-0
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	2-3-1
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-0	1-3-2

On the Record

"They got me up at 5 o'clock this morning, so I've been able to test the effectiveness of the product. I'm pleased to be sitting here and not yawning."

— Dale Earnhardt Jr. discussing his new sponsor, Mountain Dew

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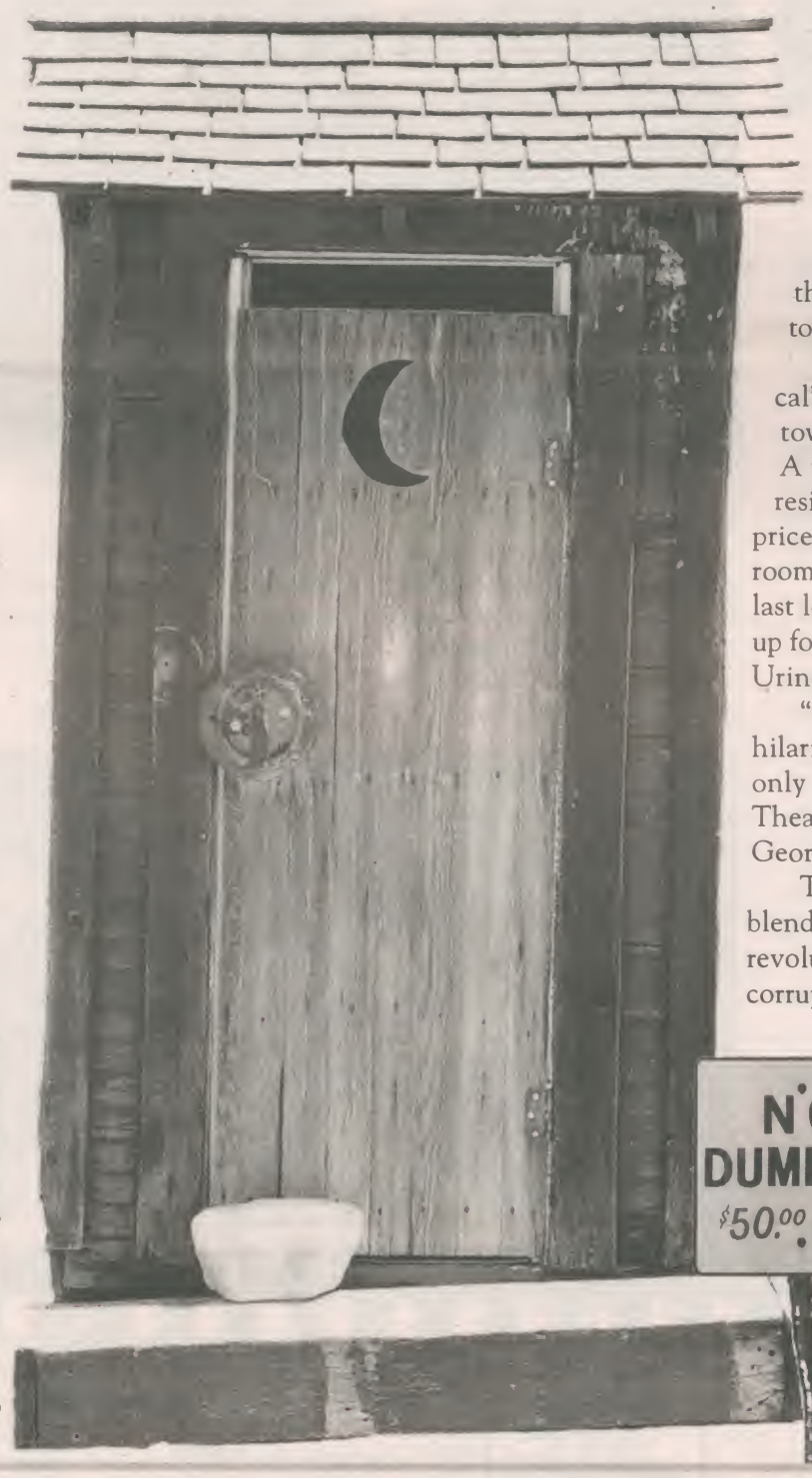
BRADLEY TAKES STUDENTS TO 'URINETOWN'



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BY ALLISON HOGSHEAD
for Voice

If you're planning on using the restroom during "Urinetown," be thankful you won't have to pay.

"Urinetown the Musical" is about a fictional town set in the near future. A water shortage requires residents to pay exorbitant prices for going to the bathroom. This tyranny doesn't last long, as one man stands up for the greater good of all Urinetown citizens' bladders.

"'Urinetown' is a fast, hilarious romp. The musical only runs about two hours," Theatre Department chair George Brown said.

The musical is a unique blend of "love, greed and revolution that pokes fun at corruption, politics and musical theatre." It's dark and highly ironic, such as when one of the characters asks, "Can't we do a happy musical this time?" even though it's loaded with gags.

An ensemble of Bradley actors and actresses will perform "Urinetown the Musical" Sept. 20 to 23 and 27 to 30 at the Hartman Center.

Tickets are sold out for the Thursday and Friday shows, and Saturday's tickets have already begun to sell. Tickets are $9 for students and $14 for Bradley faculty and staff.

Bradley Theater presents "Urinetown"

When: 8 p.m. today and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday. 8p.m. Sept. 27-29 and 2:30 p.m. Sept. 30.

Where: Hartmann Center

Admission: $9 students, $14 faculty, $17 public. Call x2650

"Bradley's musicals tend to sell out pretty quickly," Brown said. "There's no doubt that it's going to be a huge success."

The principle couple in "Urinetown" is Bobby Strong, played by sophomore music performance major Nick Myers, and Hope Cladwell, played by junior theatre arts and music major Annie Sheehan.

Brown said putting together "Urinetown the Musical" was a time-consuming and arduous endeavor.

"We rehearsed eight hours a day for three weeks before classes began," Brown said. "Once they began, we rehearsed five to six nights a week for four hours."

Even before rehearsals began, set builders were already designing and constructing at the end of last semester. Also, the orchestra assembled especially for Urinetown has put in many rehearsal hours.

The musical has live music performed by an ensemble of music majors, led by Gina Wright, an adjunct faculty member from the Department of Music.

"I'm sure anyone who goes will have a phenomenally fun time," Brown said.

"Urinetown" was written by Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis. Brown said the authors wrote the musical in response to a trip to Europe where they were surprised to discover one had to pay to use restroom facilities. "Urinetown" was born.

Many colleges have performed the highly popular musical, including Columbia University in Chicago last year. It's won three Tony awards, three Outer Critic's Circle Awards and two Obie Awards.

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

"The Waterboy," 8 to 11 p.m. in the Marty Theater as part of the fall film series. Tickets are $1 for students and $1.50 for the public

"Urinetown," 8 p.m. in the Hartmann Center. Tickets $9 for students, $14 for faculty and $17 for adults

SATURDAY

"Happy Gilmore," 6 and 9 p.m. in the Marty Theater

"The Wedding Singer," 9 p.m. in the Marty Theater

SUNDAY

"Aesthetic Underground Open Mic," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Arts Center of Peoria, 305 SW Water St. Admission is free, donations welcome

SUNDAY

"Billy Madison," 8 p.m. in the Marty Theater

‘Shoot’ fires round after round of dumb-fun cliches

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BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

Clive Owen is one waskly wabbit.

Throughout “Shoot ‘Em Up’s” 86 minutes, he manages to maintain the antihero glare even while chompin’ on carrots and firing back one-liners left on 007’s cutting room floor.

Owen (“Children of Men,” “Inside Man”) plays the proverbial lone ranger role, named Smith, who finds himself protecting a baby he saved from a doomed mother and countless goons with high-tech hand guns.

Paul Giamatti (“Sideways,” “American Splendor”) whose name in the credits implies someone involved knew what they were doing, hams it up as freelance villain Hertz.

He is convincingly menacing, or comically menacing – you’re never quite sure about anything in this movie.

Smith slides under cars and shoots, slides under bathrooms stalls and shoots, crashes through car windows and shoots, stands on tables and shoots. Basically, think of Jackie Chan with a gun and a brain for Rube Goldberg devices.

So now Smith has a baby with a sock stretched around its little white head like a stocking cap. Babies need milk, and Smith conveniently knows a lactating hooker. Bingo.

Baby gets milk. Smith shoots everyone, eats some more carrots, seductively glares at hooker, played by the beautiful Monica Bellucci (“Matrix Revolutions,” “Tears of the Sun”) and racks up a body count nearly as high as the Kill Bill movies.

Shoot ‘Em Up

Clive Owen
Paul Giamatti

Grade: A-

“Shoot ‘Em Up” giggles in its own silly B-movie dialogue, takes great pleasure in including every action movie cliche – mean barking dogs, hooker with a heart of gold, soft spoken killer with a mysterious past – and throws in enough bloody head-shots, civilian deaths and irreverent spirit to really piss in the wind.

The lighting and cinematography saves plenty of scenes, and Giamatti looks like he’s having tons of fun, finally getting a chance to sketch a character not bound in reality.

This marks the second Clive Owen project in 18 months involving him running around saving a baby while frenetically dodging bullets. He treats the baby like a running back carrying a football, and one wonders how many plastic stunt babies they must have accidentally smashed.

The movie skirts the line between one huge in-joke and accidental mess. I prefer the former. Fans of “Payback’s” resilient hero, and “Crank’s” energy and pace will enjoy the world of “Shoot ‘Em Up,” where apparently no one calls in gun shots to the police, and people are thrown away like Huggies.

The plot for the first 50 minutes focuses on simple, Smith protects baby and hooker, Hertz chases baby and hooker, happy-go-lucky bullets fly everywhere and set pieces are deconstructed one 9mm blast after another.

The final 30 throws in some ham-handed government-lobbyist collusion conspiracy and vague social commentary. There are a few slack-jaw inducing, “did that really just happen” moments marring the otherwise breakneck pace.

“Shoot ‘Em Up” is utterly ridiculous, gleefuly offensive and sometimes unintentionally funny. Or, possibly awkward on purpose – either way it’s fun as hell, and, screw it, highly recommended.

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RUCKUS ON THE RIVER

Blues Trio rocks Peoria art center

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

There's a scene in "Pulp Fiction" where John Travolta and Uma Thurman are out to dinner at Uma's favorite restaurant. It's a '50s-themed diner where Buddy Holly and Marilyn Monroe serve up burgers and damn good milkshakes. When asked what he thinks of the place, John Travolta just smiles and says "it's like a museum with a pulse."

Once a week, the blood starts flowing at a quiet art museum downtown just like that burger joint in Tarantino's magnum opus. And the Preston Gallery at the Contemporary Art Center almost went into cardiac arrest last Friday night during its weekly "Live at the Five Spot" event.

At $9 for student non-members, the ticket prices were steep but the band played for two hours with just a short intermission. Friday's act, The Bill Porter Project, brought the ruckus and got the largely adult, wine-swilling crowd on their feet.

The volume started at a comfortably loud setting, but after the first song, lead singer and former Bradley University employee Bill Porter opted to turn it down a hair. "We don't want to blast you out," he said, then smiled: "But we want you to have a blast."

Dressed in a blue bowler's shirt and wielding a red Gibson, Porter cranked out mostly original classic blues songs with muscle to spare. The Bill Porter Project isn't exactly the most creative name for a band, but the outfit (together for six years) is so tight they can leave imaginative monikers to the indie kids.

That name said it all – it's definitely Bill Porter's project, but he let the other two guys have their moments as well. Bassist Larry Estes, who looked a little like The Dude from "The Big Lebowski," could hold his own on the microphone, as could the goateed drummer Rod Rhodes who bashed away with unwavering precision.

At "Five Spot," patrons can order food from the in-house café, Rhythm Kitchen, or bring their own snacks. With dishes costing roughly $15 to $18, dinner at the Rhythm Kitchen can put a hole in the wallet, especially for budgeting college students. The middle-aged crowd wasn't having it either, and treated the performance like a picnic with a beat, bringing entire coolers filled with crackers and Miller High Life. One couple snacked from a bag of microwave popcorn brought in already popped.

Attendees have the option of walking around and taking in the art that lines the brick walls. Mary Ann Anderson was the featured artist, and her raw, visceral art hung on the walls and from the ceilings. Paintings with titles like "Returning" and "Emergence" were bathed in ambiguity, but as a description read, "suggest animals or partly human figures" that are as alive as the brilliant colors she used.

The crowd stayed put, though, and it's a no-brainer why. Bill Porter doesn't just play the blues; he flips the genre over and makes it call him "Daddy."

The Preston Gallery is no smoky bar (keep the cigarettes at home), but that's exactly what it felt like as the night progressed and the effects of alcohol flirted with Porter's seductive blues licks.

The half drunk, white-collar Baby Boomers rose out of their seats and turned the gallery into a raging dance-hall. Couples moved like high schoolers at a homecoming dance, while one woman was getting four kinds of funky all by herself. Go on witcha bad self, Doris!

Even those seated appeared visibly loose, and this wild energy filled the room until the last ringing note. It was almost surreal, being in the middle of a collective sonic orgasm.

Luckily these things aren't few and far between.

Every Friday brings a new band – the week before the BPP came through, patrons were treated to Irish pub music by Bogside Zukes, while this week features renowned jazz guitarist Preston Jackson (after whom this gallery is named). Friday saw Bill Porter knocking out his fourth performance at CAC, who said the response was nothing new, but always appreciated.

Screw Crusen's – the drinks are better here. And the musicians who play "Live At The Five Spot" give the audience more love than the women at Big Al's. Next Friday night, get buzzed at the Contemporary Art Center, where a museum can explode into madness.

Bill Porter leads his trio at the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria last weekend. Photo by Megan Loos

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TUNSTALL GETS 'DRASTIC' MAKEOVER

BUT THE SONG REMAINS THE SAME

Graphic Illustration by Antonio Gentile

BY LISA FITCH
for Voice

It's hard not to like KT Tunstall.

With the uncanny ability to meld pop-rock with her own folksy sensibilities, the Scotland native has managed to create radio-friendly hits that go past the manufactured chart-toppers of today.

However, taking one look at the cover of Tunstall's latest effort, "Drastic Fantastic," it's hard to see her as the non-conformist she's established herself as. Long gone are the rainbow braces, mussed hair and suspenders. In its place are ankle-high go-go boots, a white mini dress and glitzy-mirrored guitar, making the singer-songwriter look more like the disco-divas of yore than a modern Bobby Dylan.

But despite this radical image change, "Drastic" deftly sticks to the roots established in Tunstall's first Grammy-nominated outing, "Eye to the Telescope."

The album starts off with a definite sense of familiarity,

KT Tunstall

"Drastic Fantastic"

Virgin Records; 2007

Grade: B

with opening tracks "Little Favors" and "If Only" harkening back to "Telescope's" girl-power ballads "Suddenly I See" and "Other Side of the World."

Though this may signal a lack of innovation, Tunstall has incorporated unique twists to these tracks. Instead of filling every song with conventional oohs and aahs, the backing vocals instead sound like bastardized onomatopoeias.

These distinctive yet quirky sounds help to spice up the album between its mellower tracks, providing more interest than even the lyrics themselves at times.

However, Tunstall's experimentation doesn't stop there. It seems for "Drastic," the multi-talented musician has gotten a hold of a synthesizer, putting its techno sounds to good use for a number of songs on the album.

The mixture of Tunstall's folk-inspired riffs and synth bass lines definitely add interest, but while it may succeed in some cases, in others it falls flat. While "Hold On" has just the right combination, "Little Favors" sounds a bit convoluted at times, making Tunstall musically valiant if only a tad overly eager with the synth board on occasion.

In spite of this, die-hard fans needn't worry that the traditional Tunstall sound has disappeared. The singer-songwriter has managed to stick to her roots, with songs such as "White Bird" and "Paper Airplane" channeling the early efforts of respected artists like Rickie Lee Jones. The bluesy beat and elegant simplicity of these songs help to ground the album, but in turn makes "Drastic" a far safer sophomore effort than an innovative one.

But one instance in which Tunstall clearly ups the ante is through her signature use of the loop pedal, a fact hard to believe considering her deft use of it during her live performances.

The layering heard throughout songs like "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree" in "Telescope" has returned full force in "Drastic," but this time with additional complexity.

Throughout the album, it's easy to see Tunstall is attempting to stretch her music chops outside of her comfort zone, and sometimes this ingenuity and innovation meet together in a happy harmony. However, at other times the songs seem to stem from confusion rather than creativity, showing Tunstall is clearly in a state of flux between her status as both a rock star and indie luminary.

While this identity crisis may have occasionally tarnished "Drastic," the album as a whole fantastically lives up to its name.

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PEORIA GETS A TASTE OF THE SWEET STUFF

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of Voice

Peoria's Riverfront was basted in the savory smell of barbecue sauce this weekend during the 30th Annual Peoria Ribfest.

With 17 amateur and five professional competitors cooking up the best ribs and chicken around, Peoria was in for quite a treat.

Started 30 years ago by East Peoria mayor Jim Maloof, Ribfest started out as a friendly competition between East Peoria and the surrounding area, according to Ribfest coordinator Lyle Cunningham.

"The Mayor's Rib Bib Cook off, the first name given to the festival, was started to see what town had the best ribs around," Cunningham said. "The first place prize meant bragging rights, and who doesn't want that?"

Ribfest has moved from right outside City Hall all the way down to Peoria's Riverfront. Here, backyard cookers go from amateurs to experienced grillers, perfecting one of the most difficult foods to master – ribs.

But three-time competitor Tim Hisey of TJ's BBQ isn't afraid to jump into the heat of battle over an open flame. Taking second place in a previous Ribfest and 1st place at Fairview Ribfest, Hisey was confident in his own saucy sweet ribs.

"I use all of my own rubs and seasonings so it's my own unique flavor. The key to good ribs is the timing. Competitions like this give you the opportunity to see what the best method is," he said. "If the judges don't like something about your food, you work on it to meet their standards in hopes that you will one day get that perfect recipe."

Acting as a final judge of the amateur's ribs, Cunningham said he agreed.

"When we look at the food being judged, we rank based on a three major points – taste, tenderness and appearance. All these are judged individually," he said. "Just because one entry tastes good, doesn't mean it is going to be marked down in taste if the appearance is bad."

Cunningham has tasted different ribs and applies few rules. Everything must be cooked on-site and you must supply your own ribs. Other than that, Cunningham said, there are no cooking restrictions.

"I've told competitors that if they want to throw their food up in the air until the sun cooks it, that's fine. Just as long as it reaches my judging table by 5 p.m.," he said.

This can be a challenge for competitors who believe in slow cooking their ribs.

Robert Henning Jr. and Robert Henning III, competing in their third year at Peoria's Ribfest, said the essential part of excellent ribs is slow cooking.

"We slow cook our ribs. It's that tender, loving care – the TLC if you will – that makes our ribs unique to us," said Henning III.

But the day isn't all about ribs to these competitors. The family environment is what it's all about.

"I've got my family and friends here with me," Hisey said. "My wife Peggy helps out with the cooking, the kids are playing with their friends behind our tent. The competition is nice, but the family atmosphere is what makes it."

Cunningham has seen more families request two spaces for the competition – one for the grilling and one for inviting family and friends to come spend the day.

Photo Poll

What's the hardest part about moving away from home?

"Having my mom do my laundry, and I miss my friends."
Paul Benario,
freshman,
business management

"You can't borrow money from your parents instantly."
Folabo Dare,
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business

"Trying to plan my wedding."
Sarah Peterson,
senior,
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"Staying current with relationships back home."
Adam Bloom,
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"My two best friends and the cleanliness of the suburbs."
Aaron Presco,
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"It's hard to get things you left at home."
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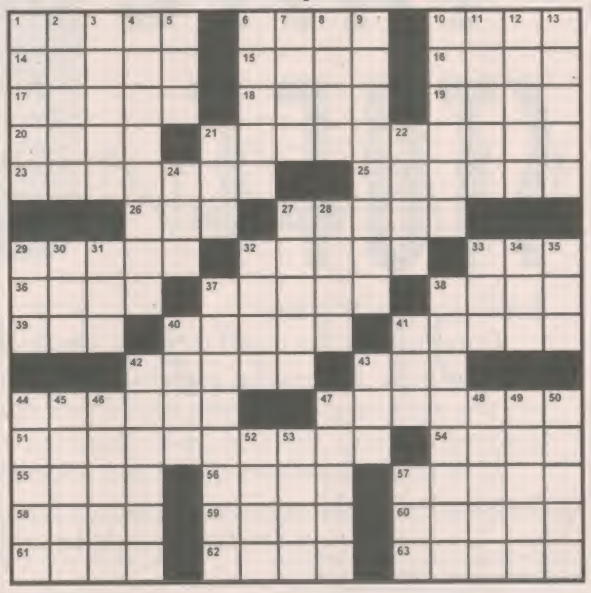

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10- Strike breaker
14- Free laces, say
15- Islamic call to prayer
16- Currency unit in Western Samoa
17- Knot
18- Bright star
19- Member of a largely Middle Eastern people
20- Traditional passed-down knowledge
21- Chronic
23- Blind
25- Seller of hats
26- Freddie Krueger roamed ___ Street in the movies
27- From Bern, say
29- Bottle
32- Reverence for God
33- The fifth sign of the zodiac
36- Electrically charged particles
37- Silk fabric
38- Undesirable plant
39- Small drink, young child
40- Biblical king
41- River that flows through Paris
42- Ogles
43- Cooking container
44- Make taut
47- Stroll
51- State of being neutral
54- Official language of Pakistan
55- Sea-going eagle
56- Departed
57- Sediment
58- "___ Brockovich"
59- Gas burner or Sicilian volcano
60- Personal quality of material belonging
61- Tirade
62- Hazard
63- Unordered

Down
1- Brass wind instrument
2- Harass
3- Gaze intently
4- Weariless
5- Long, thin snake-like fish
6- Marriage announcement
7- Northern arm of the Black Sea
8- Church center
9- Mouthpart of arthropods
10- Begins
11- Unit of weight in gemstones
12- Winged
13- Founder of the Mogul Empire
21- Doctrine
22- New Orleans is The Big ___
24- North American deer
27- Grain stores
28- Bring into complete union
29- Appropriate
30- John in England
31- As a female, you could be queen or worker
32- Cat sound
33- Wreath of flowers
34- Still, in poetry
35- Lyric poem
37- Mall-goer, often
38- Woman hired to suckle another's infant
40- One who has something coming?
41- Former coin of France
42- Hidden
43- Remuneration
44- Scoff
45- Earth
46- Argument
47- Meat
48- Long lock of hair
49- Borders
50- Old cars, often
52- Monetary unit of Lesotho
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57- Block up

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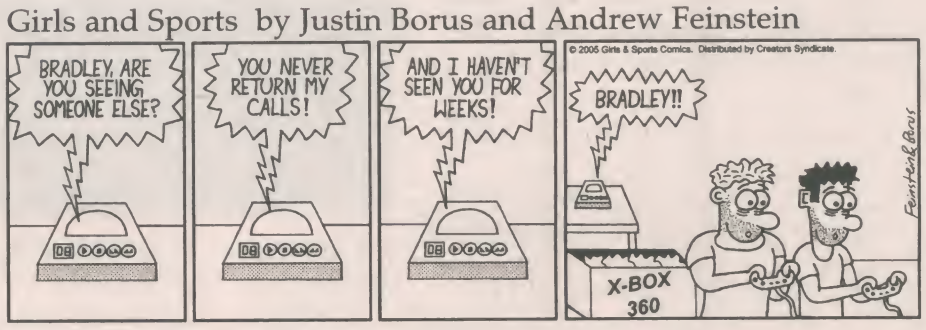

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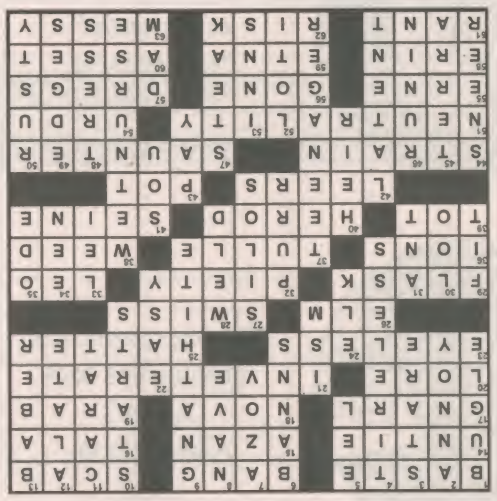

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House Hunting

Scout's guide to finding a quality off-campus residence

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Students who have fulfilled Bradley's requirement of living on campus for two years have a heavy decision on their shoulders – finding off-campus housing. Many students are already signing leases on homes for the 2008-09 school year.

But finding the resources to secure a house or apartment can be difficult.

The Search

Executive Director of Living and Leadership Nathan Thomas said students can find most off-campus housing through networking.

"It's kind of through who people know," he said. "[Students] use that informal network a lot."

But for those who don't have such connections, Thomas said the housing office maintains some information about off-campus listings.

"We have notebooks filled with apartment listings and things like that," he said. "But there's no guarantee on accuracy and availability. It's a pretty informal process because some people post listings with us and some don't. Also it's only available in paper copy, not online."

Thomas also said students can try looking for houses and apartments in newspapers, flyers around campus and by walking around nearby neighborhoods to see which houses are for rent.

Senior business major Jeff Tarr said he used newspapers to find his house, as well as online sites provided by landlords.

Sophomore education major Allie Fronk said she also used Web sites to find houses, but found the sites unhelpful.

"Things weren't updated," she said. "The site would say a house was free and the next day we'd call and it had already been taken."

Landlords

Finding a reputable, secure and trustworthy landlord is another challenge in the off-campus housing search.

Merle Huff, the owner of Campus Club Rentals, said his business includes a full time maintenance staff – a reason students may rent through Campus Club.

"We rent to approximately 300 Bradley students every year … and we've already rented about 25 percent of our units," he said.

But some students have a more difficult time.

Junior early childhood major Brittney Shoemaker said she's already run into problems.

"We're trying to find a house for five girls through a landlord we already know, but this landlord sucks," she said. "She wouldn't fix broken locks or the broken washer and dryer. She's making the girls in the house pay to fix the laundry machines."

Tarr said he also has problems with his landlord.

"She's not very good," he said. "When I ask her to do something, it gets done around 40 percent of the time, and when it does get done it's a sloppy job."

Leases

Students are beginning to sign leases for next year to ensure a place to live. Leases typically require students to pay a security deposit and two months' rent in advance to guarantee the house.

Fronk said she's worried about signing a lease so early in the year.

"People could change their minds, things could fall through," she said. "And it's hard to get people to commit to things when it involves so much money."

Cost

The price of living off campus depends on where students live.

Campus Club Rentals charges a flat rent of $300 a month per resident.

"Peoria only allows three unrelated people in a house," Huff said. "That's Peoria's stipulation and legally you can't [have more people] so I don't do it. So you're talking about $900 a month for a single family home."

Shoemaker said she thinks average rent in the community surrounding Bradley is close to that number.

"I would expect to pay three something a month for rent around here," she said. "Maybe $350."

Students should factor in the cost of utilities when thinking about off-campus housing as well.

Huff said utilities cost between $30 and $50 a month per person in a house, but possibly less in an apartment.

"It's probably an average of $100 per apartment unit, and there are three people in a unit," Huff said.

Tarr said he spends about $125 on utilities a month.

"We keep our air on all the time," he said. "It adds up."

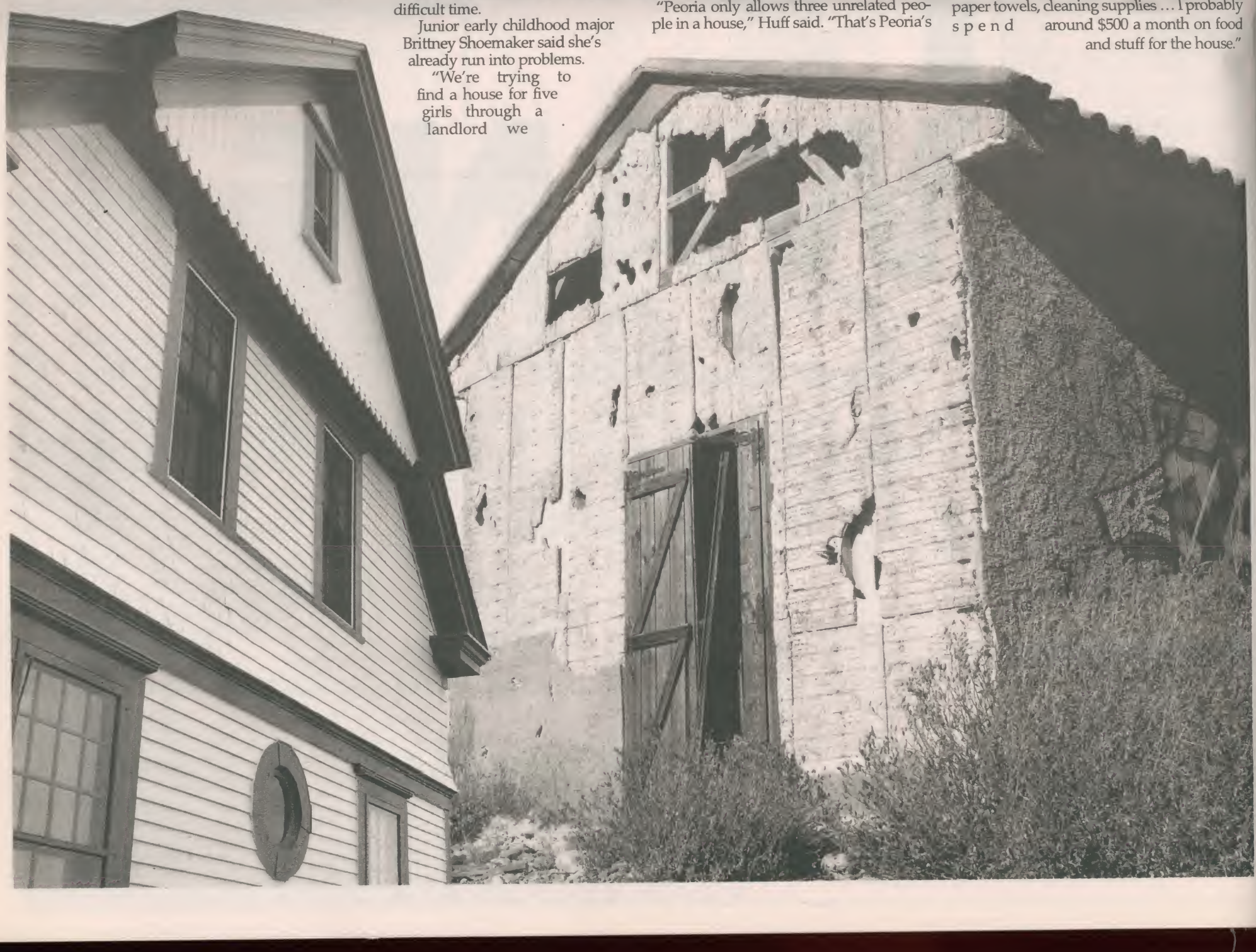
And students can't forget the cost of groceries, which can get expensive.

"I would guess I'd spend about 100 bucks a month on food," Shoemaker said.

She also said she has a friend who spends up to $80 on food every two weeks.

Tarr said he spends about $100 a week on groceries.

"I eat a lot," he said. "And toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies … I probably spend around $500 a month on food and stuff for the house."



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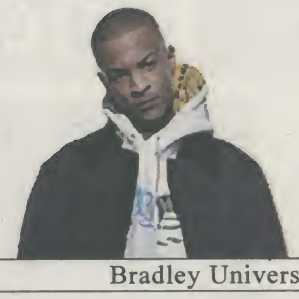

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Campus diversity increases

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Overall enrollment is down from last year, and Bradley enrolled 19 percent more students of varying ethnic backgrounds.

Enrollment numbers total 5,217, about 100 less than last year. The freshmen class is about the same size as last year with 16.2 percent being students who are American Indian, black, Asian or Hispanic.

Associate Provost for Enrollment Management Nickie Roberson said this year's freshman class has the highest number of ethnic students in 23 years.

"Just look at the population base, there are more students of color entering the pipe line to go to college in this point of time," she said.

Roberson said diversity has always been an important factor when recruiting students. Bradley recruits at high schools with large percentages of ethnic students and created a brochure on diversity for prospective students.

She said apart from hotel information sessions and visit days, Bradley creates programs to target ethnic students, emphasize diversity on campus and highlight opportunities for ethnic students

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Sean Duff, senior marketing, management and administration major, rides his bike to class and to Haussler Hall from his off-campus apartment. *Photo by Chris Faczek*

Bikers beware

Students ticketed for breaking road rules while cycling

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

T.J. Collins said he was surprised when a university police officer pulled him over while riding his bike.

Collins, a senior manufacturing engineering major, was riding his bike at night without a front light and had a friend riding on his bike pegs – two offenses that warrant tickets. The officer told Collins he could issue him a ticket that would count on his driving record.

"They were going to issue me a ticket, but I talked my way out of it," he said. "I was pretty worried at first because I had a [driving] ticket two weeks earlier."

University Police Chief Dave Baer said bikes need to have front lights that can be visible from 500 feet and a rear red reflector that can be visible from 600 feet. Officers can issue $50 or $75 tickets to students who don't have lights or reflectors on their bikes.

Collins said he's never had a problem riding without a front light in his hometown of Gridley, located about an hour from Peoria.

Baer said not having a front light on a bike is equitable to not having a headlight on a car.

Although Baer said he discourages students from riding at night, he said students should wear light-colored or reflective clothing. Students' helmets or clothing should have markings or insignias on them people can easily recognize.

"I have in coming into work on occasion seen people wearing all black clothing," he said. "If you aren't paying attention, you're on top of them as soon as you know it."

When riding bikes, students should obey all road rules applicable to cars. Baer said students should also know traffic signs and signals. For instance, when turning left bikers should hold their left arms straight out to the side of their bodies.

There are also reflective strips on bikes' wheels that are displayed as the wheels turn. A car's headlights will illuminate the strips if a biker is riding ahead of it.

Baer said bike theft isn't a big issue on campus. He's seen two bike thefts over the past 30 years. One of the bikes was recovered.

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University Hall cafeteria to get $150,000 makeover

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

University Hall's former cafeteria will soon undergo an expensive renovation, converting the space into a lounge and programming area.

The new space will include a high-tech entertainment system, portable stage and new furniture.

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky recently sent proposals for the cafeteria to Vice President of Business Affairs Gary Anna.

There were two plans — one less expensive than the other. The more expensive plan included redoing the floor and a remote control for the electronics such as the projector and lighting.

Anna originally approved the proposal and budgeted $51,000.

But Student Body President Jordan Ticaric wanted the floors replaced. She took President Joanne Glasser to see the floor, and Glasser decided it needed to be replaced. Glasser and Ticaric negotiated with Anna for a $150,000 budget.

The remodeling, which was originally planned to be done in October, will not be finished until second semester. With older floors, asbestos needs to be removed.

Anna said it isn't a health hazard, but it's an expensive project and takes some time.

Many student organizations currently meet in the ex-cafeteria and will continue to do so through the semester. Most of the renovating will be during Winter Break.

Administrators are halting the cafeteria's permanent plans because they want to measure space availability after the construction of the Markin Family Student Recreation Center.

"I just hope that a permanent solution can be made and we

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Student groups use the former U-Hall cafeteria for meetings. The space will soon be a student lounge. *Photo by Saleena Fortunato*

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today 77/ 48 Sunny.

Saturday 80 / 56 Mostly sunny.

Sunday 80 / 55 Mostly sunny.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Bradley cheerleaders overlooked as athletes.
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Students participate in 24-hour Big Brother van competition.
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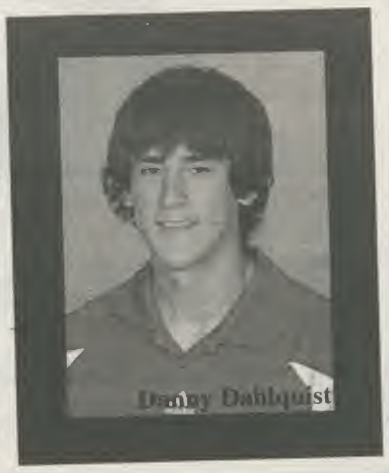
Bradley Briefs

-The Bradley Pre-Law Club is hosting a Law School Forum at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Alumni Dining Room in the Michel Student Center.

Representatives from several law schools will attend. Each school will discuss its respective programs and answer questions. Contact sshadnia@mail.bradley.edu with any questions.



-The Bradley Newman Center will host a memorial mass in honor of Danny Dahlquist at 9 p.m. Sunday in St. Marks Church. The mass is open to all who would like to pay tribute to Danny Dahlquist and his family.

-The Smith Career Center will host an Employer Information Session at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Jobst Hall 200. Representatives from Graycor Inc. will be on hand to answer questions.

-Help Empower and Teach will host the Save a Life Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Michel Student Center. Students can use a virtual reality car to experience drunk driving.

-The Smith Career Center will host a Graduate and Professional School Fair from 12 to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Michel Student Center Ballroom. Representatives from various graduate schools will be in attendance to answer questions.

Around the World

State Police decline investigation of intoxicated officer on duty

The Illinois State Police turned down a request from the Police Benevolent & Protective Association to investigate Bloomington Police Lt. Tim Stanesa for allegedly reporting to an armed stand-off while intoxicated, according to the Journal Star. The PB & PA said they believe the State Police declined to investigate to prevent Stanesa from receiving an objective investigation.

When Stanesa arrived on the scene, coming from a party at another police officer's house, he assumed the position of SWAT commander.

According to officials from the Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency, Stanesa was seen sleeping in the police mobile command center while serving as SWAT commander.

Germany to pay World War II government workers

German government officials recently agreed to pay workers who worked in the country's Jewish ghettos during World War II, according to the New York Times.

Each eligible worker will be compensated about $2,800 USD. The payment of these workers was one of the last claims from the Nazi Era.

A spokesperson for Chancellor Angela Merkel said the payment isn't compensation for internment in the ghettos, but only for those who worked for the government while living there.

There are an estimated 50,000 people still eligible to file for the payment. The ministry said the aim is to get the payment to elderly workers as soon as possible.

Student arrested for carrying weapon on campus

A freshman at St. John's University in Queens, N.Y. was arrested after carrying a rifle while walking on campus, according to the Chicago Tribune.

Omesh Hiraman was seen carrying the weapon and wearing a George Bush mask. He was disarmed by a university security officer and another student.

The man was turned over to New York Police who are continuing the investigation.

Students were notified via the school's emergency text and phone message system starting at 2:30 p.m. EST. Students were kept in buildings protected by security guards until 5:30 p.m.

Students camp out in cardboard boxes for Habitat

Annual event raises money for Peorians without homes

BY JIM FERRUZZA
for the Scout

Students from many campus organizations spent 24 hours in cardboard boxes on Olin Quad.

Habitat for Humanity's Shack-a-thon took place from noon Wednesday to noon Thursday.

President of Habitat Allyssa Kupsco said Shack-a-thon is the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year.

"It's just cool because it gets all the organizations on campus involved," she said.

Danae Honcoop, Habitat's fundraising coordinator, said the event raised $2000.

"We were hoping to raise as much money as possible," she said.

Habitat charged each organization a $30 entry fee and sold T-shirts to raise additional funds.

This year's T-shirt reads "Shack-a-thon 2007 Bradley tested, Mother approved" on the front and "The only shacking your mother would approve of" on the back.

Participants are also collecting cash donations for the cause. They're competing for a surprise for whichever organization raises the most money.

The Michael Davis Band performed at night to keep the crowd entertained in their shacks.

Each shack was uniquely decorated. One was named the "Love Shack" and had lyrics from the B-52's quirky hit painted across its walls. Others were decorated in a psychedelic fashion. Most had some kind of lighting and many featured sound systems playing a variety of music.

Senior biology major Folabo Dare said she was having a lot of fun.

"This is for Habitat so that's great," she said. "It's great to see all the other organizations."

Sophomore social work major Andrea Griffith said, "I think it's pretty cool, a little bit chilly. I think it's great because it raises money for people without houses."

Sophomore health science major Kristin Varchetto said the event is a good way to meet people in different organizations.

"I think it's awesome and just like a totally crazy experience," she said.

Sophomore chemistry and Spanish major Danielle Wood said this is her first year participating in the event.

"It's nice to see so many people from the campus come together to help out Habitat," she said. "It'll be even better if it doesn't rain."

Laura Bain, Jessica Priske and Kelly Stokes, members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, break down boxes and prepare to build their shack Wednesday afternoon on Olin Quad while members of Sigma Theta Epsilon (below) assemble their shack. *Photos by Sarah Maddrell*

University Police to start student patrol service

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

An on-foot student patrol service will soon be in place on campus.

Two pairs of students wearing lime green jackets and carrying radios and flashlights will act as "an extra set of eyes and ears" to University Police, Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said.

Student patrol will walk the streets of campus from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Thursday through Saturday during the school year to escort students home from parties and report suspicious activity to the police.

Galsky said he thinks the program may deter crime and boost campus security.

"We thought perhaps because this isn't a large campus, this is really a doable thing," he said. "It seems like something that has some merit."

Unlike the student escort service, which University Police disassembled last spring as a recommendation by Student Senate, the student patrollers will walk campus for their entire shift.

Galsky said student escorts sat at their desks until they were called to escort a student home. Because they were rarely called, they were rarely walking campus.

"They were reactive," Galsky said. "They only did something if they were called. The student patrol service, on the other hand, will be proactive."

The student escort program was available on weekday evenings. Four escorts traveled together to walk students home from campus events.

But because the student patrol service will split up and be available until the early morning weekend hours, Galsky said the program will be more effective.

Galsky said studies show campuses and communities with patrol services aside from the police are safer and have less crime.

"Just the fact that they are out there will make our students safer," Galsky said.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said Galsky and Business Manager Ken Goldin approached him about jump-starting the program this fall.

"They knew students weren't utilizing the escort program, but we felt we needed an alternative," Baer said.

The program has only been in the works for a week, but funding has already been secured for wage for student patrollers. The program will begin in October.

"We're trying to move along fairly quickly," Baer said. "It's important to get this up and running."

Students who are interested in being patrollers should contact University Police at x2000. Baer said he'll hire six to eight students, male or female, who'll split the shifts. He said he'll run criminal history checks and likely consider grade point average in hiring.

Baer said he isn't concerned that student patrollers will overlook illegal or inappropriate behavior to help their friends stay out of trouble.

"While it's a possibility, I'm confident [the patrollers] will be receptive to all activity on campus," Baer said.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said installing a student patrol service will help protect the growing campus.

"Campus will be expanding two streets so we need something like this to make sure students feel secure," she said.

Ticaric said having students patrolling campus will also encourage students to report suspicious behavior.

"Students don't call because they don't think about it. It's not right in front of their faces," she said. "But if you see a student patroller, you might actually say something."

Students at risk for STDs, but resources available

STDs and STIs trasmitted through unprotected vaginal, anal and oral sex

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Up to 75 percent of all sexually active women and men will get an STI or STD of some kind in their lifetimes.

According to the site www.plannedparenthood.com the term STI (sexually transmitted infection) is widely used to describe conditions where symptoms may not appear. An STD (sexually transmitted disease) is an infection with apparent symptoms.

If a student has unprotected vaginal or anal intercourse, he or she is at risk of contracting a long list of STIs, including syphilis, chlamydia, herpes, HIV, gonorrhea, hepatitis or human papilloma virus which can cause ovarian cancer.

But students engaging in oral sex are also at risk.

Unprotected oral sex can transmit STIs like gonorrhea and syphilis as well, and even sex play without intercourse puts students at risk for pubic lice and scabies.

Planned Parenthood recommends avoiding the mixing of body fluids to prevent STIs, especially blood, vaginal fluids and ejaculate as well as discharge from sores caused by STIs.

Director of Wellness Melissa Sage-Bollenbach said the Health Center doesn't keep specific statistics on the number of STIs treated at Bradley.

But the center conducted the National College Health Assessment in April 2006. The survey was randomized, anonymous and conducted online. It received 501 responses.

The 2005-06 survey determined 2.8 percent of respondents contracted human papilloma virus or genital warts.

One percent of respondents said they had chlamydia and smaller percentages responded to genital herpes, pelvic inflammatory disease and gonorrhea. No respondents said they contracted hepatitis B or C or HIV.

Sage-Bollenbach said generally, in a group of 250 college students, 50 students would have HPV. About 40 would have herpes, five would have chlamydia and one would have gonorrhea.

Some long-term consequences of untreated STIs include infertility, chronic pelvic pain, genital cancer and blood stream infections, Sage-Bollenbach said.

Planned Parenthood also advises getting routine checkups to test for infections and seeking correct treatment if infected.

To stay protected from STIs, students should use condoms correctly, according to the Help, Empower and Teach Web site.

Condoms are at least 96 percent effective when used consistently and correctly. Following the instructions on the box is important to wearing a condom correctly. Students should be sure the condom isn't expired and should first check the condom for tears or discoloration, according to HEAT.

Condoms can protect against STIs, unlike using only using birth control pills.

Students can get anonymous and confidential testing for STIs free by making an appointment at the Health Center in Heitz Hall. Call x2700 to make an appointment.

Web site community provides people with STDs a chance to meet and mingle

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Students living with STDs have a place to call their own.

An online community, www.positivesingles.com, allows people living with STDs to make a profile and meet others with STDs. The Web site aims to give STD-afflicted people a place to meet new friends or potential partners and give and receive advice about STDs.

Successful Match, a company running 31 niche dating sites customized for different preferences, operates Positive Singles.

John Martinuk, the manager of customer service for Successful Match, said Positive Singles is a unique site and one of the top sites of its kind.

Martinuk said the company discovered a need for the site when it realized people meeting online were treated differently when they were honest about their afflictions.

"When people decide they are going to be upfront and honest and say they have HPV or whatever, more often than not, people tend to give them grief about it," he said. "They feel like they're being blacklisted for being honest."

Martinuk said the site is for people who want to meet others with similar afflictions and discuss their experiences without others passing judgment.

"It's a dating site but we push for the community aspect of it as well," he said. "Without having users talk to each other on a regular basis, it seems kind of cold."

Martinuk said the site has at least 300,000 users but can't give an accurate number because the number of users fluctuates daily. Users can either pay per month for extra features or use the site for free with fewer features.

The site went online in August 2002 and has been growing ever since.

Martinuk said the site mainly grows through word of mouth from current users. The site also has an affiliate program, placing links Positive Singles on Web sites pertaining to medical research, medications or help hotlines.

He said he's heard success stories of people meeting on Positive Singles and getting married and hopes the success will continue.

"If you'd have said [people were meeting online] four or five years ago, people would've thought it was ludicrous," he said. "But nowadays people think it's better because they are too busy to date and it's safer than going to a club."

Martinuk said of the 31 sites Successful Match runs, Positive Singles is one of the busier ones.

"I hate to say it but it's kind of a shame that it's a busy site," he said. "I wish ... we wouldn't have to have a site like this because it's more often than not for people who feel like they have no where else to go. It shouldn't be like that at all. It's an unfortunate discrimination that people have to deal with daily."

Sophomore nursing major Rachel Whitfield said she agrees.

"It's kind of weird that people have to use a special site just because they have STDs," she said. "But I can see how it would be easier because people already know [what they have]."

Freshman music education major Ashley Vodraska said she feels the same way.

"I think to be safe people would want to use [Positive Singles], but it shouldn't be a significant thing to make people avoid you," she said.

STD info

- An STD is an infection with apparent symptoms. If a student has an STI, he or she may not have visible symptoms.
- STIs include syphilis, chlamydia, herpes, HIV, gonorrhea, hepatitis or human papilloma virus which can cause cancer.

www.Positivesingles.com is a Web site for those afflicted by STDs and STIs.

- To prevent contracting STDs, students should wear condoms during intercourse and avoid mixing of any body fluids.
- Students should make sure condoms aren't expired, torn or discolored before using.
- Consequences of STIs include infertility, chronic pelvic pain, genital cancer and blood stream infections.
- Students can make appointments with the Health Center to get tested for STIs by calling x2700. Sexually active students should get tested routinely.

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Student leaders raise money for over 50 different charities

BY PAUL FRIENER
for the Scout

Last year's 500 percent increase in fundraising set a new standard for all future leaders of Bradley.

According to the annual report, students excelled in leadership and public service by raising approximately $173,000 for over 50 different charities in the 2006-07 academic year.

Students organized and participated in numerous clothing, food and blood drives. Over 5,000 articles of clothing, 1,300 cans of food and 600 pints of blood were donated by Bradley students last year.

"There are so many opportunities for students to get involved," Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said. "This is something that Bradley students thrive on."

The Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership and Public Service consists of three major independent components; leadership development programs, a volunteer network and the leadership and public service Fellows program.

Fellows consists of 15 incoming students who are selected each year to participate in a structured four-year program designed to develop skills critical for campus and community leadership.

Fellows member Cassie Belter said the group is important in developing members into leaders.

"A good leader is one who has a steady backing by people and being able to listen to ideas and incorporate those ideas into being a leader," Belter said.

The leadership studies minor, a collaboration between the LJB Center and the College of Education and Health Sciences was awarded the Helen Bartlett award for Excellence in Service to Students in August 2006.

Sarah O'Shea, the director of the LJB Center said, "leadership on campus will help students find who they are going to be and identify their traits and realize their potential."

Leadership Instilling Knowledge through Cooperative Service is a capstone program for seniors who are interested in leadership and community involvement after graduation. Ten to 12 seniors are selected each year for this year-long program through a competitive application and interview process.

The program's goal is to further develop leadership skills through community outreach and facilitate and prepare programming for TEAM Bradley. The program also serve as a resource to other student organizations.

TEAM Bradley is an overnight leadership retreat open to any student leader. The participants include freshmen and sophomore students becoming leaders within their student organizations. Juniors and seniors can also participate by learning how to transition out of leadership roles.

TEAM Bradley also provides an opportunity for student leaders to meet and network with each other while informing students on how to apply the skills they've acquired as leaders in their professional lives.

A new initiative of the LJB Center, "BE YOU" Summer Enrichment Camp, is a weeklong program facilitated by students.

Last year "BE YOU" hosted 16 different high school juniors and seniors from Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri. The enrichment programs are designed to give students a perspective on university life.

Student leaders participate in their weekly Student Advisory Committee meeting.
Photo by Megan Loos

Individual, team and community leadership were the focus areas for the week. Programming included Stephen Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens," presented by the Center for Continuing Education, Team Dynamics, Caterpillar, Inc. and a community panel with leaders from the Peoria community.

Students' objectives included interaction and application in completing peer presentations based on topics of interest.

Recycling bins to be recycled, repositioned on campus

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

The large recycling bins stored in Robertson Memorial Field House could be relocated around campus for student use.

However, establishing these recycling areas on campus isn't moving fast enough for Kevin Crowley.

"With the start up of school, the students I'm working with have been busy with academics and haven't had time to find locations," he said. "It's not moving as quickly as I would like, but academics come first."

Crowley, who works in the field house business management office, is working with junior accounting major Ryan Pickering and senior international business major Brandon Udischas to establish new locations for the recycling bins once used nine years ago.

Pickering and Udischas head garbage collections and have been in search of finding new places for the bins.

Crowley said fire codes inhibit the bins from being in certain areas near buildings.

"A lot of attention has been given to finding new homes for these bins," he said. "I'm happy with the way things are going. [Pickering and Udischas] want to do a good job for Bradley and to have the school recognized as a school that wants to help make the world a better and cleaner place to live."

Crowley said the bins in the field house were mistreated and placed into storage after garbage was placed in with recycled items, contaminating them.

"Garbage was being put in with recycled items and that is some sort of violation," he said. "It defeats the purpose of recycling, once someone throws garbage in, it all becomes garbage."

Junior nursing major Stefanie Luce said she'd use the recycling bins if they were placed around campus.

"If the bins were next to garbage cans I would especially use them so I don't feel as wasteful when I drink water bottles," she said. "It's important enough to try to make an effort to at least recycle the majority of bottles and cans."

Crowley said the students he works with get very enthusiastic when they talk about recycling and all students should make an effort to recycle on campus.

"I would use them if they are placed where students walk most often," junior retail merchandising major Erika Marzana said. "They would definitely be used, instead of just one location hidden by the student center."

Marzana also said she doesn't know how often she'd use the bins if they were placed on campus because Bradley hasn't emphasized recycling.

"Since it isn't emphasized greatly throughout campus it doesn't seem to be important so that is how I think," she said. "I just toss everything in the garbage without really giving it a second thought."

Editorial

Bradley leaders take action for ex-cafeteria

Students who've attended Bradley before this year know we haven't had the most efficient leaders in past years.

Former University President David Broski and Student Body President Byron Irving were rarely seen at campus events last school year, let alone proactive about students' needs and wants.

But a positive change in leadership this year is bringing positive changes for students.

University President Joanne Glasser and Student Body President Jordan Ticaric are already – less than a month since the start of the semester – spearheading several projects to benefit students and the campus.

And one plan is already underway. Glasser, Ticaric, Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galksy and Vice President of Business Affairs Gary Anna have finalized plans to renovate the University Hall cafeteria into a lounge and programming area.

The former cafeteria, which will undergo its extreme makeover during this semester and Winter Break, will be a bouncing hangout for students rather than a dirty, dingy barren space.

The new student lounge will have a high-tech entertainment system complete with a massive TV and speakers. New furniture – sofas, loveseats, coffee shop-style dining tables and chairs, among others – will replace the worn out existing fixtures.

Poets, singers and speakers will be able to showcase their talent on the new stage with quality lighting and sound.

But Ticaric felt the new additions to the room wouldn't be worth installing without new flooring. The current floor is aged and damaged. While the cost to tear it up and replace it won't be cheap, Ticaric knows it has to be done.

Anna originally only approved $51,000 for the project, which wouldn't include a new floor.

But Ticaric showed Glasser the old flooring, and Glasser convinced Anna to reconsider funding for the project.

The new budget, $150,000, is enough for Bradley to replace the floors and purchase the best furniture and technological equipment for the space.

And it's exactly the amount of money the university should be spending on its students. After a week of homework and tests, students need a place to hang out on Fridays and Saturdays. And the student organizations that meet and rehearse in the empty space deserve better accommodations.

Bradley leaders are being productive and constructive for students. An all-purpose space is exactly what money should be spent on.

Space fills up quickly at this crowded university. We need more places to lounge, meet, perform and rehearse. And this new space will provide that.

Just a few weeks into the semester, new leaders Glasser and Ticaric are making positive steps to make Bradley a better school to attend and a better place to reside.

Scout editorials reflect the view of the editorial board, consisting of the editor, managing editor, news editor, layout editor, graphics editor, Voice editor, sports editor and photo editor.

Opinions from other campuses

Calls for termination unwarranted in CSU newspaper controversy

It's taken merely five syllables to strike a deep nerve at Colorado State University and in communities across the nation: "TASER THIS ... F--- BUSH."

The statement, published Friday as the Rocky Mountain Collegian's staff editorial, has resulted in a substantial loss of advertising revenue for the student-run newspaper, and has embroiled Editor-in-Chief J. David McSwane in a dispute more far-reaching than the Collegian's editorial board could have possibly foreseen.

The piece – which McSwane said was intended to highlight the importance of free speech – is inflammatory, juvenile and offensive, but calls for McSwane to be fired are far more alarming than any one-sentence missive against a controversial public official could ever be.

Reader backlash is understandable, but motioning for a replacement is nothing short of irrational. Demanding his termination for the editorial board's exercising of the First Amendment is antithetical to the very notion of free speech itself.

A hearing will be held Wednesday night by the newspaper's communication board to determine what action, if any, should be taken regarding McSwane's position. The CSU-affiliated newspaper, which operates solely on advertising revenue, is an autonomous student-media organization, thereby making attempts to unseat its editor futile.

"Neither school officials nor the communications board, which includes representatives of the university, can lawfully remove a student editor for reasons related to content," legal consultant Mike Hiestand told the Student Press Law Center. "What I hope the board does is encourage those who disagree with the Collegian's decision to add their voice to the debate, not silence the editor's."

The most ardent detractors, seemingly mortified by a four-letter word, would do themselves a favor by never again picking up the Collegian. It's that simple. They are also free to protest on campus, to publish their opinions online or in their own publications and to send as many letters as they'd please into McSwane's undoubtedly clogged inbox, just as McSwane and the Collegian's editorial board are equally free to publish their opinions, no matter how unpopular or caustic those opinions might be. This is an integral part of what makes our country so great.

Those who assert that the editorial somehow maligns CSU are equally unrealistic; readers with basic critical thinking faculties will not form their opinion of an entire university based upon a single editorial published in its student newspaper.

The Collegian may have made a mistake, but mistakes are an inevitable aspect of student life. Learning and growth are not possible without the occasional gaffe. Removing McSwane, for whatever reason, would send the message that mistakes are not tolerated, and that free speech isn't as free as one might suspect. This is a slippery slope that is diametrically opposed to the ongoing free exchange of ideas that contributes so vitally to the fiber of our nation.

As such, McSwane is standing his ground, and rightfully so. It's what's expected of any embattled professional who believes they have taken the right course of action.

Ultimately, the editorial produced the exact effect for which it was intended. In the aftermath of its publication, talk of the nature of free speech has radiated out far beyond the snow-capped peaks of Fort Collins, Colo., and into households nationwide.

In these situations it's best to remember the wisdom of Frederick Douglass once said that, "to suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker. It is just as criminal to rob a man of his right to speak and hear as it would be to rob him of his money."

This editorial reflects the views from the editorial board at the Daily Cougar at the University of Houston.

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Beth Hoops
Panhellenic Council

Greeks enjoy friendly competition

Three years ago, after my bid day celebration, I was excited about and engulfed in my individual sorority. Although I wouldn't take back a single piece of that fantastic first year, I do wish that I had paid more attention to the opportunities that I now know about – which are focused on the greek community as a whole.

The Panhellenic council is the governing body of Bradley's sorority community. Its leadership is comprised of sorority women from all seven chapters. Beyond being in charge of recruitment, rule enforcement and mandatory mundane paperwork, Panhel sponsors and organizes a variety of events and personal growth opportunities.

Greek Academic Progress is a program offered to all students to help them improve a wide array of organizational and study skills. GAP uses peer discussion to educate students on how to manage the craziness of college life and succeed academically.

Our emphasis on academics has paid off. Panhel is proud to announce the all-sorority women's GPA is slightly higher than the average campus women's GPA. All seven sororities strongly stress the importance of scholarship, and it's being noticed.

Grand Chapter, which will take place Nov. 11, is an event honoring sorority and fraternity chapter achievement not only academically, but in a range of categories including programming, alumni relations, recruitment and philanthropy, among others.

This year, we're excited to reveal a new presentation format that's a little less stuffy and a lot more ... "hip!" There have been a lot of great individual chapter efforts this past year and Grand Chapter is the time to have them acknowledged. Those chapters will be acknowledged as examples the whole campus should follow.

Grand Chapter isn't the only upcoming event that brings forth a sense of friendly chapter competition. In coming weeks, it will be impossible to walk down Fredonia Avenue without seeing the signs: music, counting, line dances and a plethora of awkward male-female body contact. It can only mean one thing: Panfrasing practice! Greek Week!

I personally am not a hip hop dancer. I can't do the soulja boy dance, and even my electric slide is rusty at best. However, I always find it impossible to resist participating in Panfrasing, the dancing-singing main event associated with Greek Week.

Sororities and fraternities join together as teams. Strangers dance together and build relationships and friendships. Throughout the week's events, chapters cheer for each other, support each other and bond as a community. The atmosphere is phenomenal, and Panhel is happy to support it.

I could go on for pages discussing all of the amazing events and opportunities this semester will bring: National Hazing Prevention Week, Chapter Officer Leadership Conference, Mental Health Speaker, among others. Although my word count is limited, Panhel's Web site isn't. Check out www.bugreeklife.com for additional activity information and to view the all-greek calendar.

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Beth can't wait to attend the oh-so-hip Grand Chapter. It's going to be awesome.

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Rachel Kane
Best Buddies

Be best buddies, don't say "retarded"

It's not difficult to walk around campus and hear that phrase. Students use the word "retarded" all the time. The word itself is politically incorrect, but that's only the tip of the iceberg. Many students use "retarded" as a synonym for stupid. It has become such a common phrase and gets thrown around too easily.

Using "retarded" in a negative context only puts up barriers between people with intellectual disabilities and us. We should be breaking through these barriers and not contributing to them.

Clubs like Best Buddies work to help people with intellectual disabilities be seen as equals. Our goal is to have our efforts and services become unnecessary. We want a world where people with intellectual disabilities are perfectly integrated into our schools, workplaces and our communities. Until that time, we are here to educate people about the emotional, functional and natural needs and abilities of people with intellectual disabilities.

Bradley's chapter of Best Buddies works with two homes in the Peoria area. We match a college student with a best buddy based on their interests and personalities. Throughout the year, we have group events and parties for all the buddies to get to know each other and have a good time.

Each buddy is responsible for doing one-on-one activities with their best buddies each month. It could be going out to lunch, seeing a movie or any activity you might do with your other friends.

Being in Best Buddies is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Not only do you gain a friendship you otherwise wouldn't have had, but you are changing someone else's life. Many of the buddies we work with don't have social friends. Their interactions are with their family members. To them these friendships mean the world. Just getting a phone call gives them a feeling of being loved and appreciated.

If you would like to learn more about Best Buddies or are interested in joining please send an e-mail to Bradley_bestbuddies@hotmail.com.

Next time try to catch yourself before using the word retarded or if you hear a friend using it, gently remind them to avoid it. It's doing a small part, but it still counts.

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News Editor

Praying to Perez, the media god

So there's this boy I like... he's smart, funny and fantastic at networking. He has a bright future ahead of him and is definitely not hurting in the cash department. He even dyes his hair neon pink.

I can't help it. I love Perez Hilton.

Perez is my hero, my mentor and my world. Who wouldn't be addicted to an overweight gay male from Miami?

Perez was born Mario Armando Lavandeira Jr. in 1978. According to www.askmen.com, Perez went to L.A. to become an actor but decided journalism suited him better after not landing as many roles as he'd have liked.

Perez worked for "Star" and started a celebrity blog, "Pagesixsixsix." The blog was a clear wordplay on the New York Post's "Page Six" gossip column and the Post sued Perez and forced him to change his domain name.

He christened himself Perez Hilton after the lawsuit, claiming to be a cousin of Paris, and "Hollywood's Most Hated Web Site" was born. Perez was first to post photos of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie together and his site's popularity grew.

The self-proclaimed Queen of All Media captured my heart about a year ago when I heard mention of a hilarious celebrity gossip site. Being a gossip junkie as well as a computer nerd, I jumped on the new online gossip rag.

As time passed, I became obsessed. I checked Perez occasionally when I needed a distraction from my studies. Then I added the site to my Bookmarks Menu and clicked the link as often as I checked Facebook. I soon found myself compulsively checking Perez and announcing the most recent celebrity gossip tidbit to whoever would listen, however menial the news ("Kiefer Sutherland just got his fourth DUI! George Clooney's girlfriend broke her foot in a motorcycle accident!").

I finally gave in to my obsession and set my Internet's homepage to Perez's site. I truly can't get enough of the Microsoft Paint-esque comments scrawled across each photo. I especially like "Help!" written on every photo of Britney Spears's kids.

So Perez Hilton is a god. It's obvious. But I've found his presence in the media world has turned into a full force not to be reckoned with.

For instance, I used to be Us Weekly's number one subscriber. I bought People every week and religiously watched Access Hollywood. But with the birth of Perez's site and other celebrity blogs like www.thesuperficial.com, I get my celeb fix instantly. I watch E! less and less (except for "The Girls Next Door" and "Sunset Tan") because the "breaking news" broke hours, even days before on Perez's site. I even put a gossip rag down at Kroger because I already knew about Britney Spears's hit and run charges. I don't feel the need to use these types of media any more because Perez is instantaneous and, more importantly, free.

Tune your TV to MTV or VH1 and chances are Perez's face will greet you. That's because he's not only a contestant on MTV's "Celebrity Rap Superstar," but he also stars in "What Perez Sez," a series of shows where Perez analyzes celebrity actions and in classic Perez style, talks a little smack.

Now that the gossip guru has become a legitimate celeb himself, Perez hopes to write a book in the future and even start a fashion line, according to www.askmen.com. And I don't doubt the Queen of All Media will do it.

Perez is adored globally. He has a line of Perez-themed T-shirts, which sell for roughly $25 with shipping and handling. I know from purchasing one myself. Hey, gotta represent. He's my future husband, after all.

The strangest thing about Perez's blog is that even celebrities read and reference the site. Everyone from Victoria Beckham to Rosie O'Donnell has commented on a Perez remark. But while every celebrity has something to say about Perez's tactics, he hasn't toned down his style. If anything, he's gotten more risque, pushing for gay rights and calling on closeted celebrities to come out.

Perez's pressuring urged both Lance Bass and Neil Patrick Harris to come out and Perez called for Isaiah Washington's firing from "Grey's Anatomy." He uses his celeb status to make fun of others, sure. But he also uses it to bring attention to important issues and as a call to action.

This isn't just a shameless plug for Perez. In fact, I don't like that everybody knows about perezhilton.com. It's like when your favorite underground band suddenly explodes on main stream radio and the band just never sounds the same. I wish I could keep Perez to myself because he's such a big part of my life. I guess I'll just wear Perez T-shirt everyday under all of my clothes and worship him from afar.

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The Scout does not endorse Lauren's love of Perez, the dark mark on journalism.

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Big brother contestants battle for bucks in vans

BY NAUSHEEN FARISHTA AND SCOUT STAFF
for the Scout

In this year's Big Brother Competition, representatives from different organizations volunteered to spend 24 hours in a van and participating in games and contests.

The event is sponsored by Rotoract, an organization that works on projects to help the Peoria community, and raised money for Cure Autism Now.

It began at noon Sept. 21 and lasted until noon the next day. Every two hours, the 12 contestants from the two vans participated in games on Olin Quad. The losing team was forced to choose two team members to face elimination. The two were given 15 minutes to call friends and ask for donations.

At the end of the 15 minutes, the team member with the least amount of money was eliminated. The winner was the participant with the most money raised and the last student in the van.

Participating organizations included Help Empower and Teach, the Leadership Lifestyles Floor, Residential Life, Circle K and sororities and fraternities.

Sophomore biology major Amanda Mullery said last year's event had eight contestants and one van while this year there were 12 contestants and two vans. She also said this year's weather was nicer than the freezing November rain of last year.

And the charities receiving donations are different. Last year, Big Brother raised $1,200 for Toys-for-Tots.

Joe Nixon, a secondary education and mathematics major, said being in the van "is just like any good marriage."

The students in Nixon's van named their team the "Flava Flave Spartakicks."

This year's 11 contestants for Big Brother stay in two minivans for 24 hours and perform challenges to raise money for Cure Autism Now. *Photo courtesy of Annie Ormiston*

At the end of the event, Nixon and senior political science and English major Emily Nelms were the last two participants left. Nixon won with $704 and Nelms had $521.

Joey Ortega, the Big Brother coordinator, said Rotoract's goal was higher than the $1,205 raised.

"[We're] still incredibly pleased with the response this year – matching last year's total," he said. "Everyone who played is eagerly awaiting Big Brother: Bradley 3 next year, and we can't wait either."

Majority of freshmen adjust to campus with EHS 120

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

Ninety percent of Bradley freshmen chose to enroll in EHS 120 this semester.

EHS 120 is an optional course the College of Education and Health Science has offered to freshmen for the last 25 years.

Enrollment has boosted this year.

Ken Harding, an EHS 120 instructor, said the main goal of the class is to help students get used to university life.

"I try to help students become integrated with the Bradley community," he said.

According to research done by the Center for Student Development and Health Services, freshmen who take the course actually have higher retention rates than those who don't.

Joyce Shotick, the director of the center, said students succeed because they're given the opportunity to learn about things that are important in their college lives.

Shotick said one thing most students appreciate is assistance with spring registration.

Freshman psychology major Hayley Braatz said EHS professors help students with academics.

"I'm talking to my EHS teacher about possibly dropping a class, and I'm getting a lot of guidance, which I really appreciate," she said.

The course also provides students with information from organizations such as Campus Awareness for Rape Education and Help Empower and Teach.

Shotick also said in her sections of the class she makes sure students are able to manage their time wisely.

She said the class is a "good opportunity to keep freshmen connected to the campus as a whole."

Students have an extra bonus in the class because student aids help teach the course, Shotick said. The student aids can relate more to the freshmen, which makes the transition from high school to college easier.

Students in EHS 120 also learn about opportunities to get involved on campus.

Junior criminal justice and sociology major Larry Watson said many upperclassmen involved on campus started getting involved in their EHS classes.

A variety of faculty and professional staff teach the class. Several teachers work in various university departments such as the Center for Testing or public relations.

Others teach in departments such as math or biology. Shotick said all teachers bring different things into the class, which benefits the students.

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Students keep faith through campus groups and traditions

BY NAFIA KHAN
for the Scout

Leah Hengel said it's not difficult to maintain her religious beliefs away from home.

"The great thing about Christianity is that we can worship or pray anywhere at anytime," the member of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship said. "There are plenty of other believers who are supportive and encouraging who also help me grow in my relationship with Christ and other Christians."

Religion has different meanings to different students. Many students look for support in religious organizations like Hillel and InterVarsity when they come to Bradley.

Sophomore graphic design major Taia Hartman is a Reform Jew. She was involved in Hillel last year.

"I wanted to hold onto my religion while I was at school," she said. "I figured [Hillel] was a good way to do that."

Hengel said when she was looking into Bradley, she made sure there were Christian organizations on campus.

"It helps to have some sort of Christian group already formed to find friends, prayer partners and people who generally just understand your mindset and morals," she said.

Asma Ashraf, treasurer of the Muslim Student Association, said she signed up for the group to increase her religious involvement on campus.

"It's great knowing other people have the same religious beliefs as you," she said. "It helps you remember who you are while you're away from home."

Some students have a harder time finding resources and networks for their faith groups locally.

Junior biochemistry major Harshi Weerakoon is a Sri Lankan native and a Buddhist.

"There aren't too many people who practice Buddhism at Bradley," she said. "What remains with me is whatever I brought from home."

Students also vary in the degree to which they practice their religions.

Sophomore elementary education major Melissa Dobinsky is also a Reform Jew. She said she thinks she's somewhat spiritual although she isn't heavily involved in an organization on campus.

"I'm practicing in the sense that I follow Jewish traditions," she said.

Senior premed and psychology major May Zeid has been a part of the Muslim Student Association since her freshman year. She said she doesn't mind answering questions regarding Islam.

"I wear the hij'ab and sometimes, people ask me, 'Why do you wear it?'" she said. "It gives me an opportunity to educate people about my religion."

Senior finance major Mark Lawrence spreads cream cheese on a bagel at the Hillel Bagel Brunch after fasting for Yom Kippur.
photo by Megan Loos

Student business plans soar with Project Springboard

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Within one year, a group of business hopefuls went from repairing 10 iPods in a basement to 30 iPods in an office.

Patrick Witt a 2007 graduate and employee of iPod Repair Squad, estimated the group has accumulated more than $100,000 in revenue since participating in Bradley's Springboard, a business plan competition, last semester.

The top three teams receive cash prizes and business counseling from Project Springboard sponsors.

The first place team receives $15,000, office space, a free car for one year and the opportunity to immediately begin the business.

Twenty-three teams submitted letters of intent last week. That number is down from 29 teams last year.

This year's teams will create business plans for clothing, software, food and real estate, among others.

This is the competition's second year running, and it underwent changes.

The competition is now an entire school year instead of one semester. Fred Fry, professor of management and chairman of Turner Center for Entrepreneurship, said this gives semi-finalists more opportunity to refine their projects.

"It's not just a one shot thing like it was last spring," Fry said.

Last year's pilot was only open to undergraduates primarily in the business school. Now graduate students and majors spanning across campus are also welcome.

Project Springboard coordinator Amy Doering said she's working on exposing students to the competition from the moment freshmen reach campus all the way through upperclassmen.

"As we continue to grow this program and the curriculum, I think we'll see a [participation] increase each time," she said.

Doering said many teams are returning from last year.

Senior entrepreneurship and Spanish major Katie Sowa participated in Project Springboard last year and is returning.

Last year, she made it to the semi-finals, but didn't place.

Her team is tweaking the idea from the last Project Springboard and bringing it back. The idea is Biznetbook.com, a job search engine and social network in one.

Sowa's group is looking to improve the service based on last year's critiques from the competition.

She said she likes that Project Springboard is a full year instead of one semester.

"I think it'll be a great learning experience because [students will] get a lot more feedback and hands-on experience with the business plan process," she said.

Project Springboard business plans are due in November.

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Police will teach rape defense on campus

BY ANNABELLE VANG AND SCOUT STAFF
for the Scout

University Police are helping female students become more aware about defense through the Rape Aggression Defense Program. RAD teaches women on campus how to properly defend themselves.

But because no students signed up for this year's program, originally scheduled for Sept. 29 and Oct. 6 and 7, University Police Sgt. Nora Fales said the police will go to dorms and sorority houses to teach the classes if students request it.

"This is a really important program, so we want to accommodate students's schedules," Fales said. "We'll go wherever we need to teach this."

The class is also open to faculty.

RAD focuses on teaching verbal and physical defense, raising awareness and reducing risk.

RAD is the largest women's self-defense training organization in the world and teaches a combination of mental, physical and inner strength. RAD classes have been taught on campus for seven years.

Freshman AEP major Monica Bylina said she thinks the classes are a good idea.

"I think women need to be more aware of things like rape on campus and we need to know how to properly defend ourselves against it," Bylina said.

Fales, one of the three RAD instructors on campus said all instructors have been certified by the RAD program and know how to properly teach the defense programs.

"By educating women about how to avoid rape and defend themselves, we're hoping to keep it from happening," Fales said.

RAD classes don't require any special attire. Fales recommends wearing comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

Participants must pay $5 for the manual.

All RAD classes are consistently taught each year nationwide, but women are encouraged to take a refresher course.

"Rape could happen to anyone," freshman AEP major Stephanie Schumacher said. "A lot of people think that it will never happen to them, but you need to be prepared for anything."

Fales said students can call the University Police at x2000 to schedule RAD classes.

Police Reports

On Sept. 22 at approximately 3 p.m. a woman parked her car behind 1400 Bradley Ave. She returned at approximately 2:30 p.m. the next day to find her car damaged. The windshield appeared to have been hit at least two times with a brick and bricks were lying around the car on the ground. The car suffered body damage to the right front panel, and a hole was punctured in the hood. The damage was estimated at about $750.

On Sept. 23 police were dispatched to 1318 Fredonia Ave. to stop a fight. The victim who contacted police said the fight began when he attempted to ask Christopher Hartmann to leave a party because it was over. Hartmann refused to leave and a witness and Hartmann began to argue. Hartmann became angry and threw a beer. The victim confronted Hartmann, so Jason Engbrecht pushed the victim, who then called the police. Upon arriving on the scene, officers saw four individuals run away. Police asked the individuals to return and when they didn't respond, police chased them. Officers spotted the individuals hiding in an alley and arrested Engbrecht, Hartmann, Natalia Radmanovich and Bryant Okerberg.

On Sept. 25 at about midnight an officer observed a large tree branch blocking the street and sidewalk at 1307 Barker Ave. The branch was about 75 feet long and landed on a parked minivan, causing extensive damage to the roof and front end. Peoria Forestry arrived several hours later to remove the branch.

On Sept. 25 at about 4 p.m. a man reported a stolen book bag to police. The victim said he was in Haussler Hall's weight room and hung his bag on a hook near the equipment he was using. The bag was missing when he went to retrieve it. The victim said the weight room was crowded, and he didn't see anyone take the bag. Police searched the building and outside property and found the bag in the east parking lot.

All information taken from university police reports.

Gaming roommates impact GPA

BY MEGAN KELLY
of the Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(UNIVERSITY WIRE) – A study released last week by the National Bureau of Education found that first-year students whose roommates bring video game consoles to school study less and, consequently, have lower GPAs than students without the distraction.

Tim Holmes, University of Illinois junior, doesn't play video games but had a roommate last year who played up to 18 hours a day.

Contrary to the study's findings, Holmes never felt compelled to play the games.

However, his roommate's habit of vocally playing them during both day and night made Holmes unable to concentrate and sleep well in his room. Whenever he needed to study, he traveled to a friend's apartment or a library.

"Instead of spending 20 minutes to get on a bus or to walk back, it would have been easier to just stay in my room and get work done," Holmes said.

Holmes believes his grades were impacted by his old roommate's habits.

"If I had enough sleep going into an exam, and if I were able to use my room to cram for tests and to do homework, I think I would have done better," Holmes said.

Todd Stinebrickner, one of the authors of the study and associate professor of economics at the University of Western Ontario, said many college students begin playing video games because they are overexposed to the activity and their grades can suffer from it.

"Everyone knows studying matters to some extent," Stinebrickner said. "How much is the question, and we found that it's pretty substantial. For example, our results show that a student can make up for a fairly substantial deficit in college entrance exams scores by studying an extra hour a day."

Although excessive video game playing can be a problem, Stinebrickner said he doesn't believe video games should be banned and students should continue to play them in moderation – as long as they find time to study as well.

"It really is worth trying to find that extra hour a day to study," he said. "It can make a big difference."

Sue Herbert, coordinator of the academic skills program at the U of I Counseling Center, said many students feel video games are one of their main sources of procrastination. To prevent video games from taking away time for studying, Herbert suggests students learn time management skills.

"Putting together a 'to-do' list is the best thing students can do," Herbert said. "They should assign specific times to finish what they want to accomplish and be sure to prioritize."

Priscilla Fortier, associate director and coordinator of academic services at the U of I Office of Minority Student Affairs, believes students who frequently play video games should add regular activities to their schedule.

"I would encourage students to get a 10-hour-per-week job," Fortier said. "It really helps put the structure into their lives that might be missing when they go away to school for the first time."

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Alcohol Awareness Week teaches responsible drinking

BY CELESTE MARTINEZ AND SCOUT STAFF
for the Scout

Alcohol Awareness Week will take place Oct. 15-19, hosted by Help Empower and Teach informing students about alcohol through interactive events.

"Alcohol Awareness Week is to promote healthy decisions about drinking," Megan Musselman, the alcohol chair for HEAT said. "Whether you do not drink or you do, you will hopefully be able to learn from alcohol awareness week, and from our different presentations and activities."

The Save a Life Tour will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Michel Student Center Atrium. The tour is a virtual reality drunk-driving simulation designed to imitate a virtual reality game in which students seem to be driving intoxicated.

"It uses in your face methods to get its message across," Musselman said. "This drunk driving simulator is one of a kind to show its audience the effect alcohol has on your driving skills."

Another event hosted during Alcohol Awareness Week is the game show, Wheel of Choices.

Students who participate in the game show can answer questions related to drinking safety and alcohol awareness.

Though Musselman didn't reveal the exact details for the event, she said it would be a fun and interactive experience.

"We are not telling students they shouldn't drink," she said. "Everyone needs to know the consequences of their decisions to drink."

Musselman said she hopes the events will have an even better turn out than last year.

Alcohol Awareness Week gives students a chance through virtual reality simulation to see what drinking and driving feels like.

"People don't know the bad things that can happen when they drink," she said. "If you know what to do, you can help in an emergency situation, so it's important for students to show their support and learn during these events."

Sophomore nursing major Matthew Loomis said it's important for students to learn about the potential dangers of alcohol.

"Living in the dorms I think it is mandatory for students to participate in alcohol awareness," he said. "I know that every year there are floor meetings about alcohol awareness and it is really important because there is quite a bit of drinking going on in the campus, so it is important to know what to do if there is an emergency such as someone having alcohol poisoning."

Freshman AEP major Rachel Smith said she plans on attending the events with her roommate.

"I think it is really important to learn about alcohol awareness because I have so many friends that were hurt in car accidents because drunk driving," she said.

Senate bill may ease students' financial stress

BY ANDREW BEJAMIN
of The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

(UNIVERSITY WIRE) – After the United States Senate passed a bill last week easing the financial burden on college students, the House of Representatives approved the legislation that will potentially cut interest rates on federal subsidized student loans in half by 2011.

If signed by President Bush, the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007 will reduce interest rates from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over the next four years, while also increasing the Pell Grant scholarship by $1,090 over five years.

The bill aims to assist lower-and-middle class students and families who take out need-based federal student loans, said the bill's sponsor, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee.

"With students returning to campuses, I can think of no better back-to-school gift than passing a bill that represents the greatest effort to help students and families pay for college since the GI Bill was passed more than 50 years ago," Miller said at a press conference. "This is no ordinary gift. This is real money we are providing for students and families, which translates into real relief."

Miller's spokeswoman, Rachel Racusen, said the bill represents the fulfillment of a pledge the Democrats made last year.

"During the last election, Democrats promised to cut interest rates in half on student-loans and make college more affordable," Racusen said in an e-mail. "Already this year the Congress has approved legislation to lower college costs and clean up the corruption in the federal student loan programs."

Education officials have praised the bill, calling it a milestone act of Congress.

"For the first time in 10 years, Congress is thinking about what's best for students," said Barmak Nassirian, a spokesman for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. "I think it's a good day for students in this country. For the first time students are on the receiving end of the subsidy."

The cuts in interest rates – which would go into effect for all students on July 1, 2008 with Bush's signature – will not have no impact on the private sector, though.

"As for the effect the cut will have on the private loan sector – it won't," said Karin Pellmann, a spokeswoman for MyRichUncle, a student-loan company, in an e-mail. "Families tend to look to alternative means of financing education when grants, scholarships and federal loans, which are capped based on the year in school, don't cover the full cost. Not because of the rate of the loans."

Though the bill has been met with widespread support, some right-wing lawmakers say the bill is superficial and fails to properly provide aid to underprivileged students.

"The much-touted interest rate reduction is nothing more than a ruse, and a costly diversion from a program that helps students gain access to college," said Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., a ranking Republican member of the House Education and Labor Committee, in a statement blasting the bill.

McKeon said the bill will ultimately require compensation for the current reduction.

"We will be forced to choose between making further program cuts, putting taxpayers on the hook for an additional $20 to $30 billion to extend this benefit, or telling students that the promise the Democrats made was a hollow one."

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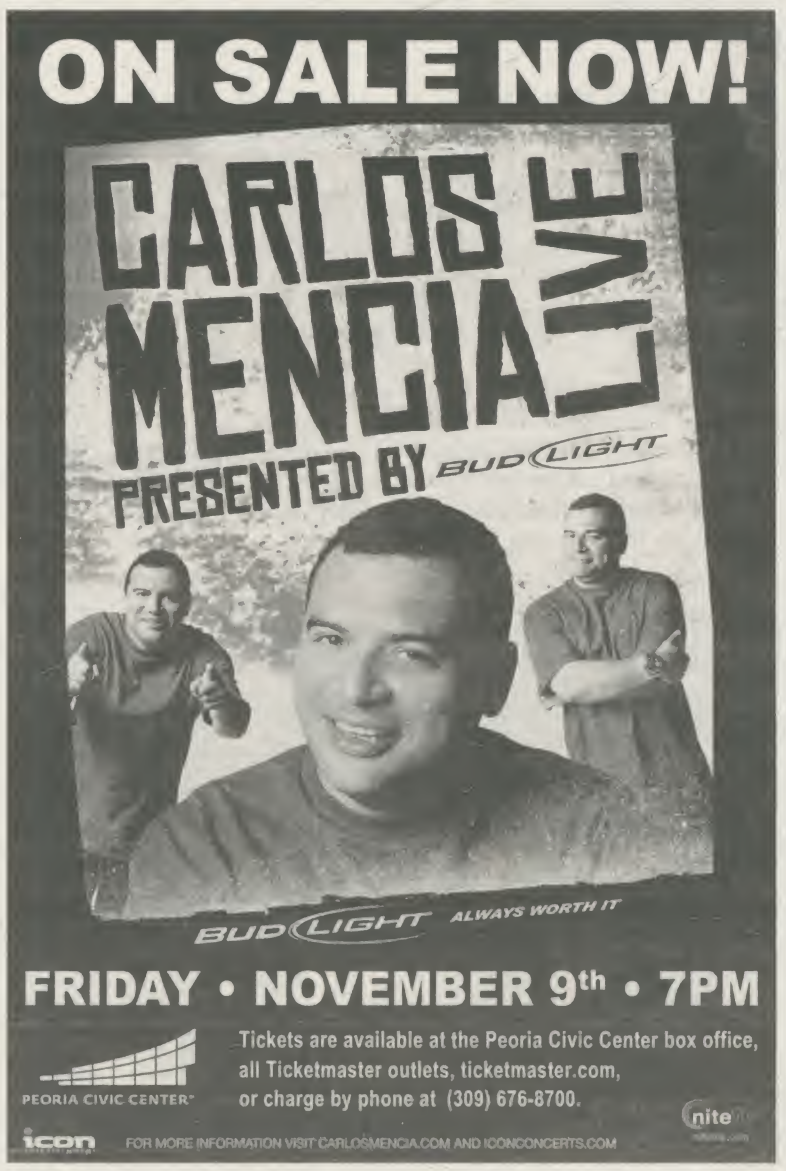

Homecoming on the hilltop

BY ALLISON HOGSHEAD
for the Scout

Homecoming week kicked off Monday with "Bonding on the Quad" where students ate pasta, played games, slid down a giant slide and dressed up as sumo wrestlers.

"The Week is Not Enough," Bradley's James Bond themed homecoming, ends 7:30 p.m. Saturday with a soccer game during which the homecoming king and queen will be announced.

Students voted for the homecoming court throughout the week.

Also during the week, students participated in a water fight, laser tag, Murder Mystery Dessert Theater, a pep rally and a Bond and Bond-girl a look-a-like contest.

Homecoming king and queen contestants participated in a date auction to raise money for their organizations.

Top: Two students sumo wrestle and attempt to knock each other over during Monday's Pep Rally.
Photo by Sam Lemanski

Above: Sophomore Jessica Henry performs with the Color Guard to kick off Homecoming week.
Left: Phuong shows his support for Bradley during Homecoming Week.
Photos by Megan Loos

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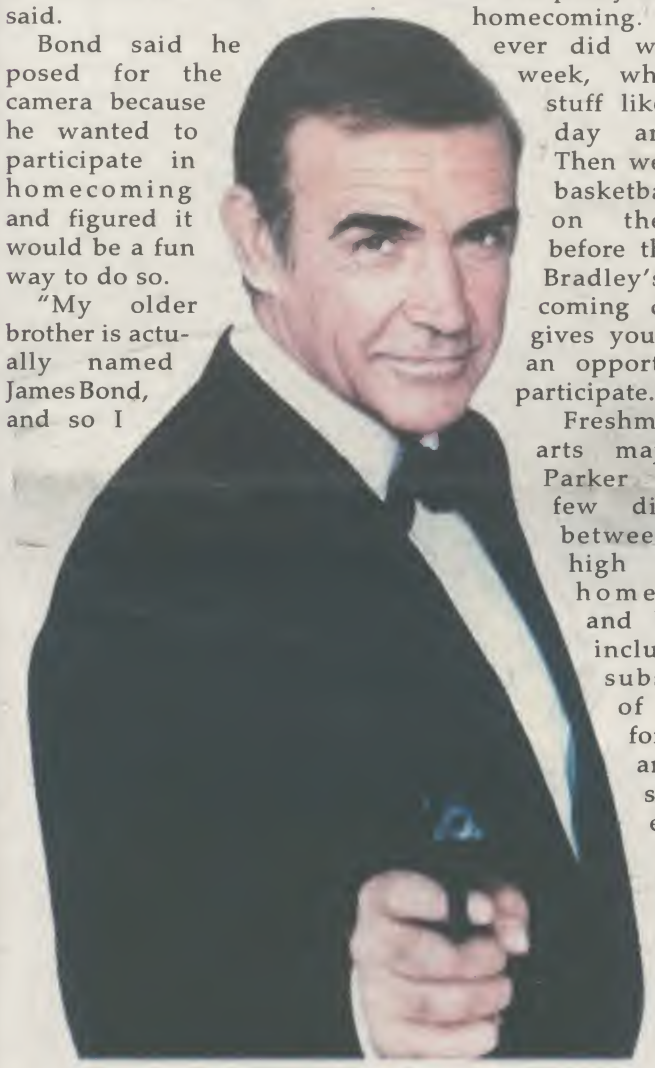
Marketing professor Ed Bond said he thinks he has qualities similar to the James Bond he portrayed in homecoming advertising pictures.

"The cars, the women, the adventure ... other than that, it's just the name: Bond ... Ed Bond. That's probably where the similarities end," he said.

Bond said he posed for the camera because he wanted to participate in homecoming and figured it would be a fun way to do so.

"My older brother is actually named James Bond, and so I thought it would be enjoyable for me to join in the 007 fun as well," he said.



Bradley's homecoming seemed different from high school for freshman nursing major Elizabeth Frazier.

"I went to the bowtie dinner," she said. "Our high school was pretty lame about homecoming. All we ever did was spirit week, which was stuff like pajama day and that. Then we had the basketball game on the night before the dance. Bradley's homecoming definitely gives you more of an opportunity to participate."

Freshman fine arts major Sam Parker said a few differences between her high school's homecoming and Bradley's include the substitution of soccer for football and more social events.

"High school is more dress-up but we had a football team," Parker said. "Bradley is more about activities and spending time with people at social events."

Freshman international studies major Helen Zoumaya said she thinks a major difference between homecoming at Bradley and homecoming in high school is the absence of a homecoming dance.

"It's a weeklong here as compared to high school where there is only a dance. At Bradley there is no dance but there are many activities," said Zoumaya.

Bond said his favorite Bond character is Dr. No.

Both Parker and Frazier said they like "Casino Royale," while Zoumaya said she likes "License to Kill."

"Dr. No – I've always liked originals," said Bond.

Left: The "B" on Bradley Hall lights up to kick off the pep rally.
Top: Bradley's pep band plays at Monday's BBQ.
Above: Freshmen Flori Brioni and Stephanie Coen enjoy the BBQ.
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Student Senate starts school year strong

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Student Senate kicked off the year by voting in three new members Monday.

Punya Krishnappa and Peter Stephan will represent Interfraternity/Panhellenic Council, and Eileen Reedy will represent the Student Apartment Complex.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said the new senators have a lot to bring to the table.

"I think that they will bring a positive attitude, a fresh voice and great perspective," she said.

All new members said they wanted to join Senate to become more involved on campus and help out students.

Ticaric said she thinks they will follow through.

"The three senators were voted in because they are diligent in their efforts to become part of Senate and they have a very clear drive for what we are trying to accomplish this year," she said.

Senate's first meeting was a chance for members to adjust to meeting policies and formats. Senators didn't begin constituency hours and won't attend committee meetings until after Monday's general assembly.

Ticaric said she's looking into new technological ways to hear students' opinions and concerns this year.

"Last year at the Rant and Roast, most students had complaints about food and facilities," she said. "We will be looking more into that for sure. It's really up to the student body to lead us in the direction that's desired."

Senate, Student Affairs and other administrative offices have already been working on renovating University Hall's cafeteria.

They recently submitted a proposal for temporary renovation to include a projection screen, stage, meeting tables, television, couches and chairs. The plan is projected at approximately $150,000.

Ticaric said she has other plans she wants to put into action.

"I'm really pushing for a new student center to become part of the [15-year] renovation plan," she said. "I think it's something students have wanted for a long time and deserve."

Ticaric said University President Joanne Glasser's arrival has already helped improve Senate.

"Upon her arrival she reached out to the students, which is what Senate does as well," she said. "She's such an advocate for student leadership and making positive change. She also is dependable and receptive to ideas and concerns of students. We've needed that as Bradley students."

Senate seats are still open for St. James Apartment Complex, Off-Campus, IFC/Panhel and Williams Hall.

Students may petition for these seats regardless of their residences. Petitions are available in the Senate Office on the third floor of Sisson Hall.

Senate

- An emergency phone has been added behind St. James.
- Senate will host Student Speak Up on Nov. 27.
- The university approved $4 million worth of safety upgrades in lights.
- Skim milk will return to Williams Hall cafeteria.

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to get involved.

She said it's difficult to say why overall enrollment is down. She said she thinks the smaller-than-average 2004 freshman class may be a factor in decreased numbers.

Also she said 12 percent less transfer students enrolled this year than last. There are 311 transfer students enrolled this year, 43 less than last year.

She said of the 3,843 prospective students admitted to Bradley, 1,080 or 28.1 percent enrolled. The percentage is average and has been consistent for a long time, she said.

"We tend to have a higher yield than many of our competitors," Roberson said. "It may be our marketing strengths and the kind of institution that we are, our emphasis on careers. I think those kinds of things attract students and set us apart."

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has the highest number of students at 1,232 while 801 students are enrolled in the College of Engineering and Technology.

Although this year's numbers increased from last fall's 779 students, Assistant Dean of the college Robert Podlasek said numbers of engineering students have dropped nationwide and haven't been changing.

"The big interest back in the '60s was Sputnick and the space age and the enthusiasm that they wanted to be a part of that," he said. "I don't think there has been anything like that to kind of strike the imagination."

He also said rigorous curriculum may discourage students from enrolling in the college.

However, the college uses a program called Project Lead the Way to spark high school students' interest in math and science.

The project includes high school classes geared toward hands-on approaches. There were 160 freshmen enrolled in the college in the fall of 2006 and 183 in 2007.

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"Usually it's somebody that has a new bike or something that's recognized as very expensive," he said.

The two stolen bikes were estimated to be worth around $500 or $600.

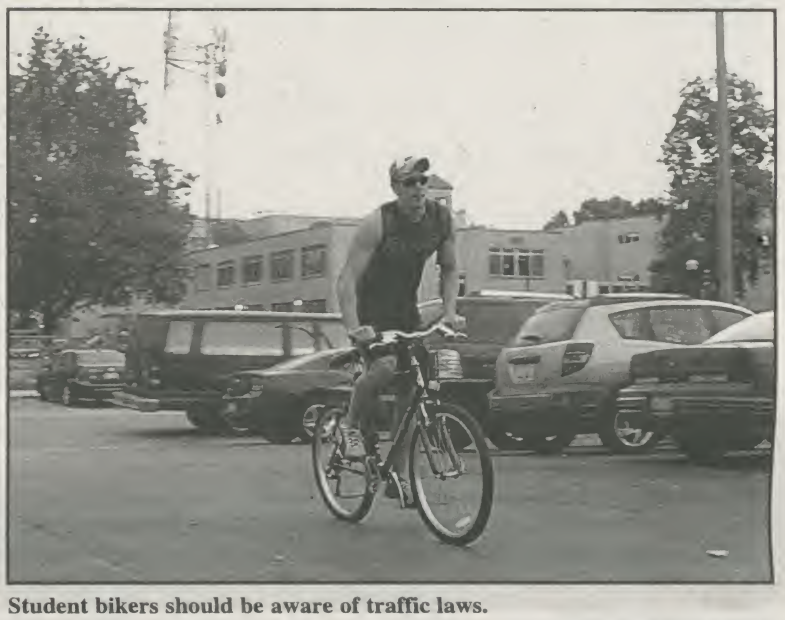
Collins said his bike was stolen when he left it outside the Cullom-Davis Library. He said he forgot his lock and left his bike unlocked for about 15 minutes. When he left the building, the two bikes on the rack were gone.

Collins said he filed a report with University Police.

"They just said that it's up in the air whether they find it or not," he said. "They said they find some, but there are a lot that never show up."

Collins said he rides his bike to class every morning from his house on Duryea Place but doesn't know many other students who ride bikes.

"I could walk but it's more of a convenience to save the time to ride my bike to class," he said. "I can wake up later … I have most of my classes in Morgan Hall, and it takes me about two minutes to get there."



Student bikers should be aware of traffic laws.

Photo by Chris Faczek

Baer said he's seen about five or six bikes in the rack between Williams and Constance Halls. He said he thinks students don't tend to ride bikes because of the closeness of campus buildings.

"Bradley is not a bicycle campus," he said. "It's not like when you go to [University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana]."

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Birth control pills may reduce risk of developing cancer

By GLENYS BOLLS
of the Daily Toreador (Texas Tech)

(UNIVERSITY WIRE) – After years of debate in the gynecology community, British researchers announced last week that taking a contraceptive pill doesn't increase a woman's chance of developing cancer, and it in fact may reduce this risk if she didn't take the pill for longer than eight years.

After studying the records of 46,000 women during the course of 36 years, researchers at Aberdeen University found that taking an oral contraceptive for up to eight years didn't lead to an increased risk of cancer during a woman's lifetime.

However, the research suggested the risk of cancer was higher for women who took the pill more than eight years.

"That is really significant for a couple of reasons," said P.J. Mann, vice president of health services for the Planned Parenthood Association of Lubbock. "Because [the study] lasted 36 years, it covers the early pills that were thought to have extremely high doses of estrogen. Secondly, they had a control group that had never been exposed to estrogen from outside the body."

According to the British Medical Journal Web site, www.bmj.com, the main data set contained about 339,000 "never users" -- women who had never taken the pill -- and about 744,000 woman years for "ever users" -- women who had taken it.

Ever users had significantly lower rates of cancer in the bowels, rectum, uterine body, ovaries, tumors of unknown site and malignancies.

Their rates also were lower on gynecological cancers and cancers in general.

"What's interesting to me is that this seems to decrease the rates of all cancers, not just female ones," said Cornelia DeRiese, a clinical associate professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

This study is important to review because it sheds new light on an issue that has worried doctors for years, Mann said.

"Something that's been very worrisome to American doctors is the age-old question, 'Can birth control put you at a greater risk for cancer?'" she said. "This says that in some cases it can actually cut the risk by up to 12 percent."

According to the study, that 12 percent reduction is equal to one fewer case of cancer for every 2,200 women who used the pill for a year.

"The thing that's important to remember, though, is that birth control usage is not an isolated factor," Mann said. "Lifestyle and genetics also contribute to a person's risk of getting cancer."

One of the benefits of this study is the number of women involved, DeRiese said.

"They're using a big number of patients," she said. "Generally speaking, the larger the number of patients, the better the interpretation is going to be."

Mann said the numbers were among the study's strongest points, but she learned more from the length of time rather than the number of subjects.

"The numbers alone are significant in this study," Mann said. "If there's a study that lasts four to five, even up to 10 years, you still don't see the negative outcomes in that time period."

Mann said the study also is meaningful because it's longitudinal – it followed the same people over a period of time.

The last research to come out linking pill usage and cancer was almost 10 years ago, DeRiese said. That information showed conflicting results on the types of cancers affected by the pill.

"Suppressing ovulation reduces the risk of ovarian cancer," she said, explaining the previous research. "It's close to a 50 percent reduction, but it may potentially increase the risk of breast cancer."

Mann said while the research is beneficial to both doctors and patients, she doesn't think it will affect the number of women who choose to use the contraceptive pill.

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New Web site enables flirting while driving

BY TERRY LEE GOODRICH
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(UNIVERSITY WIRE) – Next time someone gives a signal in traffic, it may not be to indicate a right turn. Or to invite a race. Or even to express road rage.

It could be the start of something romantic.

The highway has become the next stop on the Internet dating scene. A free Web site, www.flirtingintraffic.com, is a way to link people who catch each other's eye while passing by.

"The hook is that someone can meet you instead of never seeing you again after the light changes," said Jennifer Litz, 24, a Web site blogger from San Antonio, Texas.

Site visitors can complete an online biography and upload a head shot. They'll get a Flirting ID that can be printed on an oval bumper sticker. Drivers can flirt from behind the wheel or take it further by jotting down the ID and getting acquainted online.

Some people groan at the notion, seeing flirting as one more driving distraction on a list including chatting on a cell phone, watching television, applying makeup and eating. And law enforcement officers say it might attract someone dangerous.

But Litz says the flirting can be subtle.

"Don't hang out the window and wave," she said.

And it's relatively safe because people initially communicate on the Web site rather than by personal e-mail.

Wooing from behind the wheel helps people winnow out candidates in ways that many Web sites do not, Litz said.

People can tell immediately whether they feel the "spark" many consider crucial to a relationship, she said. The approach is more efficient and realistic than wading through old photos some people post on dating sites or trying to make conversation in a bar.

The bumper stickers that flirters use as IDs are maroon and cost $4.99, although thrifty folks may print out their own in black and white on adhesive labels, said Ilyse Shapiro, a site publicist in Wynnewood, Pa.

The founders of www.flirtingintraffic.com are thinking about offering a rainbow bumper sticker for gay people. It could be a time saver for people like one woman who registered on the site to search for other women.

Some romance seekers prefer to flirt in traffic without a Web site as a go-between. Angela Clements printed cards with her first name, her phone number and a picture of a rose printed in pink. She has given cards to about a dozen men.

"It's all about multitasking," said Clements, 35, an executive assistant who works in telecommunications. "I figure this is utilizing your time."

Clements said her direct approach has led to pleasant dates.

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can get stuff in there that can be in there forever," Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said. "But this is a good alternative too."

Ticaric said once the space becomes operational, programming will take place through the Student Activities and Conference Facilities offices.

The cafeteria's transformation means programs such as Coffeehouse can move in and benefit from the space increase.

"It's a better location than the Student Center Atrium," Ashley Wrobel, a Coffeehouse coordinator, said. "[The Atrium is] not a good place for concerts at all, but we don't have any other place to put it."

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cheerleaders participate in is the UCA Cheerleading Camp in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Cheerleaders are segmented into two basic positions. The male cheerleaders are called bases while the women are flyers.

Canino has been on the team since her freshman year and loves the sport. She said being a cheerleader can be time consuming and difficult.

"Our weekends are pretty much shot," she said. "The hardest part of the season is when soccer and basketball overlap, but we're always practicing year-round."

Canino said the squad will do anything the school asks but still isn't given the respect other schools give their cheerleaders.

"We will do anything Bradley asks of us," she said. "We've done cheer clinics for high schools, and we'll even put on camps for girls. We're not even on the Bradley athletic homepage, were not allowed to go to athletic picnics and we're not allowed on the Braves' Council."

Tony Vukovich is another member of the cheerleading squad.

The senior said being a male on the squad is a challenge in itself.

"You have to be comfortable with it," he said. "You will take ridicule for being a male cheerleader."

Vuckovich said those outside the athletic department really don't appreciate the cheerleading squad like they should.

"Overall the sports teams appreciate us, but there's a lot of incidents where people on campus will say it's not a sport," he said.

Phil Myer, another male cheerleader, said he thinks most people are unaware of the physical skills needed to be a cheerleader.

"Not only do the guys have to have strength, but balance and good hand-eye coordination are a must," Myer said.

The Braves' coach Ryan Hinnen said it takes a lot of time and energy to master the stunts.

"You have to be able to put in the time to be able to do this stuff," Hinnen said. "Repetition is key. Practicing the technique and making sure all the physics are there is a must."

Hinnen said he's also aware of how his athletes feel about not getting the recognition they deserve.

He said the cheerleading squad isn't getting the right support from students.

"I know the kids feel underappreciated compared to the other sports teams," Hinnen said. "Even though we feel underappreciated a lot of the time, other sports teams on campus struggle with getting recognition as well, not just us."

Hinnen said he wants students to become more involved in the various athletic events on and around campus.

"We put in a lot of hard work to keep the crowd involved and we just want to see more participation from the Bradley community," he said. "We need a good shot of school spirit."

Freshman midfielder Michael Motteler blocks a pass from a Saint Louis opponent during the Braves' game last Saturday at Shea Stadium. *Photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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in the game, but his header in the 60th minute was also knocked away.

DeRose said part of the reason for the limited number of shots on goal was the Braves strategy. The team chose to deploy a "defend and counter" tactic in the game and tried to limit the Billikens opportunities to score.

"The kids just have to be patient in a game like this because if you turn it into a track meet, it'll turn into a four or five-goal game," he said.

DeGurian said he thought the Braves should have stopped the Billikens after the first goal, but the team played well overall.

"After the first goal went in we definitely had a little bit of a lapse," he said. "That's a little disappointing but it's a good learning experience."

Saint Louis was the second top-10 school Bradley has played this year. The Braves held both teams scoreless until late in the game, something DeGurian said will give the team confidence moving forward.

"We battled with No. 9 for a while, so to see that we could play right with them for that long and the only thing that separates us is a little mental mistake is kind of encouraging," he said. "But at the same time we'd like to have it back for sure, especially at home."

Bradley is now 0-4 in the all-time series against Saint Louis. The Braves have never scored a goal in the series.

Saint Louis coach Dan Donigan praised Bradley's effort after the game.

"They're a very organized, well-disciplined, well-coached team," he said. "We're very pleased, very happy with this result against a very good Bradley team. They're going to do well this year and I applaud their players because they worked tremendously hard for the entire game."

The Braves play host to the Bradley Homecoming Classic this weekend at Shea Stadium. Bradley will play IUPUI tonight before taking on Illinois-Chicago on Saturday night in the homecoming game. Both contests begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Men's tennis team earns wins at Bradley Invite

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

The men's tennis team had a productive outing during last weekend's Bradley Invitational at the Markin Tennis Courts.

Junior Michel Macara-chvili took third place in Flight C singles draw, while freshman Milos Romic won the Flight A singles consolation title.

Macara-chvili started strong on the first day of the invite defeating Dan Brunette of Valparaiso, 6-2, 7-6.

The second day proved to be frustrating for Macara-chvili as he fell to Sean McManus of Saint Louis, 6-2, 6-4. However, he finished strong on the last day of the invite.

Macara-chvili claimed a straight-set victory over Saint Louis sophomore Sam McSpadden, 6-4, 6-2, and finished in third place.

Romic started the weekend slowly, losing to Bastian Harbo of Illinois-Chicago, 6-0, 6-3.

On day two, Romic managed to bounce back and defeated Gabriel Garcia IUPUI, 3-6, 6-4, 10-6.

The Bradley freshman went on to win the Flight A singles consolation title, defeating fellow Braves teammate Evgeny Samoylov, 3-6, 6-3, 10-2.

Romic's consolation win was the second title for the Braves last weekend. The duo of Macara-chvili and sophomore Richard Robertson won the Flight C doubles draw title Saturday.

The Braves' Wilder Sampson started his weekend strong as he claimed two victories on Friday. The Bradley freshman won a singles match and earned a doubles victory alongside Romic.

Sampson won in the opening round of the Flight D singles draw, defeating Josh Kutch of IUPUI, 6-4, 6-2. He then defeated Kyle Stump of Valparaiso, 6-2, 6-4 on Saturday.

Sampson ended his weekend in disappointment, as he fell in the title match of the Flight D singles draw to Illinois State sophomore Xavier Riart-Ferrer, 6-2, 6-0.

Coach Jacek Wolicki said last weekend was good preparation for his players to get some good experience.

"We still have a long way to go," Wolicki said. "We have a young team that needs these tournaments so they can get as many matches under their belts as they can."

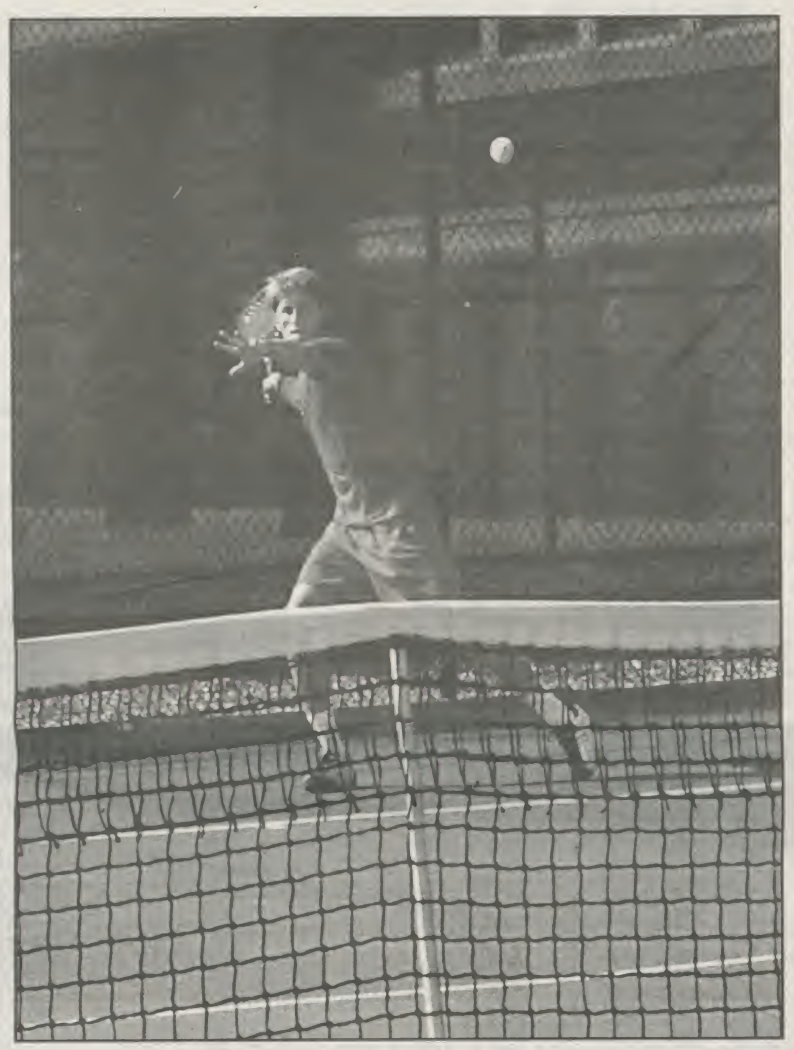
Wolicki said these fall tournaments do a great job of getting the players ready for the spring.

"No amount of practice can substitute for match play," he said. "The fall season is great, because it's more of an individual effort for the players to get better."

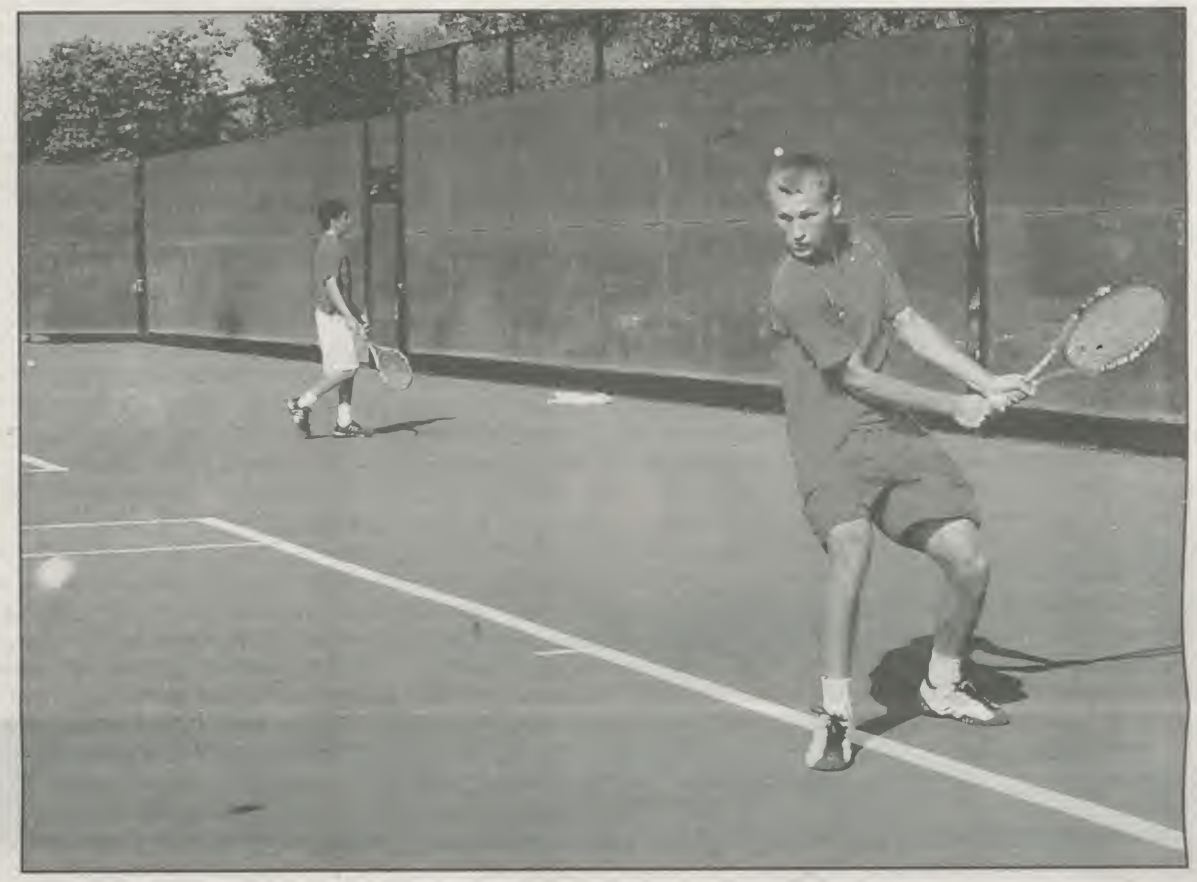
Even though the team had a solid outing last weekend, Wolicki knows his team needs work in order to compete in the spring.

"I think we have a lot of work to get done," he said. "But, the team is moving in the right direction."

Wolicki will have the team ready to play in the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Championships today in Omaha, Neb.



Junior Evgeny Samoylov plays during the Bradley Invitational last weekend. *Photo by Saleena Fortunato*



Freshman Milos Romic prepares to return a serve during this past weekend's tournament at the Markin Tennis Courts. *Photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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Volleyball just misses first MVC win

Braves force overtime before falling to Drake, also drop games to Creighton and Valparaiso

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

Bradley fell just short of picking up its fist Missouri Valley Conference win last weekend after battling the Drake Bulldogs in a five-game match.

The Braves (1-13, 0-4 MVC) were tied 15-15 in the final game but dropped the next two points in overtime to fall to their conference foes.

The match started poorly for Bradley as it dropped the first game 30-25. The Braves couldn't withstand the Bulldog's (4-10, 1-2 MVC), and allowed them to hit .341 for the game.

Following the first game, Bradley's offense picked up.

The Braves hit .304 in the second game and squeezed out a tight 30-28 victory over the Bulldogs in the second game.

With that momentum, the Braves offense continued to roll into the third game. The Braves hit a season high .440 and easily took down the Bulldogs 30-18.

After being up two games to one, the Braves appeared to be on the verge of their first conference victory.

In the fourth game, the Braves were within six points of winning the match with a 24-19 lead. The Bulldogs then went on a 7-1 run to capture the lead 26-25.

Bradley then rallied aa freshman Emily Austin tied the game at 29-29 and sophomore Amy Reichel scored the next point to make it 30-29.

The Braves needed one more point to claim their first MVC win of the year but couldn't seal the deal. The Bulldogs fought back and went on to win the game 32-30, forcing a fifth game.

In the fifth game, which is only played to 15, the Braves held a 14-12 advantage but faltered. After an attack error and a Bulldog block, the game was tied 14-14.

Reichel scored the next point of the match to go up 15-14, but the Bulldogs scored the next point to forcing the game into overtime.

The Braves went on to commit their 10th attack error of the game, followed by a Bulldog kill, and lost the game 17-15 as well as the match.

The Braves had their best offensive match hitting .255 over the five games.

Austin led the team with 15 kills. Junior Sam Black also had her fifth double-double and notched 40 assists.

"We played hard, played well overall," coach Scott Luster said. "We had fourth and fifth oppurtunites to win and we came up short. Anytime you can swing to win, that's what you want. We missed that oppurtunity."

In the second game of the weekend, the Braves squared off against the Creighton Bluejays.

Bradley dropped the match in three straight games, 30-21, 30-22, 30-25.

Senior Nikki Pierzchala and freshman Melissa Collins led the team with eight kills apiece. Black contributed another double-double, her sixth of the year.

The Braves were within two points with a 22-20 score in the first game, but then allowed Creighton to go on an 8-1 run to win the game.

In the second game of the match, Bradley couldn't contend with the Blue Jays' .450 attack percentage and dropped the game 30-22.

The Braves held Creighton to a .074 attack percentage in the third game but weren't able to outdo them and hit only .050 themselves.

After being tied 19-19, the Blujays began to pull away and made the score 27-20.

The Braves didn't give up after that. They rallied to score the next four points but after a service error, the game slipped out of their grasp.

On Tuesday night, Bradley faced off against the Valparaiso Crusaders (11-3).

The Braves suffered a setback before the game when Reichel sprained her ankle. The injury marked the second time this year a Bradley player was injured during warm-ups.

Reichel was unable to play in the match but is expected to return to action this weekend.

The Braves couldn't pick up a win in the match, losing 30-17, 30-22 and 30-19.

The Crusaders took control of the first game early on and never gave the Braves a chance.

Bradley was outhit .062 to .393 and lost the game 30-17.

The Braves held leads of 16-12 and 21-20 in the second game, but a 9-0 Valparaiso run dashed Bradley's hopes of picking up a victory.

In the third game, the Braves were up 15-13 early on, but a 6-0 and 7-1 run lead the Crusaders to a 30-19 win in the third game.

Pierzchala led the team with eight kills in the losing effort.

The match closed the book on the non-conference road portion of the team's schedule this year.

"We're a better team than we're showing," Luster said. "We need to get momentum to get something going and go on a nice run."

Luster said the team's setting has been inconsistent as of late, and the team will change its look this weekend.

The team plans to go back to using just one setter in hopes that the move will change the team's fortunes.

The Braves will continue their quest for a conference victory when they play Northern Iowa this Saturday at 7 p.m. in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Two members of the volleyball team dive for the ball during Saturday's game against Creighton at Robertson Memorial Field House. *Photo by Megan Loos*

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Les' recruiting on the right track

BY ADAM METTRICK

There are still two weeks until the men's basketball team can even begin holding practices, but excitement for the 2007-08 season is growing stronger by the hour, and with good reason.

Bradley boasts the top two returning scorers in the conference from last season in Daniel Ruffin and Jeremy Crouch. Both players averaged 13.8 points per game.

Ruffin is also the nation's active leader in assists, while Crouch led the country in 3-point percentage last year.

Ruffin and Crouch are both prime-time talents who will lead the Braves this season, but they're only part of the equation.

The biggest reason for optimism is the recruiting efforts of coach Jim Les and his staff.

Les has done an outstanding job of restocking the team with talent after the cupboard was left a little too bare by the graduation of Zach Andrews, J.J. Tauai, Will Franklin and Danny Adams and the departures of Jeremy Fears and Ray Brown.

Bradley's roster features seven new faces this season, including four junior college transfers and three freshmen.

Those seven new players make up one of the best recruiting classes in the nation. Multiple recruiting experts have ranked the class in the top 25 nationally. It's surely one of the best recruiting classes in Bradley history.

All seven of the new recruits should be solid contributors at some point during their careers at Bradley.

The four JUCO transfers will probably see the most playing time early in the year, but point guard Sam Maniscalco and 6 foot 10 freshman center Anthony Thompson both look to have enormous potential.

Both players were thought highly of by a number of recruiting services. Thompson was rated by ESPN as the 30th best center in the class of 2007. Maniscalco was ranked as the 59th best point guard.

But while those two players are somewhat known commodities, it may be the lesser-known Will Egolf, a 6-9 power forward, who turns out to be the best of the bunch.

Les has a made a habit of turning unheralded players into top performers (see Andrews, Tauai and Franklin). They say history tends to repeat itself, and if that's the case, keep your eye on Egolf.

The strong recruiting effort doesn't stop with this season either.

Bradley has already secured a verbal commitment from highly-touted point guard Eddren McCain for the 2008-09 season. The team is involved with a number of other top recruits.

The Braves were in the middle of several recruiting battles this summer.

Bradley made the final cut on the lists of big-time stars Iman Shumpert, Matt Roth and Scott Suggs before losing out to schools from the power conferences.

Bradley missed out on another big name Tuesday when 6-9 forward Devin Hill verbally committed to DePaul. Hill had been scheduled to visit Bradley's campus this weekend, but those plans have apparently been cancelled.

Though the Braves failed to secure commitments from any of those four, the fact that they were even in the final few speaks volumes to the job Les and his staff have done on the recruiting trail.

Missing out on those players has been frustrating for fans that closely follow recruiting news, but it's most certainly been frustrating for Les as well.

Luckily for Les and the fans, Bradley is reportedly still hot on the tails of two other highly-talented players, Chris Roberts and Wesley Witherspoon.

The laws of probability seem to indicate Bradley is bound to win a recruiting battle one of these days.

As a member of a mid-major conference and located in a smaller city, Bradley is at a distinct disadvantage anytime it goes up against a BCS school for a recruit.

Back-to-back 22-win seasons and a trip to the Sweet 16 in 2006 certainly helped, but if the Braves want to move to the next level, they'll have to start beating out the big boys for some of the top talent.

If they can find a way to do that, they'll find themselves playing deep into the NCAA tournament each March.

It will take time, patience and a lot of hard work by Les and his staff, but it's definitely possible.

They've done a great job rebuilding the program and getting it to this point and deserve a ton of praise for their efforts. Here's hoping they can take it to the next level.

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One-on-One

Is Cedric Benson a bust?

Yes

Cedric Benson is officially a first-round bust. The fourth overall selection in the 2005 NFL Draft has shown no signs of becoming a productive running back.

In three games this year Benson has 59 carries for 189 yards and one touchdown. That means he's only averaging 3.2 yards per carry every time he touches the ball.

Not only has he been unproductive, he's also fumbled the ball twice in three games. Both of those fumbles resulted in turnovers.

A running back that's drafted in the first-round should at least put up solid numbers and move the chains. Benson can't even contribute that much. Every time he hits the hole he gets thrown backwards or just runs into a wall.

Benson also has no elusiveness and is horrendous at catching the ball out of the backfield. He only has success when he gets an open hole and runs up the middle. That's the kind of back Anthony "A-Train" Thomas was. He's now a second-string running back for the Buffalo Bills and sees little to no action.

The loss of Thomas Jones has killed the Bears.

Benson isn't half of what Jones is. Now Chicago is stuck with a $40 million investment gone bad.

- Adam Kagan

No

You can't declare someone a bust this early in the season, especially not someone who has the credentials of Cedric Benson.

The Bears have only played three games so far this year. That isn't enough time to make a judgement on a player.

In high school, Benson rushed for 8,423 yards and led his team to three straight Texas state championships.

Those are impressive results in a state that is essentially the high school football capital of the world. He also holds the record for most rushing yards in Texas 5A football history.

Benson proved himself at the college level as well.

He's the sixth leading rusher in college football history and won the Doak Walker Award for the best running back in the nation.

The Bears used the fourth pick in the draft on him. They have no choice but to give him a shot.

He showed signs of stardom last year, rushing for six touchdowns on 647 yards while averaging 4.1 yards per carry as the backup.

While his numbers are down a little in the first three games, Benson is a proven winner. Give him a chance and he'll eventually shine.

- Alex Mayster

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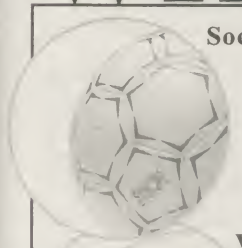

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at 7:30 p.m.	at 7:30 p.m.	at 3 p.m.
vs. IUPUI	*vs. Illinois-Chicago*	*vs. UMKC*
at Shea Stadium	*at Shea Stadium*	*at Kansas City, Mo.*

Volleyball

Saturday
at 7 p.m.
vs. Northern Iowa
at Cedar Falls, Iowa

Men's Golf

Monday	Tuesday
at 8 a.m.	at 8 a.m.
John Dallio Memorial	*John Dallio Memorial*
at Lemont	*at Lemont*

Women's Golf

Saturday	Sunday
at 8 a.m.	at 8 a.m.
Wolverine Invitational	*Wolverine Invitational*
at Ann Arbor, Mich.	*at Ann Arbor, Mich.*

Tennis

Today - Sunday
TBA
Men's and Women's
MVC Individual Championship
at Omaha, Neb.

Sport SHORTS

Grossman Benched

Rex Grossman is no longer the starting quarterback for the Chicago Bears.

Backup Brian Griese will take Grossman's place in the starting lineup beginning Sunday when the Bears head to Detroit to face the Lions.

Grossman has been ineffective in the Bears' first three games this season. He leads the NFL in interceptions with six and has thrown one touchdown pass.

Grossman's quarterback rating of 45.2 is the second worst in the league and his completion percentage of 52.8 is also in the bottom five.

Griese, a 10-year veteran, was a Pro Bowl selection in 2000 as a member of the Denver Broncos. His last start came in 2005 with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Former Bradley coach passes away

Former Bradley coach Jim Spink died Sunday at Methodist Medical Center. He was 80 years old.

Spink coached three different sports in his time at Bradley.

He served as the head coach of the men's golf team on three separate occasions between 1960 and 1985. He coached swimming and diving from 1959 to 1987 and was also an assistant coach for the football team from 1959 to 1970.

Before coming to Bradley, Spink was the head football coach at the Illinois School for the Deaf. He also served as the athletic director during his time at the school.

Sports

Volleyball loses heartbreaker to Drake.
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Soccer falls 2-0 to Saint Louis

Braves unable to capitalize against No. 9 Billikens in defensive struggle

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Defense was the name of the game again last Saturday night when the soccer team hosted then No. 9 Saint Louis.

Bradley (4-2-1) held Saint Louis (3-1-2) without a shot on goal for the first 70 minutes of action. Saint Louis, now ranked No. 7, made the shots it did take count, however, and handed the Braves their first home loss of the season, 2-0.

The Billikens didn't get their first shot on goal until the game's 71st minute. Senior goalkeeper Mike Haynes turned away the opposition's first attempt, but the Billikens got on the board minutes later.

Saint Louis' Rob Viviano sent a cross into the middle from the left side and Dado Hamzagic fired a shot into the right corner of the net for a 1-0 Saint Louis lead.

The Billikens added a second goal just over a minute later to take a 2-0 advantage and seal the victory.

"It's a tough result. It was probably more of a one-goal game, the second one was a little bit scrappy," Bradley coach Jim DeRose said. "The kids executed the game plan. We wanted to be 0-0 in the last 15 minutes and we were."

Sophomore Chris Cutshaw breaks away during the first half of Saturday's game at Shea Stadium. Bradley lost to Saint Louis 2-0.
Photo by Saleena Fortunato

The Braves held the Billikens to only three shots on goal for the game, but Bradley only mustered two.

Senior midfielder Ken Hickman had the first chance for either side in the 43rd minute.

Hickman took a pass from senior Drew DeGurian and sprinted into the penalty area ahead of two Saint Louis defenders. Hickman fired a shot before the defenders ran him down, but the ball hit the Billikens' goalkeeper in the chest.

DeRose said Bradley struggled to get the offense going for much of the game.

"Kenny [Hickman] was in clean with the goalkeeper and didn't get it over," he said. "We weren't able to generate much of an attack."

Senior Joe Donoho had the Braves' only other shot on goal

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Student section branded Red Sea

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

Teams looking to challenge the Braves at Carver Arena this year will be surrounded by a sea of red – literally.

The Red Sea is the new name for the student section at this year's men's basketball games. Assistant Athletic Director for External Affairs John Searby said the section should give students a more organized and effective way to cheer on the team this season.

"The biggest thing is that we want to have a unified student section," he said. "We want the students to be able to rally around the idea of creating a Red Sea."

Anyone who has purchased or is planning on purchasing student season tickets is invited to become a member of the new Red Sea. Season tickets are still available for purchase at the box office in Robertson Memorial Field House for $20.

According to the Bradley ticket office, there have already been about 400 season tickets sold this year. The ticket office expects to reach the 650 mark by the start of the season.

When students pick up their season tickets, they'll receive a free Red Sea T-shirt designed by a Bradley student.

There's still time for students who wish to submit a T-shirt design to do so. Anyone can create a design to go on the front of a red T-shirt as long as it relates to the Red Sea theme.

Students should send their designs to jsearby@bradley.edu in a PDF format. The deadline for submission is Oct. 5.

The winning designer will receive two passes to the Braves Club Room for the Braves' Nov. 14 game against Iowa State, along with recognition in the game program.

Senior political science major Todd Hyken said he's excited for the new cheering section.

"I'm really looking forward to the games, especially when we play Michigan State," he said. "Sitting in the Red Sea will make it easier to charge the court when we beat Michigan State as well."

The student section will remain in the same location it was last year, behind the basket at the southeast end of the arena.

Cheerleaders searching for R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

They can be seen rallying the crowds of the Bradley basketball games. Before every soccer game they entertain the crowd with stunts and acrobatics. And sometimes they're even on Olin Quad practicing while students pass.

This is the Bradley cheerleading team and there's more than meets the eye with this sport.

A lot of individuals don't perceive cheerleading as a real sport.

But don't say that to any of the Bradley cheerleaders.

"We definitely don't get enough respect compared to the other sports," senior Sarah Canino said. "They don't consider us athletes."

Cheerleaders at Bradley have to follow a strict regiment in order to perform during sports events.

For one, cheerleaders are required to do heavy weight lifting three to five times a week. This includes a full body workout for both the men and women.

Practices take place twice a week and last two hours. Constant repetition is required to master the stunts they perform.

It takes a lot of work for the cheerleaders to put on the show they do. All of these athletes have to be 100 percent healthy in order to balance and lift themselves in the air.

They also have to perform constantly at multiple sporting events.

As most Bradley students know, the cheerleaders' main shows are at the men's basketball games at Carver Arena. They perform stunts before the game, at halftime and during timeouts.

The cheerleading team also performs at soccer games. These games are considered the "preseason" for the cheerleading squad. They prepare the team for the long basketball season ahead.

The cheerleading squad also performs at a few of the volleyball and women's basketball games to go along with its hectic schedule.

The squad is also required to participate in summer camps to keep in shape and work on stunts. One of the camps the

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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL	MVC	OVERALL
MISSOURI STATE	4-0	14-2
CREIGHTON	3-0	9-5
WICHITA STATE	3-1	11-4
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	2-1	10-4
ILLINOIS STATE	2-2	10-5
NORTHERN IOWA	2-2	7-8
EVANSVILLE	1-2	8-6
DRAKE	1-2	4-10
INDIANA STATE	0-4	3-9
BRADLEY	0-4	1-14

SOCCER	MVC	OVERALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-0	6-2-1
BRADLEY	0-0	4-2-1
DRAKE	0-0	4-3-1
EVANSVILLE	0-0	4-4-0
CREIGHTON	0-0	3-1-2
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	2-5-1
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-0	1-5-2

On the Record

"You've got to look at who's saying it. Let's be honest, he's not really the brightest guy."

— *Brewers first baseman Prince Fielder on his father's critical public remarks*

VOICE

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BEAT OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Voice takes a look at statewide concert options

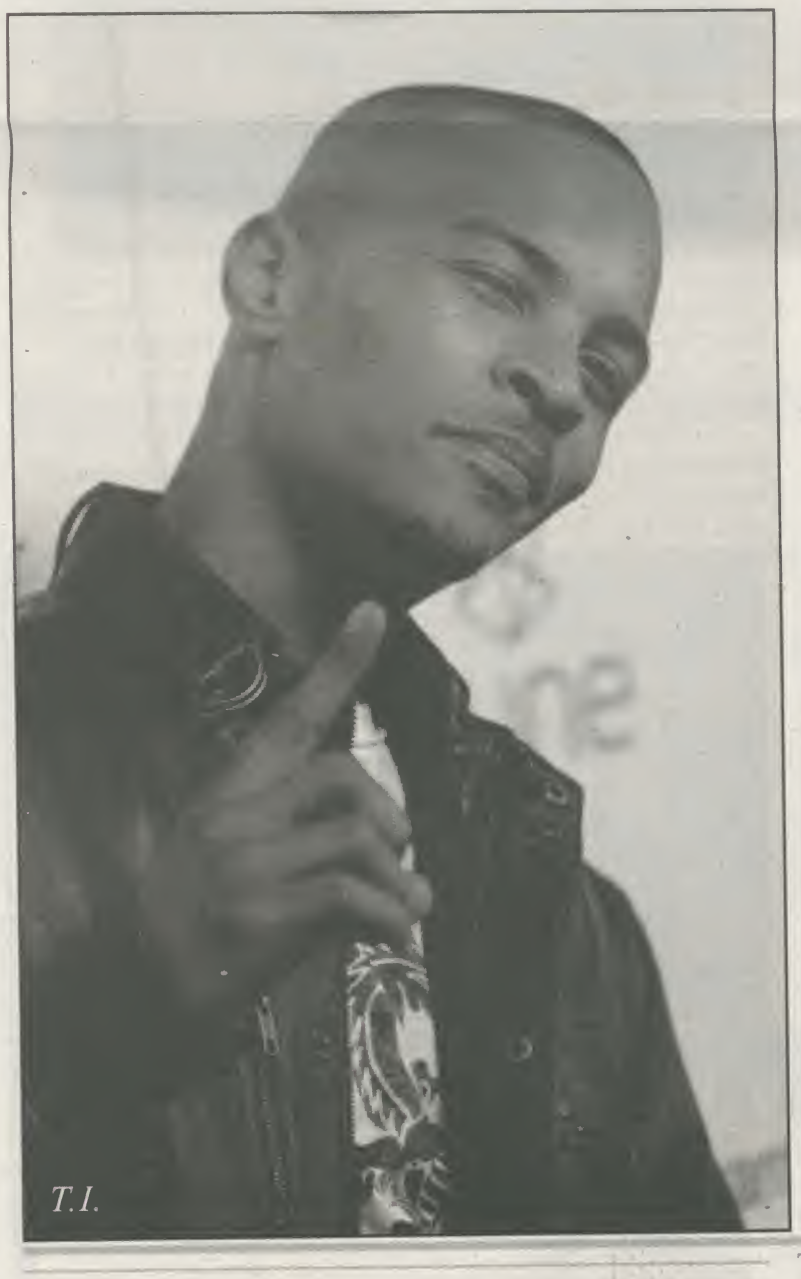
BY ALEX GOLDBERG
for Voice

It's almost that time of year when students need a break from the daily grind of life.

Fortunately for music fans, there are some great shows coming to the Peoria area, other college campuses and arenas throughout the state to help them relax and enjoy themselves.

The Braden Auditorium in Normal and the U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington are 45 minutes from campus. Braden Auditorium will host the Smashing Pumpkins Thursday, while rock legends Bob Dylan and Elvis Costello play a show at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum Oct. 20. A week later, the venue will welcome famous "red rocker" Sammy Hagar on Oct. 27.

Rap fans will be excited to know on Oct. 10, T.I. and T-Pain will perform at University of Illinois Assembly Hall in Champaign. Fall Out Boy will perform at the same venue Oct. 21.



T.I.

Senior business management and administration major Danny Gillespie said he's been a stagehand at Assembly Hall for the past two and a half years.

"Generally rock concerts attract much bigger crowds than rap concerts," he said. "But the circular stage at Assembly Hall allows seating to be adjusted to accommodate the size of any crowd, by either opening or closing more seats around the stage. The atmosphere created at Assembly Hall is comparable to any big city venue I've ever been to."

Students willing to make the three-hour trip to Chicago will be able to rock out with Trapt and Fuel at the House of Blues on Oct. 23. While red-eyed, drymouthed tokers will unite at the House of Blues on Dec. 3 to see Kottonmouth Kings.

The White Stripes cancelled a Chicago date and most of its fall tour because of drummer Meg White's anxiety problem, but fans of critically acclaimed indie pop can catch Spoon at the Riviera in Chicago on Oct. 12.

Trapt

Junior health science major Steven McConnell said he's never seen any of these bands perform, although he's seen alternative rock bands Mae and Sherwood at the House of Blues.

"The lighting, intimacy, and history of the venue combine for a great atmosphere and experience," he said. "It's one of the best venues I've ever been to."

For students who don't want to leave the lovely city of Peoria, the Peoria Civic Center will also host upcoming concerts.

Contemporary Christian music group Newsboys will perform on Oct. 7.

*Also coming up is Activ*ity Council's fall concert Jack's Mannequin. The piano-driven, alternative rock band will arrive Oct. 20 at the Robertson Memorial Field House. Tickets are $5 for students.

Finally, Cirque de Soleil's Saltimbanco will perform downtown on Oct. 17 and 18.

Newsboys

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

"The Spy Who Loved Me," 8 to 11 p.m. in the Marty Theater as part of the fall film series. Tickets are $1 for students and $1.50 for the public.

"Urinetown," 8 p.m. in the Hartmann Center. Tickets are $9 for students, $14 for faculty and $17 for adults.

SATURDAY

"Urinetown," 8 p.m. in the Hartmann Center.

"James Bond Week: The Living Daylights," 6 to 9 p.m. in the Marty Theater.

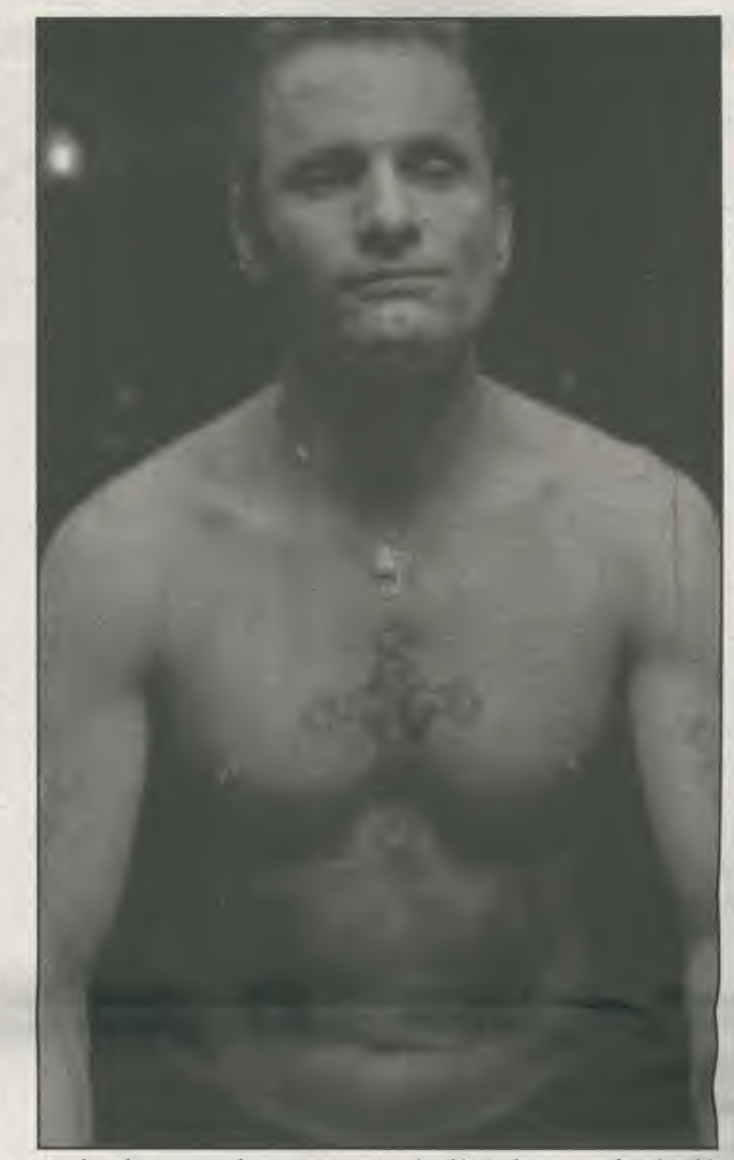
SUNDAY

Peoria Art Guild presents "The 45th Annual Fine Art Fair" at the Riverfront. Admission $5.

"Urinetown," 8 p.m. in the Hartmann Center.

"James Bond Week: Die Another Day," 9 to 11 p.m. in the Mary Theater.

Mortensen delivers some of Cronenberg's 'Promises'



BY JASON MISKA
for Voice

"Eastern Promises" is the latest in the long line of director David Cronenberg success stories, including "A History of Violence" and "The Fly."

The film is about Anna, a young doctor played by Naomi Watts ("King Kong," "The Ring") who delivers a baby from a now-dead 14-year-old girl. She finds a diary written in Russian among her belongings and decides to have it translated to find the baby a home.

But as it turns out, she's in much more trouble than she bargained for.

She finds an address in the diary leading her to a quaint Russian restaurant in the heart of London.

The restaurant owner seems like a humble man and assures Anna he'll translate the text as long as he can have the diary. This man's desire for the actual diary, not a copy, begins to worry her.

The restaurant's owner turns out to be the head of the Russian mob. He understands there's information in the diary no one should see, and they need it at any cost.

"Newbie" gang member Nikolai, played by Viggo Mortensen ("A History of Violence," "The Lord of the Rings"), is trying to be officially initiated in the mob. The film explores the turmoil and rites of passage he must go through to become a trusted man to the mob boss.

He plays a major role in the film, and it's no wonder Mortensen was cast. He's tough, mysterious, plays the role with real grittiness, and to top it off, he has an awesome Russian accent.

He single handedly makes the film worth watching and without him, the movie's quality would've suffered.

"Eastern Promises" is very similar to other Cronenberg films – they're easy to understand without many confusing sub-plots and assumptions about society. This film is about the life of Russian mobsters and a woman trying to find a home for a baby – nothing much else. But in this hour and a half, there's grotesque violence, gratuitous sex and a naked Mortensen fighting two assassins in a Russian bath house.

Eastern Promises

Viggo Mortenson
Naomi Watts

Grade: B

Besides that, the film is dramatic. The editing and bare bones directing style make it as easy to understand as a Disney film. I found the exact same to be true of "A History of Violence," so check it out if you haven't yet. The film is easy to comprehend and there are many diverse themes underpinning the whole story.

The film's major theme is how human existence is frail, and how life and death are fleeting moments in time. The other major theme is that even though there's a difference between good and bad people, we all have the opportunity to make the same choices. Mortensen's role also represents a choice between conscience and doing a job, his job being a criminal.

Overall this film is an intense view into the depths of human nature and the repercussions of actions, good or bad. Unfortunately, the film can be boring at times, and leaves you desiring a little bit more. As a whole I liked "Eastern Promises," but Cronenberg's previous films blow this suspense/drama out of the water.

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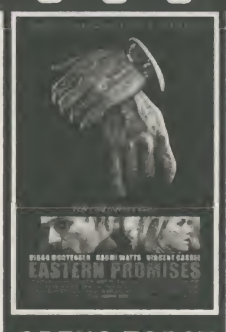

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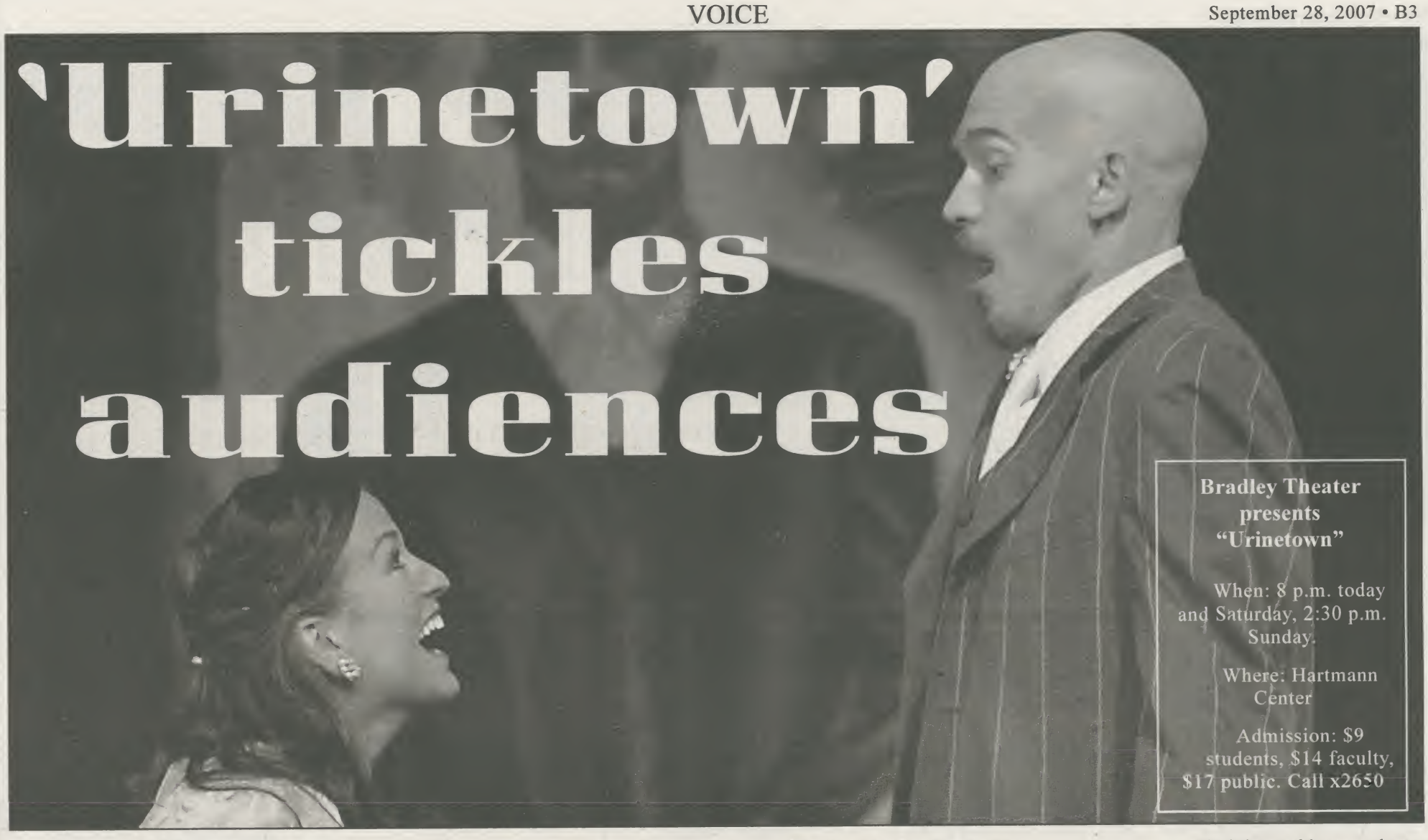
'Urinetown' tickles audiences



Bradley Theater presents "Urinetown"

When: 8 p.m. today and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Hartmann Center

Admission: $9 students, $14 faculty, $17 public. Call x2650

BY JUSTIN TABATABAI
for Voice

The relaxing feel of your bladder emptying, the gentle trickle of urine and the resounding "swoosh" of a flushing toilet – all things you should expect when you see "Urinetown."

Its ticket price is worth paying with a production of this quality. It's an unbelievably humorous critique of our society that delves into greed, corruption, power, class struggle and rapidly degrading toilet facilities – things we all recognize and loathe today.

From the beginning, "Urinetown" plunges the audience into a world where, because of water shortages, residents must pay to use the restroom.

If they choose to relieve themselves anywhere else, they're executed. It's a world where the few rich rule the multitudes of the poor, while their lives hinge on their bladders.

In the middle of this huge mess, Bobby Strong, played by sophomore music performance major Nick Myers, sees the wrong.

With the love of his girlfriend, played by junior theatre arts and music major Annie Sheehan, and the support of his friends, he fights back against the tyranny of the rich for the right of free urination.

Throughout the play, the audience is bombarded with humor making people slap their knees and their eyes well up with tears. Every line is seamless, and every joke is cleverly hidden among the other lines, forcing the audience to listen closely for the next laugh-out-loud surprise.

"It's outstanding," University President Joanne Glasser said. "I was blown away by the talent."

Students also said they enjoyed the production.

"Really good, really funny, really entertaining," senior English major Mallory Gargo said.

Freshman elementary education major Paul Zuber said the musical was "great, a lot more than I expected."

Of course it would be heresy to critique a musical without mentioning the music. A superb five-piece orchestra conducted by Gina Wright, an adjunct faculty member for the Department of Music, occasionally participates in the musical. A drum solo by Bradley alum Jeremy Clark on stage keeps the beat going, thanks to sticks and random stage props.

However, a few small areas could be better. Many times when the entire cast begins to sing at once, the low notes from one character are often drowned out by the higher notes of another, leaving the audience guessing as to what the first character was singing about.

The lighting of the musical consists mostly of spotlights. On opening night, a light was not spotting a main character, but the actor improvised until the spotlight operator caught on and redirected the light.

The only other negative aspect of the production isn't a technical one, it's subjective. During the play, one of the characters hops off the stage and paces up and down the stairs while explaining to the audience what act it is, what to expect next, what not to expect next and why this isn't a happy musical. Most of the audience went along and laughed at the brief narrations, but I found them to be rather annoying.

But don't let that stop you. Get up out of your lazy chairs, turn off the TV and go see this musical. Afterwards, you will have the best urination of your life.

Photos by Megan Loos

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VEDDER'S SOUNTRACK NOT SO 'WILD'

Graphic Illustration by Antonio Gentile

BY ALEX BAHLER
for Voice

Pearl Jam's last album must have tired its lead singer out.

After watching an unpopular war go from bad to worse during a four-year absence, Pearl Jam came back in 2006 more fiercely than the Democrats did in Congress. Fired up with political frustration, its self-titled album was bursting at the seams with terse barnburners and brooding slowies. But even the ballads on that eponymous album had a sense of urgency and timeliness, something the lackadaisical, passive songs on Eddie Vedder's "Into The Wild" lack.

Where "Pearl Jam" was the sound of Vedder making an aggressive step forward to reclaim his place, "Into The Wild" finds him kicking back in a beach chair after a bloody victory.

Vedder's first solo album comes in the form of a soundtrack, accompanying the Sean Penn-directed "Into The Wild." The Pearl Jam yowler isn't a n00b in the world of soundtrack albums, at least when it comes to Penn's films.

Ten years after its release, PJ's "Long Road" has grown from obscure collector status on the soundtrack to "Dead Man Walking" (another Penn vehicle) to concert favorite. And Vedder's cover of the Beatles' "You've Got To Hide Your Love Away" was the highlight of the "I Am Sam" (Penn once again) soundtrack. It's tough to stand out on an album of Beatles covers, or even get through a Lennon/McCartney composition without murdering it, but with Vedder sounding more depleted and poetically resigned than ever, the guy pulled it off. Mad props, Ed.

Unfortunately, most of the songs on "Into The Wild" feel empty as well. Thanks to the straightforward production values of Adam Kasper (who helmed PJ's past two studio efforts), it will no doubt have some fans saying "I can't believe it's not Pearl Jam!" There are even similarities with his full-time band – with Vedder on ukulele, "Rise" is the wide-eyed younger sibling of "Parachutes" from "Pearl Jam."

Eddie Vedder

"Into The Wild"

J Records; 2007

Grade: C-

But like the majority of these songs, the track can't stand up to the Pearl Jam catalogue. It's hard to say whether Vedder's bandmates could have slapped some sense into the album, as some of these mental sabbaticals that pass for songs sound doomed from the start. Excursions like "End of the Road" and "Long Nights" wouldn't even have made it on PJ's outtakes compilation, "Lost Dogs."

"Into The Wild" starts out fine enough, with the scorched-earth jangle of "Setting Forth" and the plaintive banjo pluckin' of "No Ceiling." However, the album takes a sleep-inducing turn after the first couple songs.

Ten tracks is short for an album, and only three of these exceed three minutes. There's nothing wrong with taut album lengths, to be clear, but Vedder's stunning complacency to waste time when there's not a lot of it is irritating. Forgettable instrumentals like "The Wolf" don't help the case for a tight, solid disc. And what's it say when the best song on the album, "Hard Sun," is a cover?

It's a hell of a cover, though. What starts as a clap-along gospel tune ends as a defiant statement of acceptance that sounds ocean-size, if not a little cliche.

"When I walk beside her, I am the better man," he starts, the lyrics appropriately evoking the PJ classic "Better Man." When the chorus comes, it's Vedder bellowing from the top of a cliff (backed by Corin Tucker of Sleater-Kinney) with heavy guitars swirling down into the abyss. But the gusto of "Hard Sun" makes it a red herring on this sedated affair.

It's fine music for a soundtrack, blending into the background or pulling everything together at the end just before the credits roll. But "Into The Wild" stalls in background music territory for too long, ending up as little more than nice bunch of living room tunes for a dinner party.

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"Entourage: Season Three, Part Two"
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GOING COMMERCIAL

Songs we'd like to see on television

BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

Thanks to wonderful advancements in the science of selling out, it's possible to hear Led Zeppelin's "Rock 'n' Roll" selling Cadillacs, The Beatles "Getting Better" selling Philip's electronics, and Viagra's ugly Elvis pillage, "Viva Viagra," without changing the dial.

But, record companies haven't only raped the vaults of rock's classic era.

The near entirety of Wilco's latest album, "Sky Blue Sky," can be heard in the background of Volkswagen's current ad campaign and The Flaming Lips' "The W.A.N.D." reps Dell Computers.

Some argue songs used in commercials can expose lesser-known bands to new audiences. Songs by The Black Keys and The Apples in Stereo enter the mainstream consciousness without many people even realizing their existence, while spitting on the philosophies of many that buy that kind of music in the first place.

So, in honor of TV's ability to use songs whose essence runs in the very face of corporatism, here are some revered – and not so revered – tracks for all you

advertisers out there to destroy.

Song: Bob Dylan "Blowin in the Wind"
Product: Glade Air Fresheners

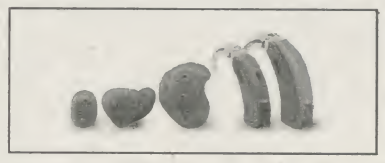
Pitch: Man walks into family room, farts and coyly smiles into camera before sitting down in La-Z-Boy. Doting wife walks in with happy swirls of CGI wind following behind her, sweetly scolds man and plugs in a Glade. Cue music, destroy social heaviness of Dylan's early work, mission accomplished.

"The answer my friend, is blowin' in the wind, the answer is blowin' in the wind."

Song: Limp Bizkit "Rollin'"
Product: Little Rascal Scooters

Pitch: Little Rascal Scooter commercials have those hilarious elderly people livin' and lovin' life as they drive around on scooters like four year olds learning to ride bikes.

If you wanted to beat a comedic shtick to death, the old people could get dressed up like Steve Martin in "Bringing Down the House," but I think Fred Durst yelling "Rollin, rollin', rollin'" over Little Rascal's typical ads is effective enough.



Song: Ray Charles "What'd I Say"
Product: Hearing Aids

Pitch: Fairly self explanatory. This involves footage of Charles looking especially disoriented, interweaved with nearly deaf people leaning over, cupping their ears every time Ray shouts "tell me what I say, ohhh."

Song: Pink Floyd "Comfortably Numb"

Product(s): Painkillers like Prozac and Xanax, sleep aids like Lunesta, or any of the other creepy Brave New World products currently advertised.

Pitch: The song may be more depressing than any of the ailments those drugs attempt to cure, but at least you wouldn't have to alter any of the tranquil visuals medication commercials usually use – Lunesta's butterfly flutters just drugged out enough to accompany Pink Floyd's dreamy, subversive lyrics.

Photo Poll

What is the biggest problem you've had with a roommate?

"His alarm clock."
Zach Avant,
freshman,
engineering

"Trying to figure out personal space."
Ivy Brown,
freshman,
AEP

"He doesn't talk at all."
Marcus Melhus,
junior,
multimedia

"He never left the room and lack of cleanliness."
Mark Ross,
junior,
multimedia

"Who's going to clean and take out the trash."
Karen Unterreiner,
senior,
nursing

"She broke my $300 phone and was inconsiderate."
Shantaye Wonzer,
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Compiled by Saleena Fortunato

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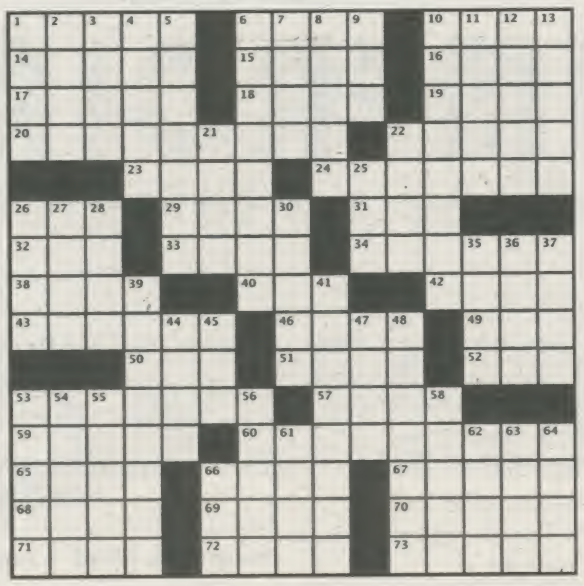

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10- Portico
14- The Pacific, for example
15- Mentor
16- Wearied
17- Tomb
18- Tides that attain the least height
19- Therefore
20- Farthest out
22- Greek epic poem
23- Laugh loudly
24- Established
26- One hundred of these equals one Japanese yen
29- Oil-rich Islamic theocracy neighboring Iraq
31- Yale student
32- Small low island
33- Sandy tract
34- Muscle
38- Affirm solemnly
40- Defunct airline
42- Clotted blood
43- Discover
46- Rushed, drove too fast
49- Metal container
50- As well
51- Symbol of slavery
52- "Much ___ About Nothing", play by Shakespeare
53- Russian aircraft designer
57- Ooze
59- Nasal grunt
60- Extend
65- Passage into a mine
66- Passport endorsement
67- Tidal bore
68- Trick
69- Locks up
70- Stigma
71- Bird feed
72- Ethereal
73- Woman's one-piece undergarment

Down
1- Fast-food option
2- Beige cousin
3- Chair
4- Tennis great Rod
5- Using no fluid
6- Unlearned
7- Membership fees
8- Muse of lyric poetry
9- Eat dinner
10- Abnormal protuberance
11- Japanese gateway
12- Church instrument
13- Battery terminal
21- Female horse
22- Lazy, inactive
25- Permit
26- Great quantity
27- Roof overhang
28- Russian no
30- Informative
35- Caribbean dance music
36- Toward the mouth
37- "All The Way To ___", song by REM
39- Answered sharply
41- Abandonment of faith
44- Young male horse
45- Foot digit
47- Supplements, with "out"
48- Most profound
53- Former Russian rulers
54- Unwarranted
55- Composure
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61- Manipulator
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63- Dry and waterless
64- Repudiate
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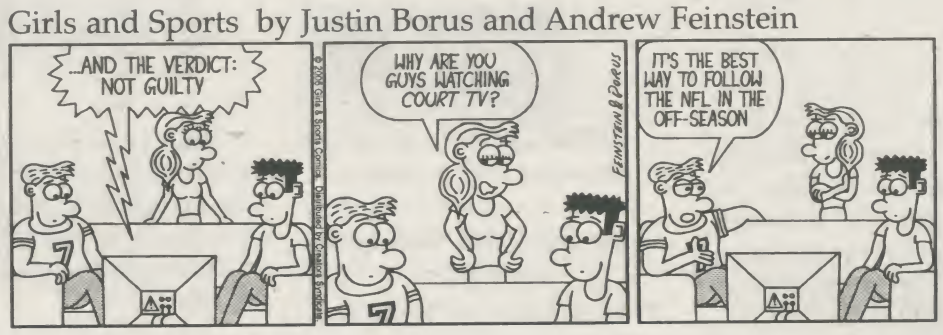

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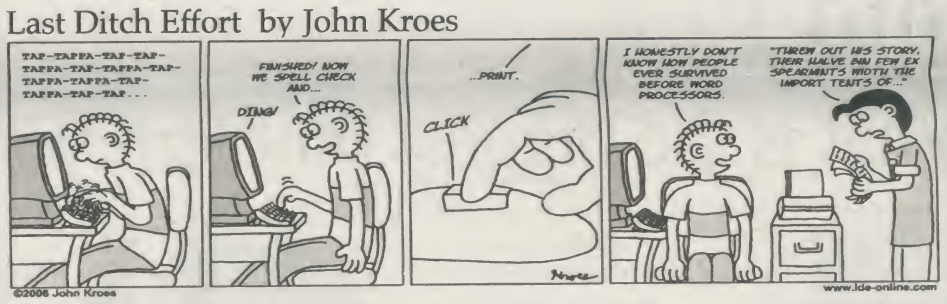

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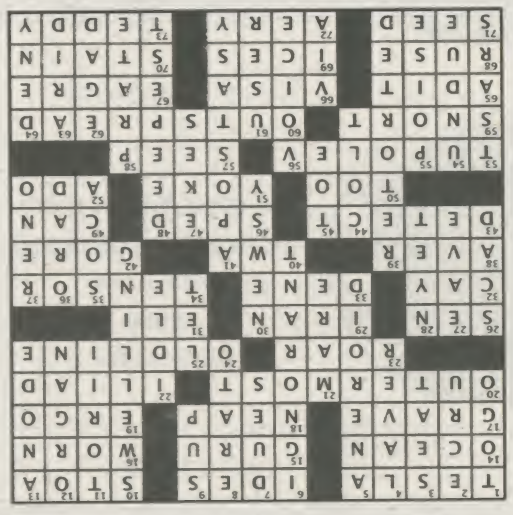

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Dwelling & DUELING

A guide to living (peacefully) with your roommate

Two people, coming from opposite backgrounds, are placed in a room roughly 11 by 15 feet. Here, they must live for an entire school year, coordinating schedules with each other and coexisting in a brand new habitat unlike any they've ever experienced before. You've just crossed over into … The Dormitory Zone.

OK, so maybe cohabitating with another person during college isn't an experience pulled straight from a cheesy sci-fi TV show, but it can be a completely new endeavor for many incoming freshmen. Sometimes living with a second person can seem almost impossible, but if worked through, some of the best friendships come from old roommates.

Get to know roommates on more than a surface level. From a young age, we're taught not to judge a book by its cover, but as we get older, that rule becomes hard to follow. So maybe your first impression of your roommate is the cocky jock or an overenthusiastic theatre major, but who's to say that's as deep as they go?

Develop an understanding of people for more than what they wear or how they act in public. Get to know their music tastes, what their favorite food is or hobbies – anything that will help to establish some common ground between the two.

A good relationship must have a foundation to build on. By doing so, trust, camaraderie, mentoring and the like can be established. Without these, it's very hard to reach an understanding.

Know roommates' schedules. This doesn't mean knowing he or she has SOC 101 at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Know if your roommate is the type of person who goes to bed late or if he or she wakes up early.

Knowing this in advance, roommates will be able to lay out some sort of schedule to have quiet time in the dorm and when it's acceptable to blare AC/DC through speakers. A happy roommate is a friendly roommate.

Be open-minded. College is all about experiencing new things and people. By being closed-minded, students fail to grasp a cornerstone of the university experience. Be willing to try to see new things and listen to other sides of stories because chances are this random person may have some valuable insight you overlooked.

If roommates listen to each other, they can convince one another that "The Hills" really is superior to "Laguna Beach."

Talk. Without communication from both parties, the whole basis of a good living situation is lost. Roommates need to talk about everything. If you know you're going to be out late partying, let your roommate know about it so it doesn't blow up into a huge ordeal.

But you also have to remember to be open about your problems as well. If you honestly can't put up with one more song from your roommate's prized "High School Musical 2" soundtrack, tell them. If you don't talk about it and just let the problems build up, conflicts can never be solved. You'll be miserable and when it all come out, it could be messy.

By following these guidelines, you'll find dorm living isn't as bad as you think. Sure, you're going to hit a few rough spots in the relationship, but as they say, "what doesn't kill us makes us stronger."

Most situations can be solved, but sometimes two people aren't able to live together. If this is the case, contact a resident adviser or resident hall director to talk about other options. Switching roommates should be a last resort.

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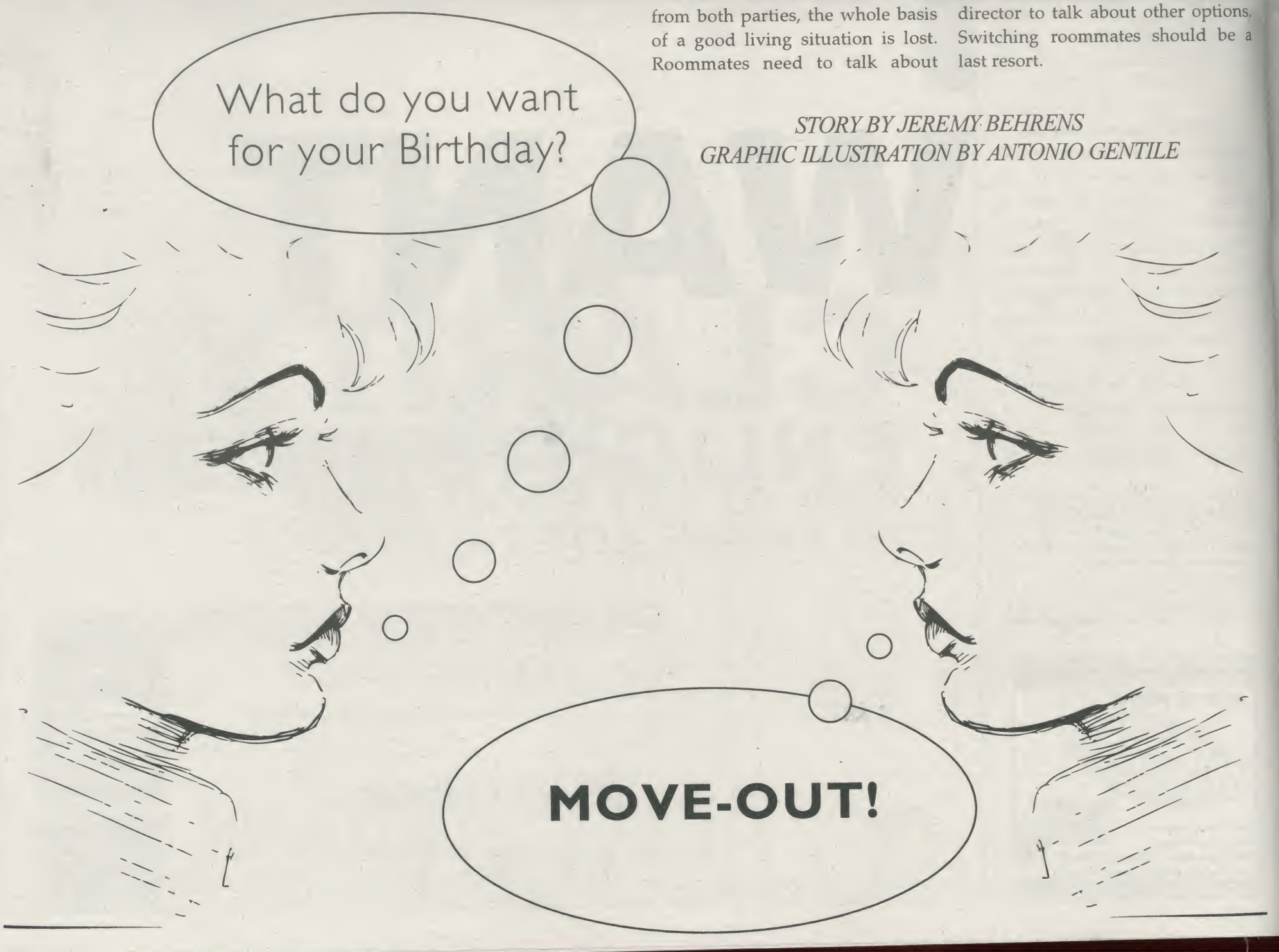

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Jack's backs out of fall concert

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Jack's Mannequin, the popular piano-rock group scheduled to perform at Bradley Oct. 20, announced this week it's postponing the concert.

Frontman Andrew McMahon toured for 14 consecutive months immediately after recovering from cancer and is mentally and physically exhausted, management for Jack's Mannequin said in a press release.

"The extensive travel has taken a toll on his mind and body – enough so that management believes that it is in his, and his fans', best interest for him to be home so that he can regain his strength," the press release stated.

The band postponed four other scheduled college visits this semester but will still open for Dashboard Confessional at a charity concert in McMahon's hometown of Los Angeles on Oct. 16 and 17.

The band will make up the concert dates as early as February 2008, according to the press release.

Hallie Duesenberg, the special events reserve fund coordinator for the Activities Council, said ACBU will try to reschedule Jack's Mannequin for next semester.

Andrew McMahon, frontman for popular piano-rock band Jack's Mannequin, canceled five college concerts scheduled this fall because of mental and physical exhaustion. *photo courtesy of www.weedenphotos.com*

But like many other students, Duesenberg said she's shocked and disappointed the band won't visit Robertson Memorial Field House this month.

"I'm just thinking, 'Are you kidding me?'" she said. "We just really didn't anticipate this happening again."

Last spring, The Starting Line, scheduled to perform at Bradley with Motion City Soundtrack, canceled the night before the concert because of severe weather on the East Coast.

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New frat making ground on campus

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

The new colony Lambda Chi Alpha has recruited 28 new members since national representatives have been on campus, but doesn't want to stop there.

"We're continuously recruiting," Jared Holt, associate director for chapter services said. "It's definitely not a stagnant process."

Holt said the fraternity has been working to network and obtain names of students who would be interested in establishing the fraternity.

"We've had a lot of interest from students from all grade levels and from leadership organizations on campus," he said.

Lambda Chi's next step is to begin having associate members, also known as new members, recruit other students to the fraternity.

"We've been assisting them and showing them what to do," he said. "We're helping them determine what kind of guys we want based on the values of our organization."

Associate members are also being trained in officer positions and participating in workshops.

"We're giving workshops on everything they'll need to know to get off the ground," Senior Educational Leadership Consultant Blake Schindler said.

He said a consultant from national headquarters will return in December to initiate associate members.

"Colonies usually get a little more staff time [than chapters] to provide more resources and feedback," Schindler said.

Because there hasn't been a fraternity expansion on campus in 15 years, Schindler said men who wanted to be part of something new and successful were attracted to Lambda Chi.

"The guys will be able to be a part of creating something new," he said. "They can create their own identity… I think the guys in the colony want to create a different kind of fraternity experience that isn't offered on campus that allows potential for them to succeed."

Sophomore mechanical engineering major Nick Wood is an associate member of Lambda Chi and said he went through recruitment last year but didn't like the fraternities on campus.

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Faculty member feeds furry friends

Ana Lyra hand-feeds squirrels on the quad during her lunch hour. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Almost everyday, squirrels gather around Ana Lyra for their lunch.

"They recognize my voice, but I didn't teach them," she said. "I don't know how to teach them. I like them to be as they are, and they like me to be as I am. They recognize me as another friend. I just have two legs."

Lyra, who works as a paper preservation specialist in the Special Collections section of the Cullom-Davis Library, spends her lunch hour carrying a bag of fruit, nuts and berries. She attracts squirrels with kissing noises.

Lyra doesn't remember how long she's been feeding squirrels. She's a Bradley alumna and used to feed them as a student. She started feeding them again when she returned as a faculty member.

"[The squirrels] know me because I walk around a lot," she said. "People say a couple times, 'that's squirrels lady,' and I accept that because I'm a lady and I like squirrels. There's nothing like being around and liking the environment that you are in, and I like being around here."

She said the squirrels are a part of campus like students or faculty. But it's important people share the environment with the squirrels.

She doesn't suggest approaching squirrels with food but rather waiting for them to take it. Students should feed squirrels food without artificial sugar or salt.

"If you are friends with them, they are friends with you," she said. "But if you are not, keep in mind that they are just wild animals. You don't want to come close to a wild animal expecting just because they are curious they want to be friends with you."

Lyra said she doesn't train the squirrels. The squirrels train her because they teach her how to interact with them and live in the same environment.

"They trust me because I go around," she said. "They got used to me. If you let the animal be what they want to be then they are just with you in the way that you respect and accept their way of being. There is no way to teach someone to do what I do. I'm not here to teach anything. In fact I'm learning."

> **"People say a couple times, 'that's squirrels lady,' and I accept that because I'm a lady and I like squirrels."**

One of her favorite aspects about feeding the squirrels is getting to know them as individuals. One time she named a squirrel Blondie because of the color of its fur.

"They each come to me in a different way," she said. "But don't ask me who's who. They are not the same, they act differently. One is shy, the other is eager to come to me. One is calm, the other one is electric."

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
87 / 63
Mostly sunny.

Saturday
88 / 67
Mostly sunny.

Sunday
86 / 64
Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms.

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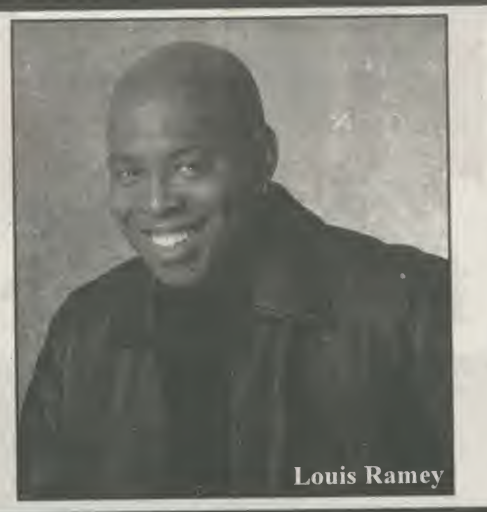
• The Music Department will host musician Gordon Hunt from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 10 in Dingeldine Hall. Admission is free.

• The Turner Center for Entrepreneurship will host a workshop for starting your own business from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 11 in Jobst Hall 141. Discussion topics will range from how to get a business name registered to sales taxes.


Louis Ramey

• The Activities Council will host comedian Louis Ramey from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 13 in the Michel Student Center Ballroom.

• The Smith Career Center will host an academic majors and minors fair from 2:45 to 5 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Michel Student Center Ballroom. Faculty, alumni and upper classmen will be on hand to answer questions about majors and careers.

• The Smith Career Center will host a class on resume writing from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Marty Theater. Students can learn the basics of resume writing and will have the opportunity to turn in completed resumes for critic.

Around the World

Central Illinois to have cheap bus trips to Chicago and St. Louis

Bloomington-Normal bus riders will soon be able to travel to Chicago and St. Louis for as low as $1. The intercity bus company, Megabus.com, will operate in the cities starting Monday. Buses will run out of the Normal Train Station.

"Our top fare runs $17, but our fare runs as low as $1," said Dale Moser, president and chief operating officer of Megabus.com. "If you book far enough in advance and you are one of the first people to book, you can get a $1 seat."

Information taken from www.pjstar.com.

Sinkhole in California causes road colapse

A four-lane road in San Diego buckled Wednesday destroying one home and damaging five others. A sinkhole in the La Jolla neighborhood cut a cone shaped hole about 50 yards long and 15 feet deep, engineering geologist for San Diego Robert Hawk said.

The road collapsed around 9 a.m., causing power lines to fall and 20 homes to be evacuated. About 2,400 customers were without electricity for two hours, and gas was cut off to about a dozen homes.

Three hill slides have occurred in the San Diego area between 1961 and 1994. A major slide in 1961 destroyed seven homes under construction.

Information taken from www.usatoday.com.

New footage of Diana released

Unseen footage of Diana, Princess of Wales hours before she was killed in a car crash, was released to a jury at the inquiry into her death Wednesday.

The images taken from a security camera at the Ritz Hotel in Paris show the princess and her lover Dodi Fayed stepping into the elevator and walking out of the hotel.

Other images show Fayed shopping at a jewelerly store, which sparked claims he was buying an engagement ring.

Further investigation claims the princess was pregnant at the time of her death. Lord Justice Scott Baker told jurors no pregnancy tests were used on Diana's body, and two British pathologists concluded there were no visible signs of pregnancy.

Information taken from www.cnn.com.

Homecoming 007 –
Mission Accomplished!

The Office of Alumni Relations and ACBU wish to thank the entire Bond Crew – Bradley's staff, faculty, students, and alumni – all of whom worked really hard to make last week's Homecoming *007* a *ROYALE* success!

In the Winner's Circle...

Homecoming King and Queen
Todd Moore & Liz Wenger

Bow Tie Decorating Contest
1st Place * Bradley Hilltopics Magazine
2nd Place * Bradley Nursing Student Association
3rd Place * Bradley Ambassadors and Cru

Office Decorating Contest
Faculty/Staff Offices * LAS Dean's Office
Student Organization * Nursing Student Association
Residence Hall * Harper/Wyckoff

Homecoming Parade Float Contest
1st Place * St. Joseph Newman Center
2nd Place * Bradley Ambassadors
3rd Place * FOCUS

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Your participation in these and other Homecoming activities resulted in a contribution of $1,100 to Easter Seals, Bradley's all-school philanthropy, and $565 for the Danny Dahlquist Memorial Fund.

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Police use voices before violence

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

The recent incident of police using a Taser on a University of Florida student is under investigation to conclude if police were justified in their actions.

The incident prompted Bradley students to ponder what actions University Police take when restraining students.

According to the BUPD's Safety and Security report, "Bradley's officers are commissioned by the state and have full law enforcement power on university property as well as city and county property."

University Police Chief Dave Baer said situations are handled differently. Although officers know procedure, each instance calls for a different reaction and must be judged at the moment of the crime.

In every situation, police officers first use voice command to capture attention. This identifies the police and lets the person know what the police physically want that person to do.

In the example of a physical altercation, if the fight doesn't end after the verbal command, police are forced to physically act.

"Then you would go in and try to grab the arms of individuals and pull them apart," Baer said. "There'd be a human physical restraint of a person."

He said if the situation moved in an unthreatening and logical manner, the police officer would approach the situation with voice command, and hopefully it would end there.

"The officer has to give some kind of verbal command to a person," Baer said. "You hope that people will always pay attention to what you are saying."

Bradley officers aren't equipped with Tasers. However, some situations require the use of pepper spray or nightsticks.

Baer said using pepper spray is more common than nightsticks.

He said the most severe incident was probably the use of a nightstick with two or three jabs.

Though officers carry guns on their belts, Baer said officers have never had to use one.

Freshman biochemistry major Avery Kellogg said he feels comfortable with Bradley's police officers.

He said he agrees each situation merits a different reaction and may escalate to a physical level.

"It all depends on the severity of what they're doing. If someone is just being non-cooperative, Tasering them isn't the way to go," Kellogg said. "If they are being hostile and attacking you back, then you have the right."

Some students may underestimate Bradley police as "rent-a-cops," but they're authentic police officers.

According to the Safety and Security report, "Bradley officers have complete authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on or off campus."

Baer said the police have always had contact with students, but they are having increasing contact with non-Bradley students too because some start fights at parties and enter private buildings.

Bradley celebrates 110th birthday

BY ABBY WALSH
for the Scout

Students, faculty and alumni packed Dingeldine Hall to celebrate Founder's Day Sept. 27.

The ceremony celebrated the life of Lydia Moss Bradley.

Sophomore secondary English education major Ben Koch said seats were full because so many students attended.

"I came last year and there weren't very many students," he said.

The Founder's Day ceremony emphasized Lydia Moss Bradley's influence and importance to the university. Her struggles through life and her success in hardship were also highlighted.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Gerald Shaheen spoke about Lydia's life.

"Hers was an extraordinary life ... too few members of the Bradley community know too little about Lydia Moss Bradley," he said.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric spoke about the founder's inspirational life and her accomplishments.

Lydia's life teaches students, "what does not kill us makes us stronger," she said.

Though it was Bradley's 110th Founder's Day, it was University President Joanne Glasser's first.

As the ceremony's presiding officer, Glasser said her first Founder's Day exceeded her expectations.

"I'm so proud to serve the university, particularly as the first female president," she said. "I feel very close and connected to the founder."

The Lydia Moss Bradley statue was introduced at Founder's Day in 1997, 100 years after the institution was founded.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

Students also saw Glasser's connection to Bradley's founder.

Junior physics major Robert John Enzweiler said, "The new president is living on the legacy of Lydia Moss Bradley."

Freshman AEP major Kevin Schenke said Founder's Day celebrates not only Bradley's founder, but also those who have helped maintain the university's greatness – faculty and alumni.

As he listened to speeches praising many prestigious alumni, Schenke said, "It seems like it's not really about Lydia."

Instead of taking the morning off, sophomore music education major Dean Beever was required to sing with Bradley Chorale for Founder's Day.

"It's still great that Bradley is paying homage to its distinguished faculty," he said.

Several faculty members were awarded for their achievements with Caterpillar Inc., Faculty Achievement Awards and the Samuel Rothberg Professional Excellence Award.

Koch said he thinks the ceremony is a good way to recognize faculty.

"I think it's important to recognize our founder along with the achievements of faculty and alumni that many students aren't aware of," he said.

Freshman secondary education social studies major Caitlyn Russo was unaware of the many prestigious members of the Bradley community and was moved by their great contributions to society.

"I wish that as students we knew more about the alumni," she said.

Students fill St. Marks, pay tribute to Danny Dahlquist

Members of the men's soccer team hold candles during a memorial mass for teammate Danny Dahlquist at St. Marks Church Sept. 30. Dahlquist, a redshirt freshman, died Aug. 12 of carbon monoxide poisoning in a firework prank gone awry. Newman Center Director Rev. Stanley Deptula said during his homily it's fitting that a memorial mass take place at the conclusion of Bradley's Homecoming Week. "Let's pray that Danny has truly come home," he said.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

New group shows support for presidential hopeful

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

Bradley Students for Obama is working to influence the upcoming presidential primary.

Currently the new group is focusing its attention on Barack Obama's Iowa campaign.

Of the 25 students involved, seven are interning for the campaign and receiving academic credit.

Barack Obama

A group of volunteers from universities across Illinois recently traveled to Iowa to participate in neighborhood canvassing to inform citizens about Obama.

"Even having just three people [from Bradley] go to Iowa is great," said sophomore political science major Anna Ruch, an intern for the campaign. "It's 40 more doors knocked on, and 40 more potential votes for Obama."

The group also recently hosted a phone bank. Volunteers called potential voters in Iowa to inform them about campaign events in their area.

In just two hours volunteers made almost 900 phone calls. Officials from the Obama campaign were on hand during the process, and students were supplied with campaign issued telephones to make the calls.

Faculty advisor Maggie Koehler said the goal of the group is to spread the word about Obama and to do everything possible to get him elected.

Koehler said she thinks this is an important experience for students to have.

"What I think is amazing is that students are getting experience working with people from all over the spectrum," she said. "All these people working towards one goal, one candidate is amazing."

Koehler said people in their early 20s are most affected by the upcoming election because they have to live with the consequences of the decisions made.

A few weeks ago the Obama group attended Camp Obama at Illinois State University.

According to www.barackobama.com, Camp Obama was a two-day event designed to teach attendees campaign strategies and methods of community organizing.

Students for Obama has some events planned in the coming weeks. One is another trip to Iowa for some more canvassing.

A second event the group wants to host is a voter registration drive on campus.

Ruch said the goal of the event wouldn't be to campaign for Obama but to get students registered to vote. The group may team up with the College Democrats, and possibly even the College Republicans, to get a larger student turnout.

Students for Obama will host another phone bank on Oct. 18. Interested students may contact aruch@mail.bradley.edu.

Work study students in high demand

BY BRENNA SCURLOCK
of the Scout

Students with work study are more affordable for campus employers than non-work study students, but fewer students are eligible for the program than in past years.

Students are awarded work study based on their levels of need, which is determined from the students' Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Work study is a federal program that provides colleges and universities with grants to pay for student workers on campus.

Through the program, the government will pay half of a student worker's salary while the university pays the rest.

The program allows employers to hire two work study students for the price of one worker's salary.

Because of budget constraints, many departments on campus seek work study students, said Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky.

"You hire work study students because you pay less," he said. "In general, the advantage to the student is that it is easier to get a job."

The Department of Intramurals and Recreation is one place where work study students are sought.

Department Director Mike Keup said because of the amount of student workers needed to run the Haussler Hall and Heitz Hall facilities, applicants are required to have work study and are usually chosen right away.

"For the last three years, we've hired every work study student immediately," he said. "We fill in [the remaining positions] with others."

That isn't always the case, however. For jobs requiring special knowledge or training, such as lifeguards, Keup said the department hires whoever is most qualified.

The library is another campus employer seeking work study students. Of the 64 students who work there, 30 are work study.

Secretary Sharon Obery said work study students are preferred over others.

"We try to find as many work study [students] as we can," she said. "But it mostly matters who can work certain hours."

Though these two employers seek students with work study, Financial Assistance Director David Pardieck said all students have job opportunities.

"Even though a student isn't on work study, that doesn't mean they can't get a job," he said.

According to student payroll, three out of four student workers are non-work study. Over the past few years, that number has risen.

There are a number of factors affecting the amount of students on work study, Pardieck said.

The government distributes work study grants depending on each campus' needy student population.

The amount of money the government distributes remains the same each year, but student demographics fluctuate.

If Bradley's student population demographic becomes less needy, Bradley receives a smaller proportion of the work study allotment. This is a pattern Bradley has experienced over the past few years, Pardieck said.

During the 2004-05 school year Bradley was given $565,000 to employ work study students. This year, Bradley was given $317,000.

Though statistics show most workers don't have work study, some students still express frustration at their inability to find jobs.

Senior journalism major Amy Heim has never received work study, and said she had trouble finding a campus job until last year.

Heim was hired at the Center for Business and Economic Research last fall after she found the listing on the Smith Career Center's e-recruiting Web site.

"I had gone to job fairs but most of the tables there had signs that said "Work Study Only." It seemed like every other job was off campus, and I don't have a car," she said.

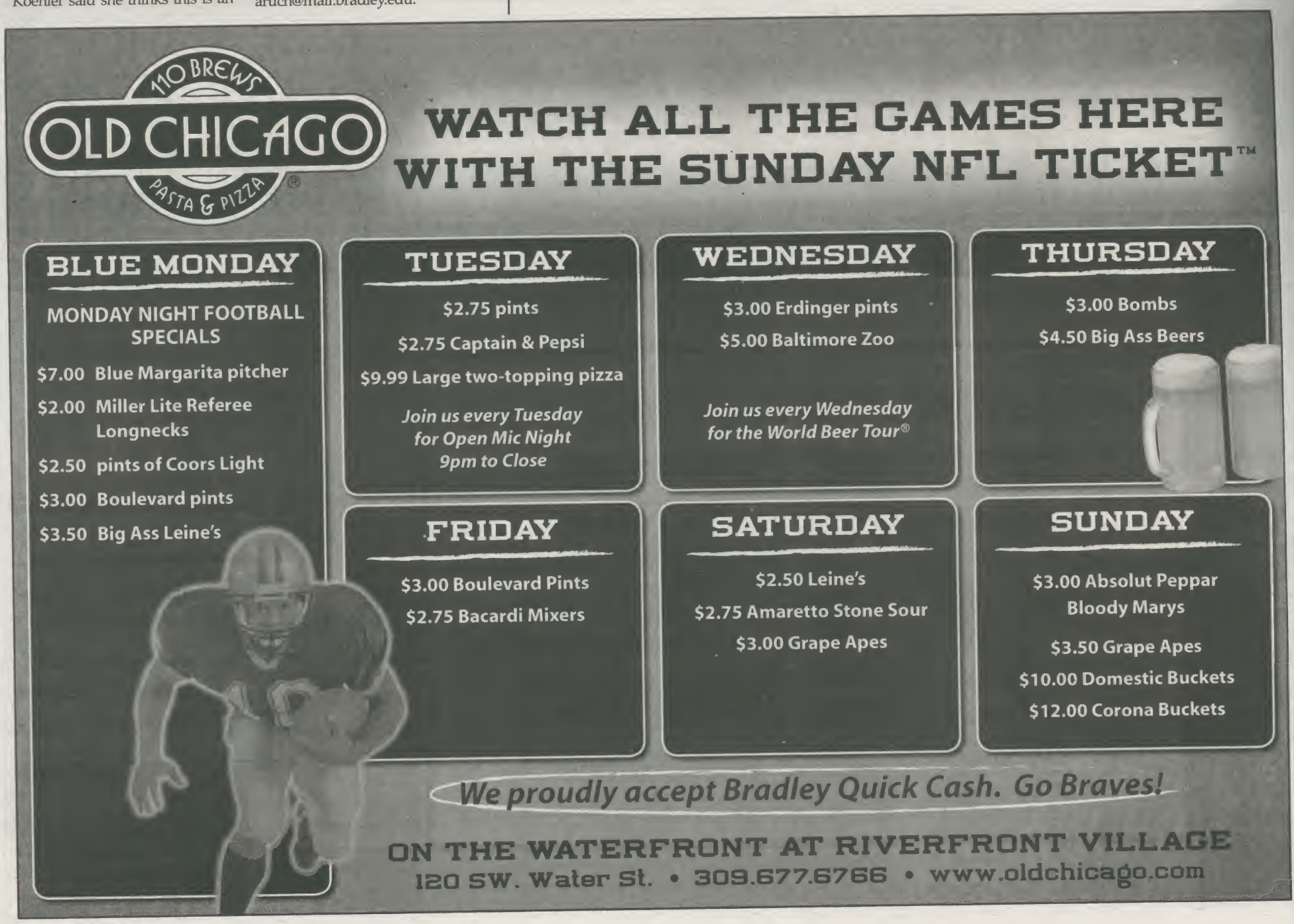
Heim also said she was confused about work study because although she has never qualified at Bradley, her brother, a freshman at Milwaukee School of Engineering, qualified for the program this year at his school.

Pardieck said situations like Heim's may arise because different schools have different needy student populations.

He also said there are other areas of work study that can be confusing to students.

For example, some students receive their work study awards and choose not to get jobs on campus and fulfill their hours.

"Sometimes we'll hear from a student that their roommate has work study, but doesn't have a job. The student wants to know why they can't have those [work study] hours," he said. "You have to be eligible for work study to be on it."



Students prepare to dance the night away

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Students can kick up their heels and dance the night away for Dance Marathon in Haussler Hall, beginning 6 p.m. Oct. 12.

Participants walk, dance and stand on their feet for 24 hours during the all-school philanthropy, raising money for the Children's Miracle Network through the children's hospital at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Along with student participants, miracle families attend the event and share their personal experiences about their illnesses and time spent in the hospital.

"We are aware that 24 hours is a long time, but we hope people will see why we have such a passion for it," Co-director of Morale Julie Hill said. "We hope that with the miracle family stories they will see how important their participation means to even just one person."

Students appointed to executive positions last year didn't waste any time in setting goals and outlining plans for the event, she said.

"We have contacted sponsors, planned informational sessions and morale meetings and have held fundraisers at local restaurants and businesses to raise money and gain participants," she said. "We've canned at Wal-Mart, held a Fazoli, Subway and Cold Stone night and we have office hours from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Session 311 that we take turns filling during the weekdays to plan events."

Hill also said the members of the executive board are all dedicated hard workers who want to make the event successful.

"We offered rides via school vans to get people out to Fazoli's and Cold Stone," she said. "It gave [students] the opportunity to make it out there if they don't have a car and to learn and help donate to the event."

Executive members strive to have productive office hours to help better organize the event and reach it's goals, she said.

"Our office hours are used to organize fliers and mailbox stuffers, set up the online auction, collect dancer registration forms, count money, call people we need to clarify things about and sometimes make trips to the hospital if we need to," Hill said. "We want to raise as much money as we can, to get as many dancers as we can, to have people have the time of their lives there and to have a great experience."

Along with standing for 24 hours, participants must raise $120 to benefit the philanthropy, two facts that might hinder student participation, Hill said.

"It is easier than it sounds," she said. "We have canning dates and letters that we send to families. All you have to do is give us the addresses and we mail them for you."

Hill said she's looking forward to the miracle families' stories and meeting new people since many campus organizations will be represented, including an increase in greek participation.

"Any student at Bradley University is welcome to participate," she said. "We encourage any and all to come and visit us during the marathon. It means so much and you are also able to donate money when you visit."

Junior manufacturing engineering major Chris Fahs said Dance Marathon is an event everyone should support or participate in.

"It's a huge philanthropy at Bradley and any philanthropy that has a large following can make a serious difference to the organization it's supporting," he said. "Though I personally think that $20 can make a difference to any philanthropic organization, this one raises thousands. It's definitely something that makes a positive difference in the world."

Freshman learning behavior specialist elementary education major Ellen Bender said she thinks Dance Marathon is important because it helps raise money for children.

"It seems like it would be a really fun time and at the same time, we are raising money for a great cause," she said.

Hill said students can still register online at www.budm.org.

"It is an experience that every student should do at least one time in their experience here at Bradley," she said. "Seniors will do it for their first time, and wish that they had done it in the past."

Participants of Dance Marathon must stay on their feet for 24 hours to raise money for the Children's Hospital.
photo from Scout archives

Bradley experiments with stem cells

Prof, students using new $200,000 grant to find cures

BY ALEX GOLDBERG
for the Scout

Craig Cady

Researchers in the neurophysiology lab in Olin Hall are making breakthroughs in stem cell research.

Over the last four years, assistant biology professor Craig Cady has been researching and experimenting with stem cells.

He was recently awarded a $200,000 grant by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Cady has also received a $25,000 grant from PeoriaNEXT and another $75,000 grant from the Methodist Medical Center Foundation in recent years for stem cell research.

Stem cells are unspecialized cells that can be changed for a specific function.

A colleague of Cady's approached him several years ago with research conducted on mice showing stem cells passing from the bloodstream to the brain.

Cady said he thinks this information showed there's "potential to inject stem cells into the general blood circulation and have them target injury sites in the brain."

His goal is to isolate stem cells and then learn how to change those cells into neurons or brain cells.

When a person has a stroke or develops certain diseases such as Parkinson's or Alzheimer's, neurons in the person's brain die and aren't replaced naturally in the body.

Cady said he hopes his research will enable neurons to grow from stem cells in a lab and replace the dead and damaged neurons found in patients.

At first, the transformation process was long and many batches of neurons died before Cady was successful.

Over time he learned how to control the various growth factors of stem cells to help them grow into neurons. Now the stem cells can be transformed into neurons in 12 hours.

Cady hired six undergraduate students to help with research.

Junior biology major Lauren Hughes has been working with Cady since she was a freshman.

"My favorite part of working in the lab with Dr. Cady is that I can have as much responsibility and work as I want, and it's the kind of lab work where you can actually see its purpose," Hughes said. "I get to meet Parkinson's patients and explain to them the research I'm doing. It really gives them hope."

Hughes said she's helped with a variety of tasks in the lab but lately she's been trying to find the best method to stain the stem cells.

"Just because the stem cells look like neurons doesn't mean that they will necessarily act like neurons," Hughes said.

The cells are stained to see if they contain the same proteins found in neurons. These proteins are what allow the cells to not only look similar to, but also act the same as neurons.

Cady and his students are still determining if the neurons will function as they would in the body.

Library restocked, revamped

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Students can now walk out of the Cullom-Davis Library with library books they haven't checked out. And no one will stop them.

Paperback Checkout, a new program at the library, allows students to exchange paperbacks as often as they want without checking them out.

The library also boasts a revamped recreational reading area and more best-seller books.

The Recreational Reading Committee meets monthly to discuss books the library has purchased. The committee looks at multiple best-seller lists and pays close attention to what college students are reading across the nation.

The Recreational Reading committee sprang two years ago. It consists of one student representative and the remaining six are library personnel, most professional librarians.

"The first thing we look at are the student requests," Emily Gesing, student body representative on the Recreational Reading committee said. "I really encourage students to utilize those resources because [the committee] really cares what students think."

The library recently purchased reader-suggested books including "Shape of Sand," "Rosetta Codex" and "Eleven on Top."

There are four shelves containing of fiction and non-fiction books.

Popular non-fiction books include "A Woman in Charge," by Carl Bernstein and "The Reagan Diaries," by Ronald Reagan.

The committee's goal is to provide books for people to read for fun.

Ellie Hansen, head of the Recreational Reading committee, said she didn't have statistics on how many people utilize the services, but she said she has a feeling both students and faculty are.

"We're doing almost entirely best-sellers ... things that people are actually looking at," Hansen said.

On the first floor, near the paperback checkout carousel is the revamped popular reading area.

The seating is grouped differently, there are lamps for reading and new book displays don the shelves.

The library also recently introduced Playaways.

"They're digitized books. They are tiny, but self contained," Hansen said. "The whole book is in there and the listening is built in."

Playaways include "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown, "Night," by Elie Wiesel and a collection of audio courses on learning a language.

The library also has books on CD, but it doesn't purchase many of them because of high cost.

Junior photography major Cory Winkelhake said she's not familiar with the recreational reading area of the library.

"In my experience ... I've never heard of someone going to the library to get a [recreational] book. They are buying or borrowing it from someone who already has it," Winkelhake said. "Maybe it is because they don't know that they can do that."

The library's Web site has a link for book requests. Additionally, there's a book suggestion box in the recreational reading section of the library.

Editorial

Americans should pop the culture bubble

Slovenian journalism students visited Bradley this week and stopped by the Scout office to exchange ideas about student media.

While we talked about the differences between European and American journalism as planned, the discussion topic somehow changed to the variations between cultures and how foreign people view the "American bubble."

From the moment they entered the office, the Slovenian students spoke English better than we did, and they all said they were fluent in several other languages too.

It made us realize that while many Americans travel abroad, most of us struggle to communicate in the countries' native languages.

There's no excuse for ethnocentrism, but we've been brought up in schools that don't require learning other languages. French, Spanish and German are often the only languages offered and they are usually electives.

But when we leave the country, people speak English and accommodate us, and the Slovenes said it reassures foreign people like them that we're closed-minded and uncultured.

Americans may not think they have to learn another language or experience another culture because everyone else caters to the American way of life. True, people in other countries watch our movies and listen to our music, as well as adopt other parts of our culture, but that doesn't mean we can shut other cultures out and assume our traditions are the best ones, or even worse, the only ones.

People function differently in other parts of the world. While this seems like an obvious concept, it becomes tangible when faced with real-life examples.

The Slovenes were our examples, explaining how they go about publishing their student newspaper. They told us they're unpaid and have to work other jobs to get by. One of the students told us he had to give up working for the paper altogether to support himself.

And the Slovenian student journalists have to come up with their own money to publish their paper because no businesses will advertise with college newspapers in Slovenia.

Each department at their university, located in a different part of the city, publishes its own newspaper with its own news and research, funded by the individual department. But the journalism department won't fund a student newspaper.

The Slovenes said they can't afford to report the news every week, so they only publish three times a year and cover broad topics.

However, we Bradley students don't deal with these kinds of restrictions. At the Scout, we have plenty of advertisers that allow us to publish weekly. And if we don't do so well one week, we can fall back on Bradley until we get out of debt.

While not everyone can relate to working on a student newspaper staff, most of us know the comfort of having our university and our parents behind us. Many of our parents help us through college so we can get "real world" experience, even if it's with a low-wage or unpaid internship.

While of course we don't all have those luxuries, we have it easier than most students in other countries, and we take it for granted.

But we shouldn't feel sorry for them. We need just need to understand and be grateful for what we have, and we also need to open ourselves up to new cultures and ways of life.

While it's easy to be stuck in the "Bradley bubble" and the "American bubble," life will be much more rewarding if we discover what's outside.

Scout editorials reflect the view of the editorial board, consisting of the editor, managing editor, news editor, layout editor, graphics editor, Voice editor, sports editor and photo editor.

Letters to the Editor

Bradley may favor athletics to academics

Recently, I had an exam for my Economics 100 class. We were instructed to go to the field house at regular class time for the test.

We go to the field house because we have 220 students in our class that normally meets in Neumiller. In order to decrease the possibility of cheating, the professor had us go to the field house so there would be a seat between each student.

As I'm sitting there waiting, Drake volleyball players started coming in and warming up. I think, "How are we going to take a test with volleyball players on the court right in front of us?"

There was some discussion between the professor and a man with a Bradley shirt on. Then the professor turned to us and said we had to go to Neumiller to take the test.

I later found out the volleyball players were there at 11 a.m. for that night's game, which started at 7 p.m. In order for the 13 players to warm up eight hours before a game, Bradley students had to take a 50-minute test somewhere else.

A class costs approximately $1,600, and there are 220 students in this class. That's approximately $363,000 in tuition being pushed aside for 13 volleyball players who don't pay tuition.

I also found out the man in the Bradley shirt at the field house did call the economic department's secretary to see if this test had been confirmed, and she said yes. The man said it wasn't on the schedule at the field house, and there had been a scheduling conflict. He said we could either go somewhere else or share with the volleyball players.

The professor told us the tests have always been in the field house, and this test was confirmed three months before.

I don't understand how athletics took precedence over academics. How did students not get to take their test where it was suppose to be taken so non-Bradley players could warm up eight hours before a game?

I'm all for sports. Sports can do many things for students from scholarships, to unity, to school spirit and much more. But I'm not at Bradley so exams can be disrupted by sports.

This whole thing really just made me wonder: What's more important at Bradley, athletics or academics?

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Emily Regenold
Staff Reporter

Disappointment can bring hope

If you've ever seen "Old School," and remember the scene in which pledges are forced to tie a brick around their genitalia and then drop the stone, you have seen the intense pain I'm going through right now.

Disappointment doesn't begin to define the cutting agony that has been a constant since I was informed that Jack's Mannequin won't be performing this month at Bradley. It's been a persistent depression, an inconceivable reality.

After I called my parents to inform them of the news, I received three calls back from them within the hour. I can only guess these calls were a check to see if I was still alive.

It may seem silly to get so upset about the cancellation of a concert. But allow me to explain – this concert is what I'd been living for.

In life, I have one real passion – Jack's Mannequin's music.

It may seem like a silly staff to have leading me, but in 19 years it's been the best solution I've been able to find to any of my problems.

So this week's announcement has left me dumbfounded. My passion had never disappointed me before.

Where do we go when our usual escape is the thing that makes us want to escape more than ever? What's supposed to happen when the one thing in life we depend on lets us down?

We work through it.

Road blocks tend to come at the least expected moments in journeys.

Jack's Mannequin is one of the strongest examples of this. Frontman Andrew McMahon was diagnosed with leukemia the day he finished recording the band's album.

His recovery went so smoothly, he was able to begin touring again less than a year later.

But this is the reason that five of the band's fall concerts have been postponed. McMahon never took the time to fully recover, and although he hasn't relapsed, he needs time to regain strength. He's only human.

Nothing and no one is perfect, and it's unrealistic to expect even the most seemingly perfect components of our lives to always follow through.

At the end of the day, the only thing guaranteed to fall back on is yourself.

Whether it's a natural disaster affecting millions, a death that takes the life out of an entire community or an event cancellation that screams catastrophe to one person – we all feel the same emotions. We all face that uncomfortable discontent.

McMahon has only cancelled two concerts in his six-year career, prior to this fall. The first being when he got sick with cancer and the second being when the speakers at the venue he was supposed to play were insufficient for a concert.

Remembering this information made this week's shockwave even stronger but also more acceptable.

So I've decided to get over it.

Jack's Mannequin is still Jack's Mannequin, and it'll still be there, dominating my Top 25 Most Played iTunes playlist whenever I need a little boost.

At the risk of sounding cliche, it's important to remember life goes on – no matter what tragedy we're facing.

Admittedly most tragedies are going to be more extreme than mine, but it's how we deal with the little tragedies that are going to prepare us for the bigger ones that come along later.

Whether facing a stupid fight with a best friend or continuing to smack yourself on the head a week after blowing a test – get over it.

Once the brick hits the bottom, you can choose whether you want to cut the rope or drag it along with you. Sure, pain will inevitably endure from the fall, but there's no point in making it worse.

Life is 10 percent what happens to you, and 90 percent how you react to it.

And we can always hope the future brings something brighter.

Note to Jack's Mannequin: you better not break your next promise of a new album in early 2008. Love, your No.1 fan.

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Ambassadors connect with alumni

The Bradley Ambassadors is a school spirit alumni relations organization. We establish, foster and promote the development of beneficial relationships among the students, alumni, staff, faculty and campus community.

Furthermore, Ambassadors encourages current students to become active, loyal and supportive alumni after graduation.

We help provide resources and opportunities for networking and leadership development. The Ambassadors connects to both the alumni and the current student body through events such as Red and White Fridays, Random Acts of Kindness Week and various alumni events like homecoming.

There are over 55,000 Bradley alumni worldwide whom we invite to follow the lighted "B" to the hilltop during homecoming to return to their Bradley roots for one weekend.

This past week, many alumni returned to Bradley for Homecoming 2007.

Homecoming is a time to welcome home proud alumni and showcase our spirited student body through a variety of events.

Some of the events were the quarterly meeting of the Bradley University Alumni Association board, a leadership conference sponsored by the Alumni Association, the Gary R. Tippett Memorial Homecoming 5K Race and the Saturday night tailgate party and soccer game.

There was also a special ceremony honoring the class of 1957 for its 50th class reunion. University President Joanne Glasser inducted alumni into the 50 Plus Club of alumni.

"You return to Bradley to reconnect with old friends, the university and to see what's new on campus. Plus, when you come back, you get to channel back into your old college age for one weekend," Kristin Miller, 1997 alumna said.

"I wanted to see all the changes that were happening on campus," Ed True, 1954 alumnus said.

Local alumni, such as Mike McDonald who graduated in 1969 and his wife Peggy McDonald, class of 2000, come back because they said homecoming is a fall tradition and they want to support the athletic teams.

Dave Karlin, 1979 alumnus and Lin Mourning, 1970 alumnus both came back to see what was new on campus and for the leadership conference sponsored by the Alumni Association.

With all the new construction and renovations happening around campus, many alumni are curious to see how much it's changed since they've been in college.

These alumni didn't return to their homes without leaving advice for the students and future alumni.

"Network, network, network," Miller said. "Focus on your grades for the first five to six semesters, and your senior year will be a lot easier."

"Use your Bradley connections to get your future jobs. Bradley alumni hire other Bradley alums," Karlin said.

Overall, the alumni's main advice to the student body is to use time wisely so students can create experiences and relationships that will last a lifetime.

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Picking up women isn't a "Mystery"

Imagine yourself in this situation: it's a Friday night and to celebrate the week's accomplishments, you're relaxing with your friends at Jimmy's, comfortably nursing a generous amount of Long Island iced tea.

Out of nowhere, a stranger interrupts the group. He's tall, gangly and clad in a long jacket and furry top hat – slightly reminiscent of Steven Tyler sans feather boa and the rest of Aerosmith.

He turns to your friends, asking if they've heard about the fight outside.

"What fight?" they ask, mildly interested.

"It was two girls…" he begins, proceeding to give a play-by-play of the horrifically violent cat fight that just took place in the parking lot.

"No way!" your friends exclaim, captivated by the thought of chick-on-chick violence in Jimmy's parking lot.

"Seriously," the stranger says.

Ladies, imagine the mystery man now turns to you and says "Your hair looks nice. Is it real?" Gentlemen, imagine he's asking your best girl friend.

Are you gonna put up with that? Shoo, fly!

But according to VH1's reality series "The Pick-up Artist," this creep's technique is money for picking up women.

The show focuses on a "method" for picking up women developed by self-titled Pick-Up Artist "Mystery."

Mystery and his sidekicks "Matador" and "J-Dog" adopt eight "lovable yet socially awkward" men and attempt to teach them effective lady-killing techniques.

If there's a voyeur in you that loves to watch other people suffer through awkward moments, the show is fantastic.

If you're too empathetic like me, your heart might break a little every time a girl turns her back on one of the show's determined participants.

The most entertaining aspect of the show, however, is Mystery himself. At 6 feet 5 inches tall (that's before he puts on his platform boots), the man is intimidating. Add black lacquered nails, eye makeup, a long pony tail, a neck tattoo of a pair of lips and various articles of futuristic clothing and you've got yourself one intriguing character.

"Mystery" embodies his name well, but not because he is a suave, elusive womanizer as he would like people to believe. He's mysterious because there's absolutely no way he should be able to pick up women as easily as he claims when he wears feathery hats and oversized ski goggles.

I, the average, un-intoxicated female, would hopefully feel the appropriate level of alarm if a man like Mystery approached me and questioned the validity of my hair color. His followers, however, see him as a master of seduction.

Fellow pick-up artist Neil Strauss recalls in a New York Times article an instance where Mystery succeeded in charming the phone number out of a woman accompanying Scott Baio in a bar on the Sunset Strip.

"Tell me this is an illusion," Baio said. "And he's not actually stealing my girlfriend."

Maybe this is why Scott Baio is 45 and single.

While his ability to romance women away from Charles in Charge is impressive, Mystery becomes a feature right off of "Dr. Phil" when you learn about his past.

His real name is Erik von Markovik. In an interview with Conan O'Brien, Mystery/von Markovik explained he was a social outcast as a youth. He had trouble meeting girls and didn't lose his virginity until he was 21.

Training as a magician by day and visiting club after club by night, Mystery slowly began gaining experience interacting with women.

After hundreds of rejections, Mystery developed theories he believed would give men complete success in meeting women.

Mystery's theories have sparked an underground educational movement for men seeking to hone their pick-up skills.

Mystery's Web site, www.venusianarts.com, advertises training sessions that cost from $3,000 to $10,000, clearly for dudes who invest a lot in their abilities to score.

Mystery's teachings remind me of the movie "Hitch," but they aren't cute like the antics of Will Smith and Kevin James.

Mystery relies heavily on his background as a magician by using deception and showmanship in his "sets."

A "set" is an entire pick-up attempt. Throughout the set there are different steps you must accomplish to win over your "target."

Some of these steps are:

•"Peacock" – dress in loud clothing to stand out. For example, fishnet sleeves.

•Approach the target and her group with an "opener" – any story (real or fake) that captures the group's attention and makes you seem interesting. For example, "Did you see the chick-fight that just happened?"

•Confront the target with a "neg" – a negative compliment that communicates to the woman that he is uninterested in her looks. For example, "Nice hair, is it real?"

The list goes on, each step personally guaranteed by Mystery and his cohorts.

You can further educate/horrify yourself by visiting The Venusian Arts Web site and reading through some of the techniques posted by do-it-yourself pick-up wannabes.

I asked psychology professor David Schmitt said Mystery's techniques would probably only be effective for a one-night stand.

I wholeheartedly agree.

As for that hypothetical situation I put you in earlier – I'd say the only thing Mystery's got working for him is that Long Island iced tea you've been nursing.

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Fall fun and festivities in Peoria

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Fall is quickly approaching, and with it comes an assortment of activities for students in the Peoria area.

One place to go during this season is Tanner's Apple Orchard, located 20 miles north of Peoria on Rt. 40. Tanner's is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. everyday. It includes a market where customers can purchase goods such as apple cider, jams, salsa, salad dressings and an assortment of fresh fruits.

In addition to purchasing fruits, customers can pick their own apples at Tanner's 20-acre orchard from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visitors can also pick pumpkins fresh from the patch. The orchard includes a corn maze, farm animals and pony rides.

For those interested in theater, Peoria Players features "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" each year. The performance is the only show in town featuring live actors onstage duplicating the a movie.

Admission is $15 per person and shows at midnight Oct. 26 and 27. For ticket information check www.peoriaplayers.org.

Another attraction is Wildlife Prairie Park located 10 miles west of downtown Peoria.

The park is over 2,000 acres and features animals such as bears, wolves, bison, elk, cougars and otters.

In addition to animals, the park includes lakes, a butterfly garden, train rides and a pioneer farmstead. The park's hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. everyday and costs $5.50 per person. On Tuesdays the park offers $2 admission.

For those running a little short on cash, Willow Knolls 14 Theatre has free matinees on Saturday and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Some of the featured movies include "Are We There Yet?," "Nancy Drew," "Evan Almighty," "Surf's Up and "Shrek the Third."

Freshman AEP major Melissa Mayberry said she plans to attend the matinees.

"Being in college means we're all a little strapped for cash right now," she said. "Anything free sounds good, and they're playing pretty current films."

For more information check out www.gqti.com.

As Halloween approaches, so do haunted houses. The City of Marquette Heights will host Spook Hollow on Oct. 19, 20, 26 and 27. It's open from 7 to 11 p.m. and ticket sales start at 6 p.m. Spook Hollow features a haunted trail through the woods for $8 and a spook house for $8, although if customers want to go through both they can purchase a ticket for $10. For more ticket information and directions go to www.spook-hollow.com.

For more spooky antics, check out Spider Hill at Three Sisters Park, the largest haunted house attraction in central Illinois.

It hosts the Massacre Mansion Haunted House, Trail of Terror Walking Trail and the Haunted Express Tractor Ride. Spider Hill will be open every Friday and Saturday night in October from 7 to 11 p.m. in Chillicothe. Admission is $8 per attraction.

Fall Events

Tanner's Apple Orchard
Students can pick apples and pumpkins, buy food, feed animals and enjoy a corn maze. Open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. everyday. Apple orchard open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Peoria Player's "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"
Ticket information at www.peoriaplayers.org. The show will take place at midnight Oct. 26 and 27 at Peoria Players Theatre. Admission is $15.

Wildlife Prairie Park
Students can see animals, enjoy butterfly gardens and ride a train. Open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. everyday. Cost is $5.50 and $2 on Tuesdays.

Willow Knolls 14 Theatre
Students can attend matinees. Cost is free. Shows are Saturday and Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Spook Hollow
Students can enjoy a haunted trail and a spook house. Open from 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 19, 20, 26 and 27. Cost is $8 each, $10 for both.

Spider Hill
Students can visit the Massacre Mansion Haunted House, Trail of Terror Walking Trail and the Haunted Express Tractor Ride. Open from 7 to 11 p.m. every Friday and Saturday in October. Cost is $8.

Bradley classes make learning a lifelong experience

BY JIM FERRUZZA
for the Scout

Senior citizens are sharing the campus with college seniors.

The Institute for Learning in Retirement allows senior citizens to enroll in college courses.

"It's a really important program," Jon Neidy, the associate director of the Office of Continuing Education, said. "It's important because it's bringing that community of senior citizens to campus that really matters. It also allows students here to see that learning is a lifelong experience."

Most members of the program are 55 years old or older, although Neidy said there are no age limits. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

The latest group in the continuing education program meets Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The program has been offered for the last 14 years.

"The non-traditional students study everything from DNA and biotech to gardening and everything in between," Neidy said.

More information is available from the group's Web site at www.bradley.edu/continue/ilr.

Neidy said he likes the age diversity the program brings to campus.

He said the program benefits traditional students as well as senior citizens.

"Both groups really gain a lot," Neidy said. "It's a win-win situation all around."

Senior citizens gather in the Michel Student Center Ballroom for a luncheon break during Institute for Learning in Retirement classes. Classes meet Wednesdays this fall. *photo by Adam Thornburg*

The program kicked off with a noon luncheon on Sept. 12 and will continue meeting every Wednesday until Oct. 17.

The program offers a selection of 37 different classes on a wide variety of subjects as well as four computer classes. Classes include photography, literature, history and architecture.

The program also offers learning trips to such places as the Peoria Civic Center and the Peoria Zoo. The trips will also take the students to locations across the state from Pekin to Rockford to Chicago.

Along with classes and learning trips, the program's calendar also features several luncheons and parties.

Over 300 people are enrolled in the program this semester.

ILR emphasizes social interaction as much as classroom learning.

The program offers an opportunity for a variety of people to interact with new people, make new friends and learn from new experiences.

Martha Orwig, a participant in the program, is taking Psychology of Aging, Native American Life, Order in the Court and Wednesday's Wisdom.

"They're all real good," she said. "We've been coming here so long we can't remember."

Lois Maloney, who also participates in the program, said she enjoys it.

"It gives you something to think about besides cleaning the house," she said. "It's challenging."

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Frisbees fly, frequent the sky on college campuses

BY LISA FITCH
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Ultimate Frisbee, with its sense of simplicity and ease, seems especially at home on a college campus, where flying projectiles of many shapes and sizes are commonplace.

While not as established as some older sports like golf or polo, ultimate Frisbee has been around for more than 40 years and has earned its place in the hearts of fun-loving athletes everywhere.

Bradley has its own intramural team as well as a sport club, appropriately named the Bradley Ultimate Frisbee Fanatics, dedicated to the game.

While playing intramurals is a more formal way to get involved with ultimate Frisbee, BUFF provides a more casual atmosphere to any newcomers who want to learn how to play.

Freshman health science major Sydney Steininger, a member of BUFF, said the club is always looking for new members and meets four times a week on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at 4 p.m. and on Saturdays at 1 p.m. on Baker Quad for practice.

In addition to having its members brush up or learn some new Frisbee skills, BUFF is also active in attending tournaments – an excellent opportunity for those who have a competitive streak in them.

Bradley's Ultimate Frisbee Fanatics practices at Laura Bradley Park. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

What makes ultimate Frisbee more accessible is that it's both pocketbook and college friendly. The only requirements are a Frisbee, a group of friends and an understanding of the game – a sometimes-daunting task for novice players.

As in other sports, ultimate Frisbee is easy to learn but hard to master.

The object of the game is very similar to football, where the basic goal is to pass the Frisbee into the opposing team's end zone. While ultimate Frisbee may share some commonality with America's favorite spectator sport, that's where the similarities end.

As in all sports, ultimate Frisbee has its own distinct set of rules and what makes it even more unique is the fact they're always open to interpretation.

Unlike most sports, ultimate Frisbee doesn't rely on a referee to govern the rules, but instead they're enforced by the two competing teams.

Steininger said she's aware of the dangers of not knowing the rules.

"If you don't know the rules, the opposing team is going to figure it out and take advantage of that fact," Steininger said.

However, some aspects of the game are constant throughout. Ultimate Frisbee begins by tossing the disc towards a team's end zone, an equivalent to a kick-off in football. From there, the game begins to pick up steam, with each team in a mad rush to either catch the disc or throw it again if it has fallen.

Most importantly, players who've caught the Frisbee may not run with it, which forces them to throw it to another player. This game of cat and mouse continues until the Frisbee has reached its final destination – the end zone. From there, the whole process repeats itself until only one team is declared the winner.

The pick-up-and-play nature of ultimate Frisbee makes it an enjoyable and accessible sport.

Whistles give warning, increase foreWarn awareness

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Bradley's emergency notification system foreWarn is taking steps to increase its presence on campus.

New key chains equipped with whistles and flashlights are being distributed on campus.

In case of an emergency, students are supposed to blow the whistles to warn others.

ForeWarn is the joint effort of many organizations concerned about student safety.

Public Information Director of University Relations Kath Conver said foreWarn's goal is to communicate any area dangers to students, faculty and staff.

"The purpose of Bradley's emergency notification system, foreWarn, is to quickly and efficiently convey to the campus community information that may impact personal safety or the ability of personnel to safely and efficiently perform their job's responsibilities," she said.

Aside from the new key chains, emergency information will be communicated with students through text messaging, a telephone hotline, e-mail, Audix messaging and the university Web site.

The foreWarn key chains have the Web site address printed on them to remind students of the other services.

Conver said the organization is making many attempts to reach out to all students.

"We gave out whistles at a booth at the University Conference and at the Student Activities Fair where we also gave faculty, staff and students an opportunity to register cell phone numbers for the text messaging," she said.

Whistles and key chains have also been distributed in EHS 120 classes, and Conver said EHS teachers are encouraged to discuss the system with their students.

Sophomore public relations major Janelle Crawford said she thinks the whistles and key chains are effectively publicizing foreWarn.

"It gets the name out there and it gets the organization noticed," she said. "People are more aware of it."

Crawford said she thinks most students are already aware of foreWarn.

"You see it anytime you check your mail and its right up there on the main BU Web page," she said.

Conver said the text messaging notification and hotline will be used in potentially life-threatening emergencies.

She also said the text messaging system will be up and running soon.

"Staff are testing the text messaging system so it should be operational within a *week or so," she said.* "Registration of numbers will remain open. We want the information *in* the database to be as current as possible."

Web posts, e-mail, Audix messaging and the local news media will be used in less immediate situations, in addition to the text messaging and hotline.

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Senate plans to rewrite Constitution

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Student Senate committees announced the rewriting of Senate's Constitution and the resignation of a chairperson.

Internal Affairs committee chairperson Justin Constantino announced the Student Senate will begin the rewriting process this fall.

"The consitution simply needs to be revamped," he said. "We haven't specified all areas that need to be updated, but we will begin by thinking about what Student Senate should be doing."

Constantino said he thinks Senate will add a mission statement.

"There really isn't a mission statement right now," he said. "There's a preamble, which doesn't necessarily read like a preamble should. It reads more like an anti-discriminatory statement. We're creating the mission statement but keeping the preamble."

The Internal Affairs committee will rewrite the document.

The committee is responsible for making sure everything occurring in Senate is constitutional, as well as handling impeachment charges and setting many of the requirements for Senate members.

According to Constantino, the constitution hasn't been rewritten since around 2003 or 2004.

The group plans to begin working on the project immediately, but Constantino said he doesn't know how long it will take.

"We would like to have the weaker parts done by the end of the year," he said. "We're just going to take it as it is and compare it to other universities."

Internal Affairs wasn't the only committee with a big announcement.

B.J. Enzweiler resigned as the Technology Affairs and Services Committee Chairperson.

Enzweiler said he left the position because his work-load in classes had become heavier than anticipated.

The Technology Services and Affairs committee is responsible for monitoring and addressing student concerns regarding Internet and network usage, including Webster, Blackboard and the Student Senate Web site.

Senate is looking for someone to fill the vacant position soon.

Applications for the position are available in the Student Senate office on the third floor of Sisson Hall and on the Student Senate billboard in the Michel Student Center. Students don't need to be in Senate to apply for the position. Applications are due Oct. 10.

Senate

•Treasurer Josh Cox presented Senate's budget to be reviewed by all Senators. It will be approved or disapproved at the next meeting.

•A memorial garden will be created for all students that have died while at Bradley.

•A proposal has been submitted to University President Joanne Glasser for a new student center.

•There are still open positions for new Senators. Those interested may pick up a petition in the Senate office, get 40 signatures from a designated constituency and run for office.

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"Hopefully this won't reflect poorly on ACBU because this is the second time this has happened in a year," Duesenberg said. "But it's all due to conditions that we have no control over."

Duesenberg said while the postponement will "probably bring a lot of disappointment" to campus, she said she's grateful Jack's Mannequin didn't cancel 24 hours before the concert.

"It's definitely an easier situation than finding out the night before," she said. "But it would be better if it didn't happen at all."

Duesenberg said ACBU is trying to find a comedian to come this semester, but if that can't happen, two shows will likely be scheduled for next semester before the field house is demolished.

Duesenberg said students who've bought tickets for the concert can return the tickets to the Student Activities Office for a full refund.

Because ACBU is unsure of its schedule, Jack's Mannequin tickets will not be exchangeable for tickets to any future events. Even though the band may reschedule for next semester, Duesenberg said students must return the current tickets and purchase new ones in the spring if that happens.

Duesenberg said she hopes Jack's Mannequin eventually plays at Bradley because it's a popular band among college students.

"The buzz was really high for them," she said. " Once we got the band booked, everyone was really excited."

Junior psychology major Ronda Papner has seen McMahon perform twice with Jack's Mannequin and once with his other band, Something Corporate.

When she heard Jack's Mannequin won't perform Oct. 20, Papner gasped and was silent for about 10 seconds before she said, "I'm shocked."

Papner said she was going to work tech crew for the show so she could meet the band again.

"They're awesome, she said. "Just amazing. I was super excited for them to come."

And Papner said she doesn't think she's the only person who'll be disappointed by the postponement.

"I think lots of people will be upset," she said. "There are a lot of Jack's fans here. [ACBU] scheduled the concert because so many people listen to them."

Freshman communications major Natalee Runyan said she considers herself "a pretty huge fan" but understands Jack's Mannequin's decision.

"I'm sure the band is just as upset as the rest of us," she said.

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Squirrels will approach people who are friendly and move toward them slowly. She said it isn't a good idea to pet the squirrels because they aren't pets.

She said squirrels observe people just as much as people observe them.

"They look at you, and you look at them and you don't know which is which," she said. "You look at the animal, but the animal looks at you as something unusual somehow. And that's what I like about the squirrels because they interact with you. They look at you like something's there."

She said the squirrels on campus don't depend on her for food.

"If I don't feed them, they are not going to starve," she said. "I don't know when I'm going to see them again. That's the beautiful thing. We don't have, 'meet me at 10 in the afternoon, I'm going to give you piece of apple.'"

She said one squirrel used to get into a vending machine in the library's break room. The squirrel would get into the room through an open door. Inside the machine, it would go through the candy and discard the kind it didn't like.

"They are very smart, they have very good memory," she said. "They smell. They find me by their good hearing and sense of smell."

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"I didn't like what [the fraternities] were about… Lambda Chi's policies are stricter," he said.

Wood also said he appreciates how associate members receive equal status as existing members.

Schindler said the policy of allowing associate members to vote and hold office before becoming initiated helps members get the most of their experiences.

"We want our new members to see everything they can do for the fraternity and what it can do for them from the day they join," he said.

Holt said the colony will meet somewhere on campus until it becomes stable.

"Once we get to the point where we're a chartered organization, we'll start looking for a house," he said. "But we don't want to put the cart before the horse."

Schindler said many students ask what house greek students have joined, but he doesn't think this is a good question.

"The people make the chapter, not the house," he said.

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Sophomore Grant Campbell traps the ball during Saturday's game.
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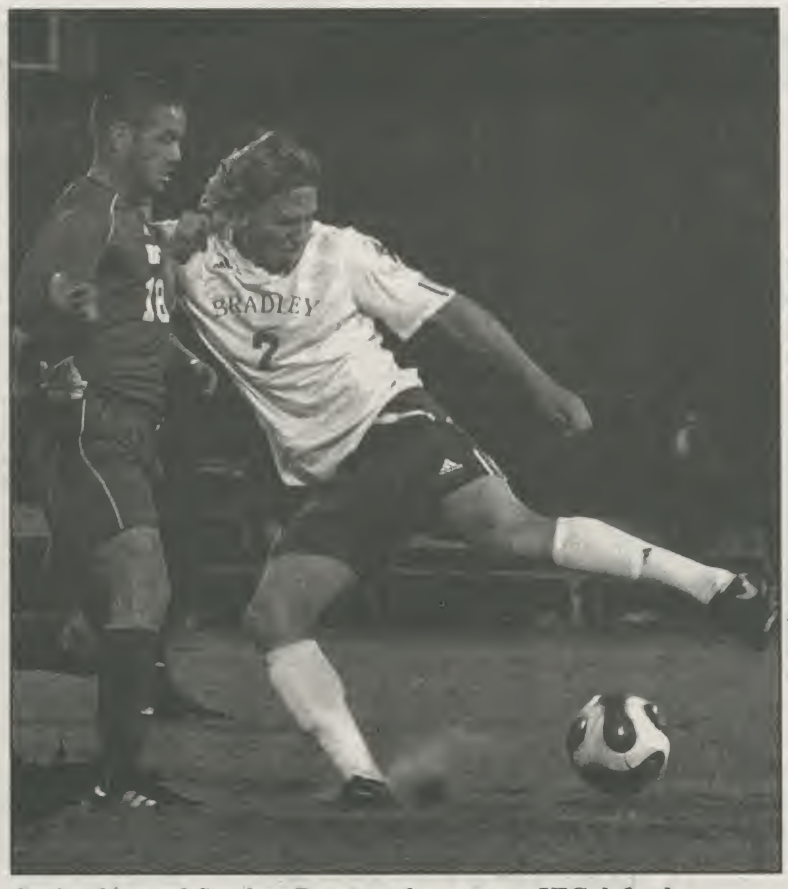

Senior forward Stephen Brust pushes away a UIC defender.
photo by Saleena Fortunato

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Hickman said a million thoughts raced through his head when he realized he was alone against the IUPUI goalkeeper.

"It was just me and the goalie," he said. "I could have done a number of things, but I just wanted to make sure it hit the back of the net."

Hickman said the Braves were a step quicker than the Jaguars for most of the game.

"I think we were a little bit better than that team," he said. "We wanted to come out and establish our dominance on the field."

Bradley bounced back from Sunday's loss with a 3-1 win Wednesday night against UMKC.

Cutshaw netted goals in the sixth and 66th minutes, giving him five on the season.

Freshman Rudy Garcia added the Braves' third goal in the 87th minute, the first goal of his college career.

The Braves travel to Omaha, Neb. on Oct. 10 to open the Missouri Valley Conference schedule against nationally-ranked Creighton. The game is scheduled to be televised on Fox Soccer Channel.

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in practice or games," he said. "We're not on any type of sports scholarship program. We just play for the love of the game."

The team practices twice a week and plays about 30 games each season. The players are also responsible for setting up their own strength and conditioning programs.

Along with the time commitment, playing for the club hockey team is also expensive. Players are required to pay for their own equipment and help fund the team's logistical operations.

They pay for everything from ice rink rental fees and bus rental to hotel costs. Each player spends about $1,000 each season.

Power Murphy said while playing costs a lot, it's worth every penny.

"For the love of the game, I'd pay as much as necessary to keep me on the ice," he said.

The team is 2-4 through its first six games this year, but coach Tony Fry said the slow start hasn't lowered the team's high expectations.

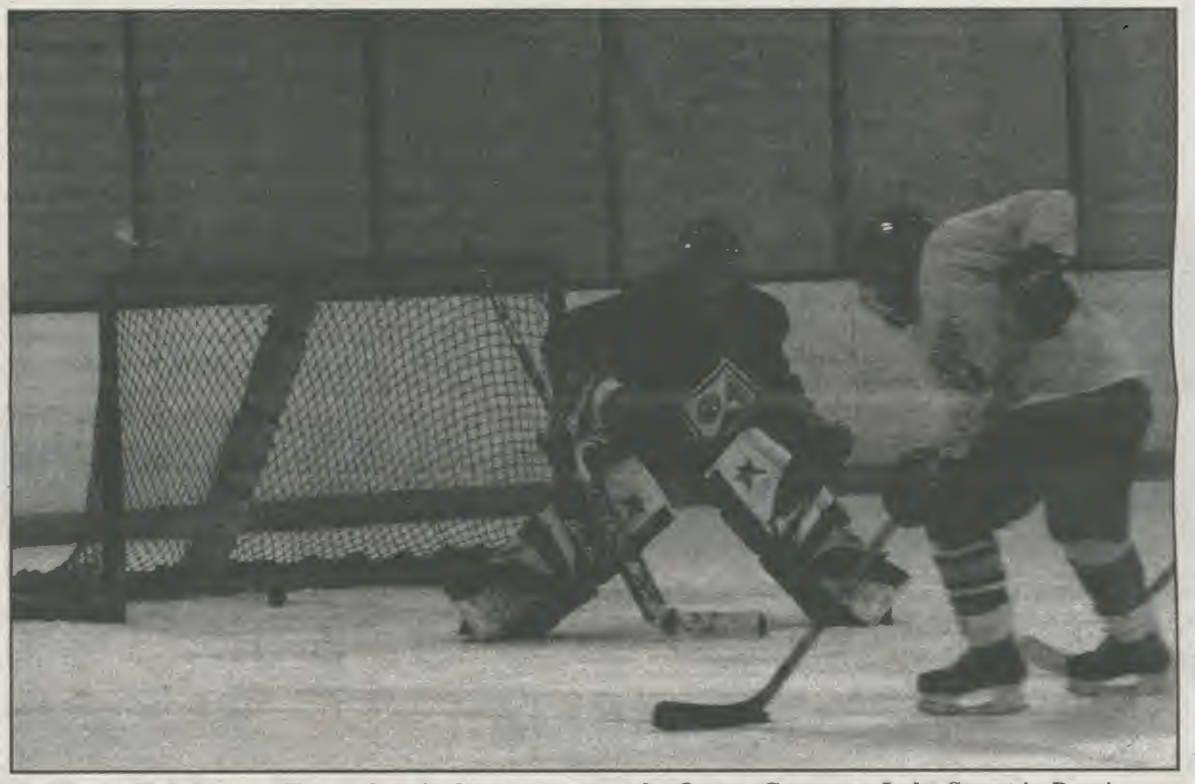
"We have a strong team this season," he said. "All of our players go out every night expecting to work as hard as they possibly can and expect to win every game. They don't feel this is arrogance but confidence."

Fry also said the team features a strong freshman class, which he thinks will lead to greater success in the future. He said he hopes as the team grows stronger, so will the fan support.

"I would like to be more well known on campus," he said. "We do have a hockey team here at Bradley and it is very competitive and fun to watch."

The team will play its next game Oct. 12 against Wheaton College at the Owens Center.

For more information on the club hockey team including a game schedule, visit its Web site at www.bradley.edu/campusorg/buhockey.



Bradley's Club Hockey Team plays its home games at the Owens Center on Lake Street in Peoria.
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also contributed to the team offensively. She had seven kills and hit .429 for the match.

On the defensive side, sophomore Kaitlyn Comiskey and junior Sam Black led the way.

Comiskey had a team high 15 digs. Black had nine digs, and added 20 assists.

The Braves are preparing for conference foe Illinois State this week. Luster said they will work in practice to recognize the Redbirds' strengths and counter them.

Luster also said the team doesn't plan to change its strategy just yet.

The team plans to stick with the 5-1 formation for at least another weekend. Using the formation allows the Braves to substitute players more effectively. It also allows them to get a better idea of their players' skills.

"It allows us more options," Luster said. "We can use different people if a player is struggling at their position."

The Braves will look to end their losing streak when they play rival Illinois State at 7 p.m. tonight at Robertson Memorial Field House.

Bad weather shortens play at MVC Tourney

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

The Bradley men's and women's tennis teams competed in the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Championship last weekend.

The women's tennis team started the event strong with the doubles pair of junior Erin Krubeck and freshman Nicole Miller winning a Flight 3 doubles quarterfinal victory on the first day. The duo went on to defeat Agata Skorupska and Anne Tilton of Southern Illinois 8-4 to move on to the Flight 3 doubles semifinals.

Kim Braun

Krubeck and Miller were scheduled to compete for third place on Sunday but inclement weather forced the match to be canceled.

Junior Kim Braun was also successful on the first day, winning a quarterfinals match in Flight 6 singles. Braun then advanced to the Flight 6 singles semifinals after defeating Tilton of Southern Illinois 6-1, 6-0. Braun's third place match was also canceled due to the weather.

The bad weather forced the players to settle with the work they had done in the first two days.

Even though her team couldn't finish the tournament, Braun felt the team gained valuable experience for the spring.

"Our team has learned a lot and we're continuously working to get better," she said. "Every little thing we do in the fall will help us win as many matches as possible in the spring. I am excited for the spring, because I think our results are going to show how hard we have been working."

Despite the weather, coach Scott Petersen said he was pleased with the way his team played.

"I feel that everyone performed well, but unfortunately with the weather and the tournament format, we were not able to play as many matches as I had hoped for," he said.

The men's team also had a successful weekend at the championships, especially in doubles play.

The Braves doubles pairing of junior Michel Macara-chvili and sophomore Richard Robertson won an 8-2 match over James McAvoy and Mark Elson of Creighton to move to the finals of the Flight 3 doubles on Sunday.

Richard Robertson

The duo ended the weekend dropping the Flight C doubles title match to Oscar Beich and Michael Hobson of Illinois State, 8-4.

Macara-chvili said he was happy to get experience at the tournament.

"This tournament helped us mature as players and helped us compare ourselves to other players to see where we stand," he said. "Our main objective is to get as many matches as possible in order to get better for the spring."

Evgeny Samoylov

The team also played well in its singles matches, with junior Evgeny Samoylov winning a straight set match over Southern Illinois sophomore Lucas Waked on the first day.

The win put Samoylov in the semifinals, but he ended up dropping the Flight 2 singles match to Dalibor Pavic of Drake, 6-0, 6-0.

In Flight 1 singles, Bradley freshman Milos Romic was defeated in a quarterfinal match to Adrain Chermaci of Wichita State, 6-2, 7-6. Romic came back on the second day of the tournament in the Flight 1 singles conciliation bracket and defeated Jose Guerrera of Creighton, 6-2, 6-2.

Coach Jacek Wolicki felt this was one of the better tournaments for his players to gain experience for the spring schedule.

"It's hard to see where our guys will be in the spring," he said. "But this tournament was great for the guys, because they can compete with other players in the conference and get some experience."

Right now Wolicki is mainly concerned about getting his players ready to play well as a team.

"Our main objective is to be a cohesive unit and do things that can move the team forward," he said.

Next up for the men's tennis team is the Louisville Invitational, which will take place Oct. 12 in Louisville, Ky.

The women's team will compete at the ITA Regionals Oct. 18 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Men's golf struggles in cold, rainy conditions

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

The men's golf team had a disappointing outing at the John Dallio Memorial.

The Braves played at the par-72 Ruffled Feathers Golf Course in Lemont where they finished in last place.

Bradley sophomore Zach Wanken had a season-best 74 in the opening round Monday and later shot another 74 in the afternoon. He finished the day in 16th place at 148. Wanken's play was the highlight for Bradley on the first day at Ruffled Feathers.

Wanken said while the Braves didn't perform well, he thinks the team is improving.

"I think our team is making progress and moving in the right direction," he said. "We just need to continue to practice hard and make progress so we can play well in our next two tournaments."

The Braves' Tommie Ackerman shot an 82 in the opening round, but then redeemed himself by shooting a season-best 75 in the second round. Ackerman ended the first day tied for 56th place at 157.

The weather didn't benefit the Braves as cold, foggy and rainy conditions made playing frustrating for the golfers.

The Braves ended their first day shooting 327 as a team on the first 18 holes. The Braves shaved 19 shots off their score, shooting a second-round 308 to finish the first day in 13th place at 635.

The second day didn't get any better for the Braves. The team was forced to wait two hours before they could play, because of foggy conditions on the golf course.

Senior Nick Roth and freshman Coby Thompson both tied for low-round honors, shooting 79s to highlight the second day for the Braves.

Wanken lead the way for the team as he shot an 81 to finish tied for 27th place at 229. Ackerman matched Wanken's 81 and ended up tied for 58th overall at 238.

After a first round score of 79, Roth finished the tournament 66th at 243. Thompson kept improving as the tournament went on, and ended the second day tied for 68th at 245.

Sophomore Kyle Phelan shot an 82 for Bradley and finished tied for 73rd at 253.

Coach Jeff Roche said the team needs to eliminate mental mistakes in order to play better.

"Obviously we didnt play well at the tournament, but our team is capable of playing much better," he said. "We have to continue to work on eliminating our mistakes, especially with penalty strokes."

Bradley finished the event with a team score of 955 to finish in 13th place.

Detroit claimed the team title with a team score of 880. Northern Iowa came in second place shooting an 890, only ten shots behind Detroit.

The Braves will tee of again this Sunday when they compete at the D.A. Weibring Intercollegiate in Normal.

Erais' second-round 70 highlights women's golf

BY AARON FRIEDMAN
for the Scout

Junior Bari-Lynn Erais was one of few bright spots last weekend, as the women's golf team finished in ninth place at the Wolverine Invitational.

Erais, the medalist at the 2007 Missouri Valley Conference Championship, continued her success from last year, shooting a final round 76 to finish in a tie for 12th at 229 (83-70-76). The second round score of 70 tied a career-low and matched the low round at the invitational.

Erais said she took advantage of a fresh start for the second round.

"I had just finished shooting 83 and was very disappointed with it and just wanted to start over," she said. "It really wasn't much different from the round before, except that I limited the 3 putts and also started making a few more birdies."

Erais etched her name into the Bradley record books as the only player in Bradley history to own three rounds of 70 or better during intercollegiate competition.

Senior Whitney Cox turned in a final round of 81 and tied for 40th at 241 (78-82-81).

Fellow senior Rikki Sobel shot a season-best 77 in the first round, but shot progressively worse rounds to finish in 38th at 240 (77-79-84).

Sobel said her ball striking was the cause of her inconsistent play.

"I played very poorly all weekend but managed to pull two scores in under 80 by grinding out there," she said. "My ball striking is really not where I want it to be right now and I need to work through that so my scores can drop back into the low 70's."

Freshman Breanne Neufield saved her best for the final round, shooting a 78 and finishing 48th at 245 (83-84-78). Junior Lauren Downing fired a third round score of 85 to finish in 58th at 260.

Erais said finding consistency will lead to the team's success.

"Our team needs to work on keeping a positive attitude no matter what happens and being as consistent as possible," she said. "We all have excellent games and can perform, its just putting together those good rounds without the few holes that bring up the scores."

Bradley's score of 955 was good for ninth place, eight shots back of eighth place Cincinnati.

Notre Dame won the team title with a three round total of 904.

The Braves return to action Oct. 8 and 9 at the Missouri Invitational in Columbia, Mo.

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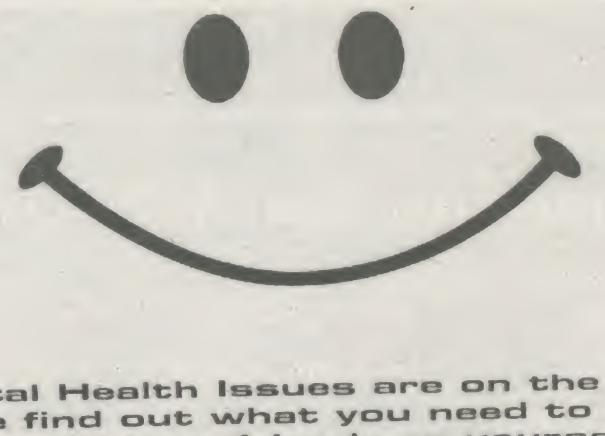

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'Next year' is finally here for Cubs fans

BY ALEX MAYSTER

Last weekend was a Cubs fan's dream. The team clinched the division and is going back to the playoffs for the first time in four years.

Fans have a chance to wash 2003's bad taste from their mouths.

After buying their National League Central Champion shirts and hats, fans around the world will begin thinking about the playoffs and why the Cubs will go all the way.

To start Cubs fans off, here are 10 reasons why I know the Cubs will win the World Series.

A Leadoff Hitter: The Cubs have been struggling to find a consistent leadoff hitter for a long time.

Last season they had Juan Pierre, who played well but was only around for one year. Before that the Cubs basically plugged in anyone who could run fast, which didn't work out well.

Alfonso Soriano has performed extremely well in that spot this year. His .299 average and 33 home runs make him a force, and his tendency to perform well in the first inning should leave teams playing catch-up early on.

Ace of the Staff: Mark Prior and Kerry Wood are no longer starting pitchers in the Cubs rotation. The team has gone all season without depending on them, and in doing so Carlos Zambrano has truly taken over as the ace.

He finished the season with a career high 18 wins, and is one of the most intimidating pitchers to opposing offenses.

He had 17 outings where he gave up five hits or less, including 12 consecutive games. When Zambrano is on, he's dominant.

Newly Acquired Pitchers: Ted Lilly and Jason Marquis played a major role in getting the Cubs to the playoffs.

Lilly had the best year of his career winning 15 games with a 3.83 ERA. He was able to put together a solid year after coming over from the tough AL East and he knows how to win games.

Marquis had a mediocre 12-win season but accomplished what he needed to. Those two will pitch well enough for the offense to win games.

Improved Bullpen: The bullpen is much better than it has been in years past.

The key to success is Carlos Marmol. His 1.43 ERA and 5-1 record is impressive on paper, and his dominant slider is imposing on the mound.

Kerry Wood has learned to pitch well out of the bullpen and is starting to look like the Wood of old. Those two pitchers, along with Bob Howry and Scott Eyre, should successfully bring the team from the starting pitcher to closer Ryan Dempster.

Defense: The Cubs defense is starting to come around. Gold Glove winner Derek Lee is always the first to come to mind, but his teammates have been catching on.

Aramis Ramirez is coming along with the glove. He only committed 10 errors this year with a .972 fielding percentage. Soriano had an impressive 19 outfield assists and can cover a lot of ground with his speed. The team's strong defense should be covered with both ground balls and pop flies.

Power: The Cubs are built around hitting the long ball. Even though Chicago struggled to hit home runs early in the season, it heated up at the right time.

Soriano, Lee and Ramirez, the three biggest home run threats, hit a combined 29 home runs in September. With their power strokes recaptured, they should knock in plenty of runs in the playoffs.

Depth: The Cubs have a lot of strong players off the bench. Daryl Ward is one of the best pinch hitters in the game, especially against left-handers.

They have Geovany Soto to catch when Jason Kendall is out, and he has shown his offensive abilities since being called up.

Mike Fontenot is a solid all-around infielder and Felix Pie and Craig Monroe can fill in with their defense in the outfield. With a good mix of strong hitters and solid defenders off the bench, the team has strong players to plug-in for any situation.

Experience: The Cubs have plenty of experience, starting with their manager Lou Pinella. He's won it all before and can help lead the players to the promise land.

Lee won the World Series with the Marlins after defeating the Cubs in 2003. Soriano won two with the Yankees. Plenty of guys have been to the playoffs before, and the veteran presence of Cliff Floyd, Steve Trachsel and Kendall should keep the Cubs focused.

Weak National League: The NL wasn't very impressive this year. The four teams from the American League all had better records then the best NL team.

The best team in the NL was the Arizona Diamondbacks, and they don't seem tough to beat. On paper the Mets looked like the team to beat and they didn't even make the playoffs. It shouldn't be to hard to get through the NL and anything could happen in a best-of-seven World Series.

Fate: It's been 99 years since they've won. The Cubs have to win the World Series at some point.

I'm not a math major but I'm sure the chances are good. Eventually it's going to happen and there's no better year then 2007. This is our year.

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One-on-One

Who will win the World Series?

Cleveland Indians

The Colorado Rockies have momentum on their side. The Chicago Cubs have destiny on theirs. But in the playoffs, it's all about pitching, and nobody has better pitching than the Cleveland Indians.

Hefty lefty C.C. Sabathia and second-year sensation Fausto Carmona are the two most dominant starters in the playoffs. Both men finished the year with 19 wins apiece, tied for second most in baseball, and are both leading candidates for the AL Cy Young award.

The opposition will struggle against the co-aces, and it won't get much easier from there.

The Indians also feature 15-game winner Paul Byrd and sinkerballer Jake Westbrook, neither of whom are slouches on the pitching rubber.

No other playoff team has a rotation that even comes close to matching up with those four.

As if strong starting pitching wasn't enough, Cleveland also features one of MLB's best bullpens.

Setup man Rafael Betancourt and his 1.47 ERA is a big key to that success, as is AL saves leader Joe Borowski, who converted 45 of his 53 save opportunities this season.

Combine strong pitching with a talented lineup featuring stars like Travis Hafner, Grady Sizemore and Jhonny Peralta, and Cleveland has the perfect recipe for World Series success.

- Adam Mettrick

Anaheim Angels

The team to beat in October is the Anaheim Angels. The Angels have the best all around balance between hitting and pitching.

Starting pitchers John Lackey and Jered Weaver give the Angels the best playoff pitching rotation. Lackey ends the regular season with an impressive ERA of 3.01, while Weaver has finished strong with a 3.91 ERA.

Francisco Rodriguez provides Anaheim with Major League Baseball's best premier closer. Rodriguez has a season-long 2.81 ERA and he'll shut down opposing teams in the later innings come playoff time.

The Angels also have one of the best lineups in baseball.

Orlando Cabrera, Chone Figgins and Vladamir Guerrero lead the way for the Angels. All three are batting over .300, and there's no reason they'll slow down any time soon.

Putting players and coaching aside, the Angels also have recent postseason experience. Even though other current playoff teams have won a World Series in the last few years, the Angels still have an experience factor from their last World Series Championship win in 2002.

When the end of October hits, the Anaheim Angels will be the 2007 World Series Champions.

- Adam Kagan

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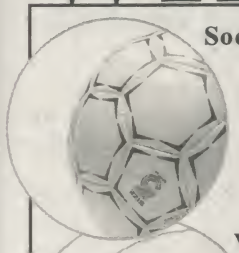

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Volleyball

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vs. Illinois State
at Robertson Memorial Field House

Saturday
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vs. Indiana State
at Terre Haute, Ind.

Men's Golf

Sunday
at 8 a.m.
D.A. Weibring Intercollegiate
at Normal

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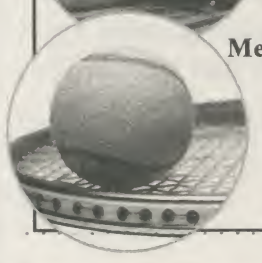

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Sport SHORTS

University of Memphis football player killed

University of Memphis football player Taylor Bradford was shot and killed Sunday night while driving his car on campus.

Originally police thought the killing was targeted, but later said there was a chance it could've been a random shooting.

Bradford's car was found crashed into a tree. It's not known whether the accident came before or after the shooting.

Bradford was a 5-foot-11, 300-pound defensive lineman for the team. He was a transfer student and was expect to play this season.

The Tigers hosted Marshall on Tuesday and held a moment of silence for Bradford before the game. They won the game 24-21.

The police have no suspects in the killing.

Memphis canceled class on Monday to ensure the students' safety. The university resumed classes on Tuesday.

Thomas found guilty of sexual harrassment

Former NBA star and current New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas was found liable for sexual harassment against a co-worker on Tuesday.

The jury ruled the team's owner and chairman must pay the victim over $11 million for allowing her to work in a "hostile environment."

Thomas said he doesn't agree with the charges and plans to appeal.

He also stated that he's still focused on basketball and that he's not worried about losing his job.

"Honestly, my head never left basketball," he told www.espn.com. "This is what I've done. This is what I do and this is what I think about the majority of the time."

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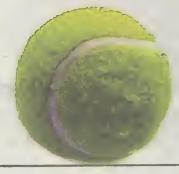

Tennis MVP championship interrupted by rain.
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Braves lose homecoming heartbreaker

Soccer team falls to UIC in over-time, beats IUPUI and UMKC

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The soccer team held Illinois-Chicago scoreless through regulation and five minutes of overtime, but a mistake in the 96th minute cost Bradley the game.

The Braves (6-3-1) failed to clear the ball following a Flames corner kick and UIC freshman Charlie Trout rebounded his own shot to give the Flames a 1-0 overtime win Saturday night and spoil Bradley's homecoming.

"It was a tough one," Bradley coach Jim DeRose said. "It was a good college soccer game. I thought it was pretty evenly matched, but someone's going to win it."

UIC came out aggressive early in the game and maintained that aggression throughout the contest. The Flames (4-2-2) outshot the Braves 20-11 and also held the edge in corner kicks, 13-8.

Despite being outshot, Bradley still had two prime opportunities to get on the board, but was unable to capitalize on either.

Senior Joe Donoho clanked a header off the left post in the 64th minute and sophomore Grant Campbell couldn't take advantage of an out-of-position goalkeeper in the final two minutes of regulation.

Team captain Teddy Anderson side tackled UIC's forward at Saturday's homecoming game at Shea Stadium. The Braves lost to the Flames 1-0 in overtime. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

DeRose said quality scoring opportunities were limited on both sides.

"We certainly had a couple of chances. We hit the post and I think that was probably the best chance of the night," he said. "I think there were only two chances, really."

Though he said the loss was frustrating, DeRose said the experience can only benefit the team moving forward.

"We're a team in development," he said. "We're going to have to keep learning from everything and keep moving on."

The Braves were also in action the previous night when they faced off against IUPUI (2-6-1) in the first half of the Bradley Homecoming Classic.

The Braves took the game in convincing fashion, outshooting the Jaguars 24-14 and cruising to a 3-0 victory.

Freshman Paul Tracy gave Bradley an early 1-0 lead when he beat two defenders to a loose ball near the penalty area and poked a shot past IUPUI's goalkeeper in the 29th minute.

It was the first career college goal for the former all-state forward, who said the goal came as a surprise.

"I was able to poke it just a tiny bit," Tracy said. "The goalie was already down on the ground so I had to slide, but I don't even know how it happened."

Tracy missed a chance for a second goal in the 56th minute when his shot from the left side of the penalty area was deflected, but sophomore Chris Cutshaw was there to clean up the mess.

Cutshaw reeled in the deflected ball and fired a shot into the back of the net to give the Braves a 2-0 advantage.

Senior Ken Hickman added a third goal with a breakaway in the 80th minute.

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'For the love of the game'

Club hockey team plays hard despite lack of support

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The puck dropped on the NHL season opener last Saturday, but for the Bradley Club Hockey Team the season started almost three weeks ago.

Not that many students took notice.

"I didn't even know we had a team," senior advertising major Ben Swisher said.

He isn't alone. Junior secondary education major Earl Power Murphy, a member of the hockey team, said the team garners little attention from the student body and few supporters at games.

"It's reduced to a couple of girlfriends and some housemates or brothers from greek life," he said. "It's really too bad. It's a great sport. We love playing, but it's a great sport to watch."

The team, which is not affiliated with the Bradley Athletic Department, is technically considered a club sport by the university, but Power Murphy said it's in no way a typical club sport.

"We're very team oriented," he said. "We'd never consider ourselves a club. We're definitely a hockey team whether we're regarded [by the school] as a team or not."

Power Murphy said the games are always played at a high skill level and all the players take it very seriously.

"It's the same high-intensity game you see on TV," he said. "Most of these guys have been playing hockey all their lives."

The team, which is a member of the Mid-America Collegiate Hockey Association, competes against other major schools from around the area, including Illinois, Northwestern, Marquette and Missouri State.

Members of the team are required to put in several hours of their time each week.

Team captain Tony Dinnocenzo said being a part of the team can be time consuming.

"The players on the team are very dedicated and give up at least 18 hours every week

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Volleyball drops 10th straight game

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The volleyball team dropped its 10th straight match Saturday to Missouri Valley Conference preseason favorite Northern Iowa.

The Panthers (8-8, 3-2 MVC) swept the Braves (1-15, 0-5 MVC) with scores of 30-23, 30-20, 30-19.

The match marked the 12th time the Braves were swept this year.

Nikki Pierzchala

Bradley held Northern Iowa to a .252 attack percentage in the match, but its .090 attack percentage didn't allow the team to take control.

Coach Scott Luster said the team has to start performing better and winning games.

"It's time we start playing at a higher level," he said. "Our goal is to take on some wins. We need to play well for an entire match and we haven't done that yet."

Senior Nikki Pierzchala led the Braves offensively. She had eight kills and eight digs in the match.

Senior Jenna Harrison

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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL	MVC	OVERALL
MISSOURI STATE	6-0	16-2
CREIGHTON	5-0	11-5
WICHITA STATE	5-1	13-4
NORTHERN IOWA	3-2	8-8
ILLINOIS STATE	3-3	11-6
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	2-3	10-6
DRAKE	2-3	5-11
EVANSVILLE	1-4	8-8
BRADLEY	0-5	1-15
INDIANA STATE	0-6	3-11

SOCCER	MVC	OVERALL
EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-0	7-2-2
DRAKE	0-0	7-3-1
BRADLEY	0-0	6-3-1
EVANSVILLE	0-0	6-4-0
CREIGHTON	0-0	4-1-2
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	4-6-1
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-0	1-6-3

On the Record

"We know we have a lot of work to do. We're not just going to be like hair conditioner and sit there and think that I'm working."

— Brewers manager Ned Yost

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THE CHIEF'S LAST STAND

BY ROSS RASMUSSEN
for Voice

The wait for "Halo 3" is finally over.

It's been three years since the release of "Halo 2" and now series fans can rejoin the fight between humans and the alien Covenant.

But does this new addition to the series really bring something new or does it just make it shinier?

At its heart, "Halo 3" is about no more than shooting whatever and whoever moves in your field of vision. This time around, with the power of the Xbox 360, everything looks more lifelike. The enemies also have been upgraded over previous games in the series, and they now show a much more realistic reaction to your movement through a level.

The single player campaign is still a boring "Star Wars" rip-off that helps justify what's otherwise a multiplayer-only title. If you want an excellent single player game, go play "Bioshock" or the upcoming "Half Life: Orange Box."

Once you finish this story, you'll never go back to it. Many will never play it to begin with.

This game is about competition. It was built with fierce multiplayer action in mind, and all of the new features are implemented as such.

This time around, they added a map editor called "Forge," allowing players to place any object on multiplayer maps wherever they choose. This can be done with weapons, vehicles and most interactive objects found in the game to create new scenarios without new maps.

There's also a new option to save film of your multiplayer matches and watch it or share it to hone your skills or just show off.

Over Xbox Live, the Xbox 360's online service, you'll find all the same problems that arose in "Halo 2."

Cheaters looking for a cheap win will still occasionally cause frustration and delay games. The majority of the crowd playing online has no concept of how objective-based team games such as capture the flag are supposed to work, so make sure you've got friends in the battle with you. Everyone wants to be the hero – no one wants to be the guard.

Overall, people just like to be annoying online and entering online games alone is little fun.

The problem with "Halo 3" is it brings old concepts to mass audiences. What was fun in past games for computers is passed off as new in "Halo."

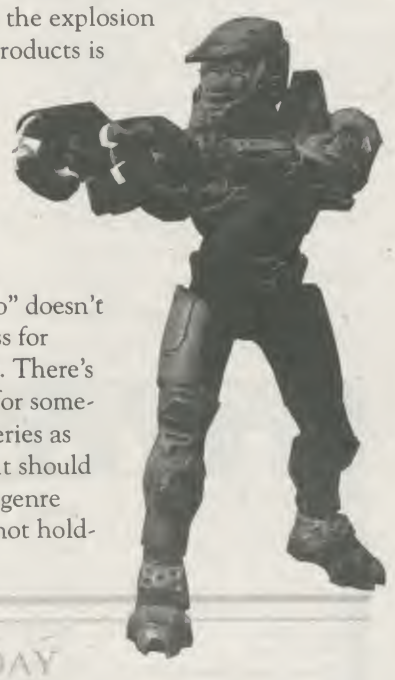
While this isn't a bad game, it just doesn't present anything new to longtime fans of first person shooters. Map editors, online communities and saving films aren't new features, just borrowed features of gaming's past.

What "Halo 3" gets right is adapting the genre for play with a controller.

For the third game in the series, the button placement has changed to simplify controls. The left and right bumper buttons now control context sensitive commands, such as duel-wielding and entering vehicles.

In normal combat, the left bumper switches between grenade types, and the X button uses the new items that can be picked up within levels, such as shields, gravity lifts and power drains.

This review will likely not change any opinions of "Halo." The series has drawn in fans by the millions and the explosion of "Halo" themed products is proof of that. The game even sports three different versions at retail for the casual, hardcore and insane fans.



But what "Halo" doesn't deserve is a free pass for polishing old tricks. There's room in the genre for something new – for a series as revered as "Halo," it should be reinventing the genre with each release, not holding it back.

S WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

The Contemporary Art Center of Peoria presents **"Live at the Five Spot: Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project"** 5:30 p.m. at 305 Water St. Admission is $3 for student members and $6 for student non-members.

SATURDAY

Replica of Columbus' Nina Ship to dock on Peoria's RiverFront. Self-guided tour daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is $5/adult, $4/seniors, $3/students. Open until Oct. 14.

SUNDAY

Christian rock band **Newsboys** in concert. 6 p.m. at the Peoria Civic Center. Admission is $19.50, $24.50 and $34.50.

"Aesthetic Underground Open Mic," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Arts Center of Peoria, 305 SW Water St. Admission is free, donations welcome.

SEARCHING THE 'VALLEY' FOR ANSWERS

Paul Haggis's new film explores Iraq war veteran's issues

Photos courtesy of www.movie.yahoo.com

BY ALEX CZUBAK
for Voice

Paul Haggis follows up his Oscar-winning "Crash" with the anti-Iraq war rumination "In the Valley of Elah."

The film features three Oscar-winning actors.

Tommy Lee Jones ("The Fugitive") and Susan Sarandon ("Dead Man Walking") play parents of a soldier who goes missing after returning from Iraq. Charlize Theron ("Monster") is a detective who eventually helps Jones find out about his son while dealing with her own misfortunes.

"Elah" is based on actual events, namely the story of missing Iraq war veteran Richard Davis.

Haggis has tackled socially progressive themes in movies he's scripted or directed. "Crash" talked of the racial divide, "Million Dollar Baby" made a reference to euthanasia and now "Elah" with its anti-war sentiments.

Jones shines as the soldier's father. Playing a military man, Jones excellently portrays his character as one whose preconceived notions about the world in which he lives is slowly peeled away, leaving him more and more conflicted with what he believes.

Theron gives an understated performance as a single mother working as a detective who receives little respect. She balances the character's emotion and sense of duty effortlessly.

Sarandon has few moments in the film – her character is used solely for emotional manipulation. However, in those scenes, her intensity comes off strongly, and she commands the screen without forcing emotions.

All three actors demonstrate why they won Oscars, but Haggis still hasn't proven his worth.

In the history of the Academy Awards, no Best Picture winner was as overrated as Haggis' "Crash." That film made overgeneralizations about race relations through one-dimensional characterization and bone-headed plot points. Its Oscar-worthy status is still debated among critics and audiences.

Haggis, as a screenwriter, has difficulties with subtlety. "Million Dollar Baby" made a forced transition to the topic of euthanasia, and his treatment of "Flags of Our Fathers" blunted the emotional impact of the perception of heroism.

When Haggis has full control over his projects, he doesn't pare down these generalizations and his films struggle to reach greatness.

In the Valley of Elah

Tommy Lee Jones
Charlize Theron

Grade: C+

"Elah" follows the same problems. The effects of the Iraq war are generalized through every veteran being portrayed as so emotionally scarred that they go crazy and act out in irrational ways.

I'm not saying veterans haven't been emotionally affected. The fact this issue has been brought to the forefront is a bold move. By presenting only one side, Haggis preaches to the choir instead of making a valid point.

The title is a reference to the story of David and Goliath. Haggis parallels this with the father's eventual rejection of the war and his choice to fight the decisions his way. This parallel is forced in some ways, but the overall effect isn't blunted.

This is where the film improves upon Haggis' previous efforts. He finally has started to use subtlety in spots. He makes connections to the theme using his characters instead of bluntly focusing on the message he is trying to convey. Haggis still has a way to go, yet he's showing growth as a filmmaker.

Most of the movie follows Jones' journey. Following this linear path works to the film's advantage. It makes the emotional connection to the character and to the film possible.

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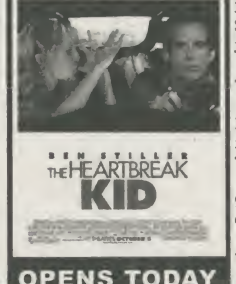

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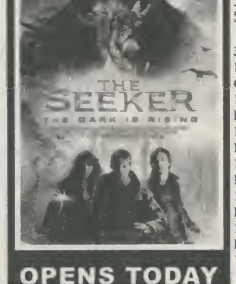

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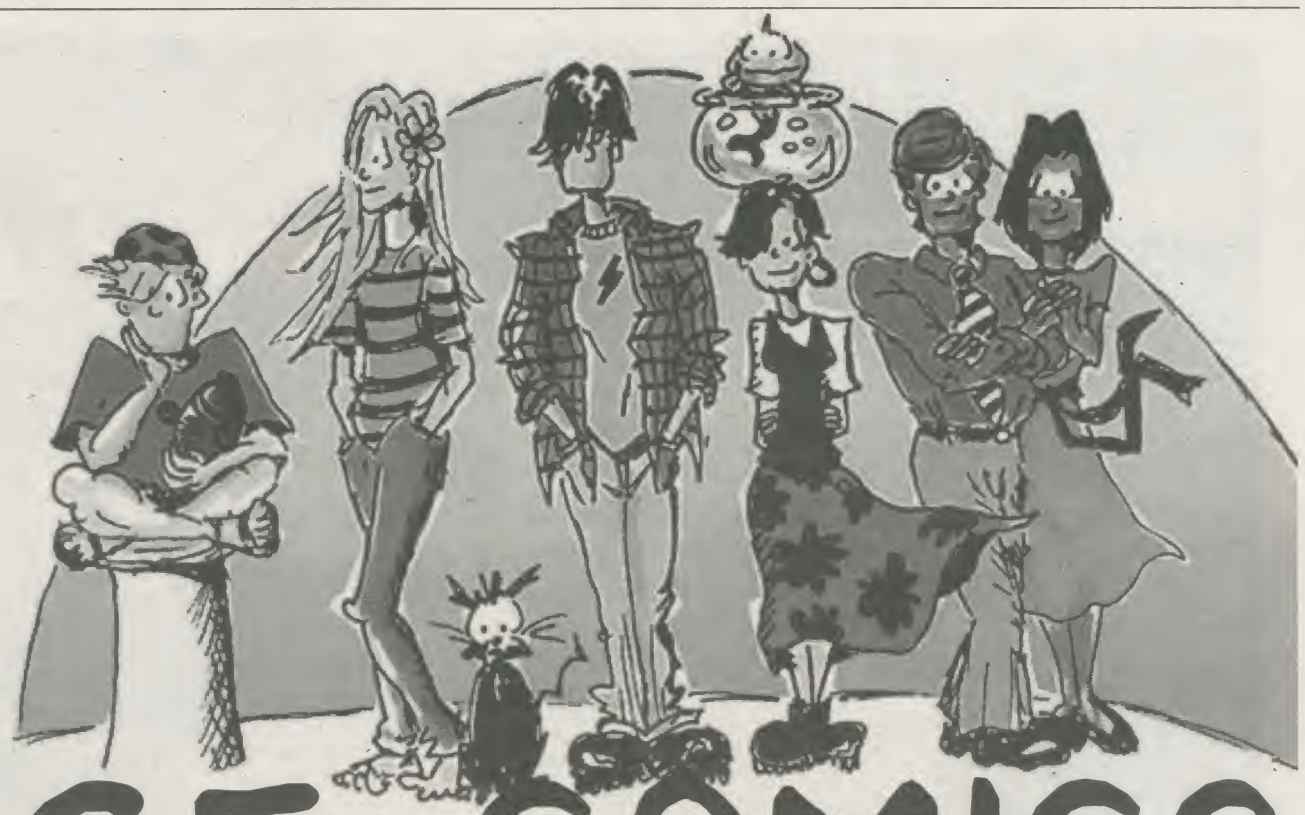


COLLEGE COMICS

L.A. ARTIST USES FANS' STORIES IN STRIPS

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of Voice

Every group of friends has one moment it knows would make a perfect sitcom scene.

Scott Selsor wants to make it the perfect comic strip moment.

The 37-year-old Los Angeles resident put his artistry skills to work in creating one of the first student-driven comic strips in America called "Zero."

He began cartooning while going to college in Athens, Ga., creating his first comic, "Bohemia."

Local southern university papers published "Bohemia" from 1992-95.

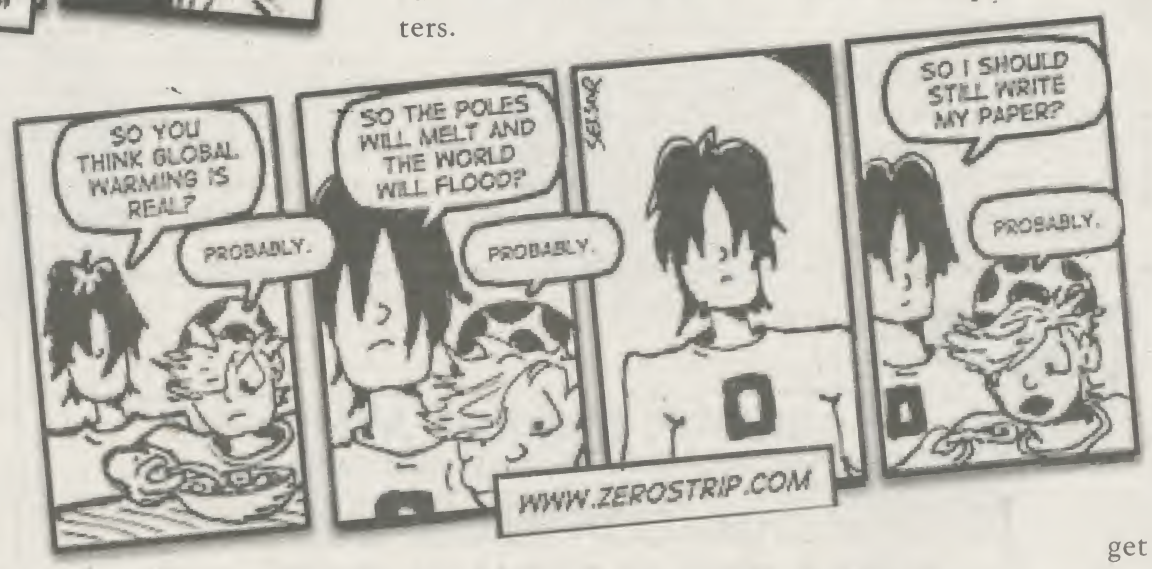
But when Selsor moved to L.A., his interest in cartooning dwindled.

"It was just something that I did in college," he said. "I just didn't seem to need to do it once I moved. It was just something to do. I didn't have to fill that space anymore."

However, Selsor recently dusted off the old artist's kit and revisited "Bohemia." Going back and tinkering with some old characters from the first strip, letting go of some minor characters and applying the mindsets of today's college student, Selsor created "Zero – a comic look at life on the edge of adulthood."

"Zero" follows five characters (one being a fish who doesn't quite understand the kids of today) who are just trying to get through life and live it to the fullest. Camp, Lilith, Meredyth, Christian and Merlin the fish tackle issues from global warming to the TV show they should watch.

Selsor said college kids can relate to his characters.



"My characters are based off of the college cliches the students deal with," he said. "The nice guy, the slacker, the pretty girl – they're all there."

Of all the characters, Selsor said he sees himself in Camp's character.

"All guys want to be that nice guy that everyone likes. So yeah, I guess you could say I modeled him after myself," he said.

It's these universal stories that make this comic so appealing to today's college students, Selsor said.

While while writing "Bohemia," Selsor pulled from his own life and his friend's influences. But now, being out of school, Selsor turns to the students of today.

"For the strip to stay relevant, I really want to keep it on the pulse of today's young adults," Selsor said.

He uses his Web site www.zerostrip.com to get student feedback on the issues they're concerned about or even to throw out a funny story they would like to share in a comic strip.

"With their input, the strip will be able to stay fresh and appealing to the readers on the campuses," he said.

Page Layout by Antonio Gentile

FOO FIGHTERS AGE WITH 'GRACE'

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

For an album as back and forth as "Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace," it's appropriate the promotional campaign for Foo Fighters' new album start off with an equally conflicted music video.

The video for the first single, "The Pretender," shows the band staring down riot officers poised for an attack.

The thing is, no one's attacking the Foo Fighters outside that video.

The band has consistently had critics and fans alike tripping over themselves in admiration. Over the course of five albums (actually six, 2005's "In Your Honor" being a double set) Dave Grohl has gotten Foo's sound-down to a science, even if it takes a couple backfires to get there.

Like an adoring younger sibling, we give them the benefit of the doubt if they mess up. The good ends up overshadowing the bad, album after album.

"Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace" is no exception – this is classic rock in the making, and the Foo Fighters are still most deserving of a place on future oldies radio.

But before Doctor Dave administers the dosage millions have been craving, he takes us back to remind us of his biggest influence.

"Echoes" starts by copping a melody from the Constitution of rock music, "Stairway to Heaven." The band is too tightly wound to sit patiently, and "The Pretender" turns into classic Grohl in all his working-class hero glory.

"I'm finished making sense," he snarls as the track's atmosphere goes from clear to cloudy. But Grohl hasn't entered his senile, rambling-old-man phase yet. In typical Foo fashion, "Echoes" is littered with concise, poignant and still youthful songs.

Foo Fighters

"Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace"

RCA; 2007

Grade: A

It's not a rehash, however. Both Grohl and drummer Taylor Hawkins have recently had children, and the births made them think of the time they had left.

Grappling with its own mortality, the band bashed out an album with fresh ideas and a new perspective, while incorporating all elements of its past into one record. How's that for a contradiction?

The album goes from loud to soft, often in the same song. Kudos to indie gods Pixies for showing Nirvana this technique – it's been a standard rock move ever since.

The Foos have many faces, and all the masks are here – slick, turbocharged power pop ("Cheer Up, Boys"), full-throated rockers that seem to go against the current ("Erase/Replace," which starts off with some sweet shoegazing guitar work) and arresting piano ballads ("Home").

The amazing thing is how it flows so well, for an album where "Come Alive" comes three tracks after "Let It Die" and downtempo acoustic affairs hold hands with soaring rockers. The sound of a song is incidental. The loud songs could work acoustically and vice versa (imagine the band plugging in for the chorus of "Stranger Things Have Happened").

The acoustic "Ballad of the Beaconsfield Miners," doesn't conjure up images of dirty guys with flashlight helmets and lunchboxes. Grohl's noble ambition to dedicate a song to those involved in last year's mine collapse could have ended badly, and you get the feeling he knew he could've fallen flat on his face with a ham-handed "tribute."

So instead of a deep-fried cornball power ballad, Grohl turns in this "Deliverance"-style backwater instrumental. With no lyric sheet to go on and *fingers flying*, Grohl lets the guitars do the talking. He duels with guitar prodigy Kaki King in the best face-off since Tenacious D took on the devil.

"Echoes" is infrequent in decibels but consistent in delivery, and this is the most pleasing contradiction here. With each song a home run, just close the competition and give Foo Fighters the trophy already.

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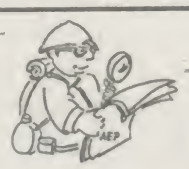

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Peoria's film noir festival returns to the Apollo

BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

Grab your fedoras and trench coats – Peoria's annual film noir festival will scheme, murder and steal four nights next week.

The historic downtown Apollo Theatre will run three double features – six movies in all – from the black and white, smoky and mysterious genre. The Peoria Public Library will launch the festival Tuesday night with one film.

The festival focuses on films from the late '40s and early '50s – considered by many to be noir's golden era. One '90s remake of a film from the era is included.

Film noir commonly employs a lone private eye investigating a small incident that blows into bigger and darker consequences.

Femme fatales abound, and nothing is what it seems.

"It's an interesting look at a period of theater," Wanda Phillips, festival coordinator and library employee said. "It actually gives insight into the history of the period and outlook of the nation. It was a dark period in the nation in many ways."

Fans of modern noirs like "L.A. Confidential" and "Sin City" should find the brooding violence and dark imagery familiar.

Attending double features at the Apollo will be an experience – more like going to an art film than a commercial movie, Phillips said.

Audiences will sit in a balcony with vintage decorating and upholstery. During intermission, black and white colored snacks will be available for purchase. Topical speakers will end each night.

• Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.
Peoria Public Library
Free admission
"Key Largo" (1948)
John Huston-directed, Humphrey Bogart-starring drama about sleazy mobsters, a hotel and one of the worst hurricanes to ever hit the Florida Keys.

• Wednesday, Oct. 10
Apollo Theatre
311 Main Street
Recommended donation, $4 students/seniors, $5 adults
Call (309) 673-4343 for showtimes
"Big Steal" (1951)
An Army Captain accused of robbery chases the real crook through Mexico in this fast moving, climactic film.
"Gun Crazy" (1950)
The second film Wednesday night is a low-budget noir featuring a "Bonnie and Clyde" style cross-country crime spree perpetrated by a gun-loving couple.

• Thursday, Oct. 13
Apollo Theatre
Recommended donation, $4 students/seniors, $5 adults
"Superman" TV show episode from '50s
"The Blue Gardenia" (1953)
Raymond Burr plays the villian in this film about a women in trouble for killing her would be date rapest.

• Friday, Oct. 12
Apollo Theatre
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"Narrow Margin" (1952)
A woman must stay alive on a train full of hit men long enough to testify against the mob.
"Narrow Margin" (1990)
This remake starring Gene Hackman throws viewers back in the train for a ride as wild as the original.

• Saturday, Oct. 13
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"Detour" (1946)
All the noir elements – cynical voice over, black and white shadows and mysterious women drive this low-budget film.
"Strangers on a Train" (1951)
In this Alfred Hitchcock-directed classic, a sociopath socialite convinces a stranger to commit the perfect murder.

Photo Poll

What are your plans for Fall Break?

Mark Beemsterboer
senior, political science, history
"Playing sweet, sweet ultimate Frisbee."

Shayna Jensky
sophomore, public relations
"Hanging out with my dad."

Marty Molony
senior, health science
"Building the Phi Kappa Tau Haunted House to be ready for the campus."

Jenny Nevers
senior, health science
"Graduate school visits."

Amit Rizwadkar
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"Going home to hang out with friends."

Bethany Watson
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"I'm going to a wedding and visiting a friend at Loyola."

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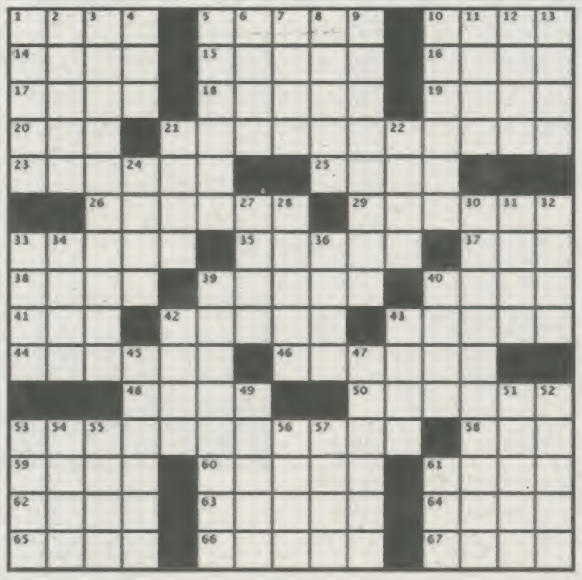

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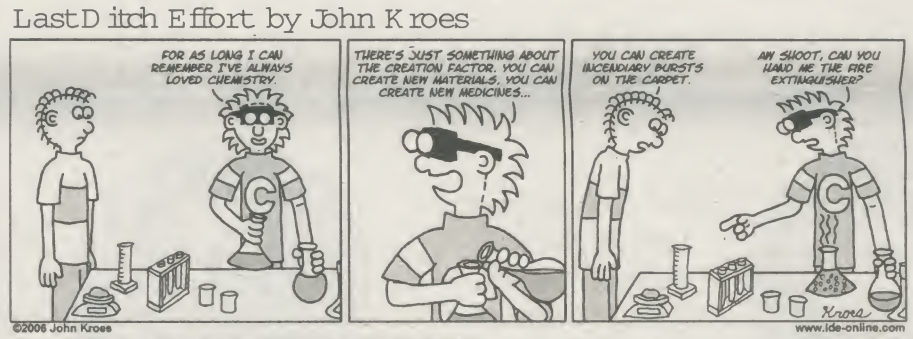

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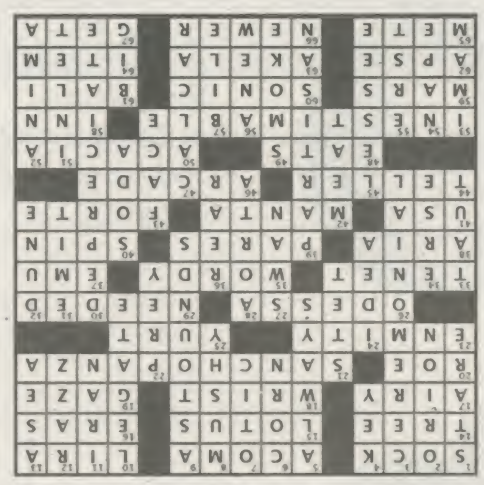

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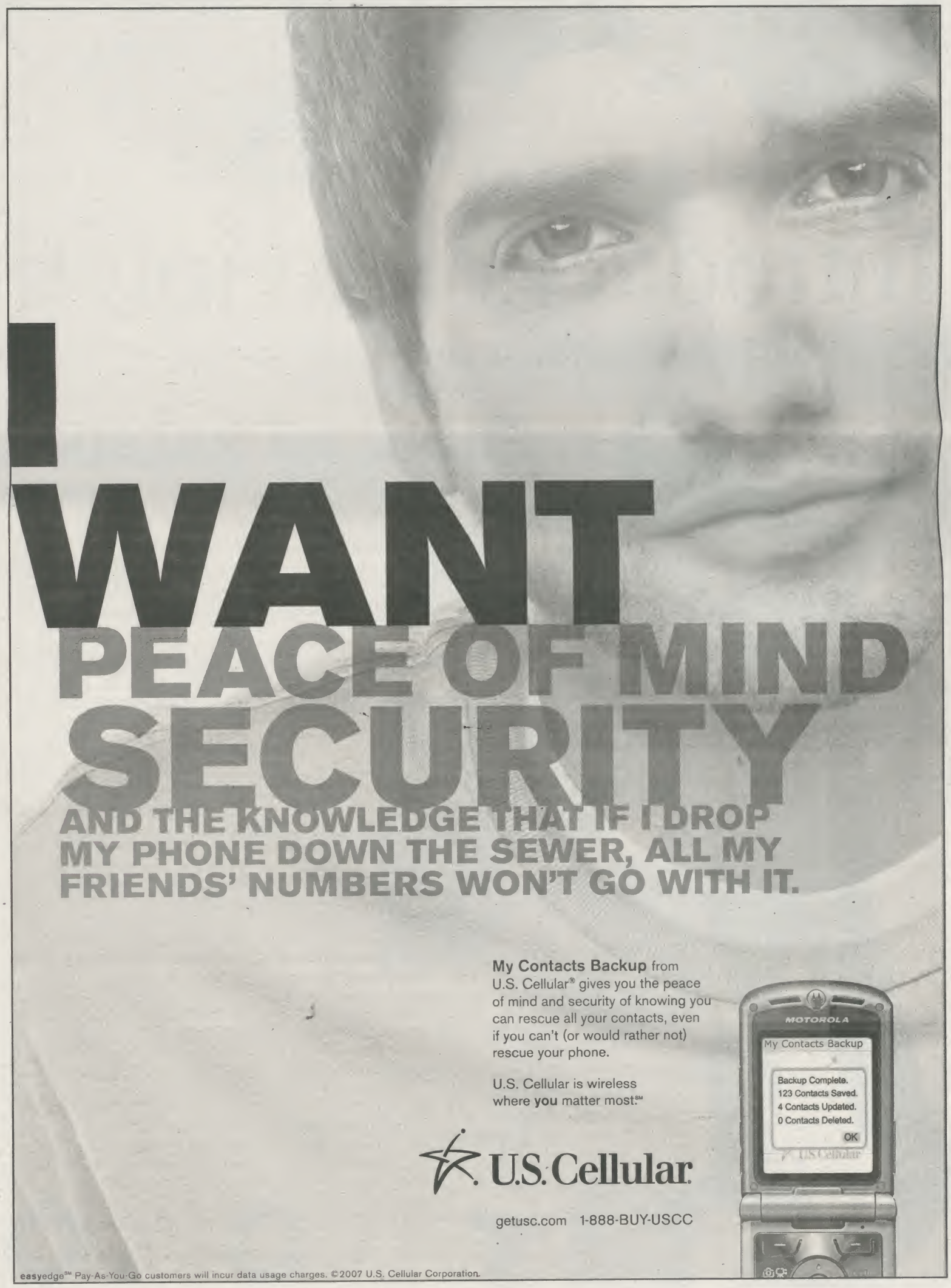

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Introduction to internships

The Scout's guide to dress and success in the real world

An estimated 23 percent of the 2005-06 graduating seniors participated in a registered co-op or internship.

And about 76 percent of students gain career-related experience while at Bradley.

With percentages like these, internships are a large part of the college experience.

But securing an internship is only half the battle. Students should know how to make the most of their internships and how to be a good intern.

Dress code

Junior public relations major Jordyn Kaplan had two internships at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria and the mayor's office of Peoria. She said students wanting to make a good first impression should research their employer before they go to observe the dress code.

"If you're unsure, go in dressed up rather than dressed down," she said. "Then ask your boss what the proper dress code is so you can dress accordingly. If you look out of place, you'll feel out of place, and that will impact your performance as an intern."

Director of Experiential Education at the Smith Career Center Sharon St. Germain said she agrees.

"Make sure you're dressed appropriately ... and project good work ethic," she said.

Responsibilities

The first thing students can do to be a good intern is to be enthusiastic about the job, said Kaplan.

"Starting an internship for the first time can be very intimidating," Kaplan said. "I think it's important to remind yourself about the experiences you will have and what the benefits of the internship are to you."

Kaplan also said communication helped in her two internships.

"If you are assigned a task you don't feel you can complete successfully or a responsibility is given to you that you aren't comfortable with, it's important to tell your boss and ask for their help," she said. "They know you're an intern. Ask for advise or help."

Having an open line of communication with superiors can help students know what to expect, St. Germain said.

Senior manufacturing engineering major Matt Reese is an intern at Caterpillar and said the same advice worked for him.

"Treat your internship the way you'd treat a job, but make sure school comes first," he said. "Don't get swamped to where you can't do any work for school because you have work for your internship."

St. Germain said internships are a good way for students to develop time management skills.

"An internship should go hand in hand with school work," she said. "Be realistic and up front about hours and talk with employers early on about having extra hours on weeks where you aren't busy and less when you have tests."

She also said students should monitor phone and computer usage so not to appear unprofessional.

Career

Kaplan said she thinks students looking to make the most of their internships and hoping to benefit their careers should ask as many questions as possible and complete all responsibilities.

"You should be working as an intern in a place similar to where you eventually want to go, so the things you do there are things you'll most likely have to do professionally later on," she said. "It may seem hard and confusing but you're going to have to learn sometime."

Reese also said talking to other employees and getting involved with meetings and projects to meet people can help students make the most of their internships.

"I learned things on the job because I got involved with everything I could and learned more," he said.

St. Germain said because internships can be used as a pipeline to full time hire, students should make sure to keep busy.

"If you don't have anything to do then talk with somebody and request additional projects," she said. "Many times an internship is a long interview."

St. Germain also said internships are often used as an inexpensive way to hire an employee.

"It's a training ground," she said. "Many times employers will look at a student to see how they fit into the culture of the workplace... Not all internships are going to lead to full time employment. But they will look good on resumes."

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ACBU says no to fall shows

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

There won't be any shows in the Robertson Memorial Field House this semester.

The Activities Council of Bradley University planned to find a replacement for the canceled Jack's Mannequin concert, but ACBU President Liz Wenger said the top choices weren't available.

"We don't want to bring someone just for the sake of bringing someone," she said. "We'd rather save the money and make sure we get someone who's going to go over well."

Wenger said ACBU considered bringing in a comedian this semester, but "the overall consensus was that who was available wasn't worth the money."

And Director of Student Activities Michelle Whited said comedians aren't cheap – their price tags run from $25,000 to well above $100,000.

Comedians such as Bernie Mac, Jerry Seinfeld and Dane Cook con-

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Dancers run into the gym to kick off Dance Marathon last weekend.

photo by Megan Loos

Dancing for a difference

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Raising over $41,000, Dance Marathon achieved its fundraising goal while student participants strived to achieve personal goals throughout the event.

"The hardest part of the night was the early morning because that's when my legs started to hurt and everyone was feeling pretty tired," sophomore health science major Kristin Allexan said. "However, the executive board always seemed to plan to have miracle families come in and talk to us around those times when we weren't feeling that great."

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Fraternity caught with marijuana

BY SCOUT STAFF

Two members of Alpha Epsilon Pi may face consequences after University Police officers found 72.4 grams of marijuana in one of their rooms and they admitted to making marijuana brownies.

Officers found the marijuana packaged to sell in Adam Raiffe's room after AEPi alumnus Nate Smith told them he got marijuana brownies from the AEPi fraternity house. Adam and Jason Raiffe, both 19, admitted to providing the marijuana for the brownies and were taken into custody Oct. 5.

When officers arrived at AEPi, members told them Adam and Jason had made the brownies and Adam had provided the marijuana. Beside the marijuana, officers also found two brownies and a glass pipe with residue in Adam's room.

Teniell Trolian, the associate director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said either the chapter or the members will face penalties depending on who was responsible. She said it's important to determine if the situation had any connection to chapter events or programming or if it was solely the act of individuals.

AEPi President Daniel Shore said the chapter didn't endorse the activity or the possession of marijuana. He said the individuals involved will be disciplined but declined comment as to what kind of consequences they will face.

He said, "punishments will not be as severe as they would be if it had been a chapter activity," or if everyone were involved.

Shore said he didn't know about the activity taking place or Adam's possession of marijuana.

Trolian said she hopes the chapter will be more aware of members' actions in the future. She said the chapter should teach its members about the Interfraternity Council's risk management policy and educate them about the dangers of marijuana use.

The policy states chapters must uphold all local, state and federal laws. It prohibits drug paraphernalia in chapter houses and at fraternity-sponsored events.

Professional one-woman play comes to Bradley

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

An internationally acclaimed play will make its Bradley debut this weekend.

"Miracle in Rwanda: The Miracle is Forgiveness" is a play based on the true story of 1994 Rwanda genocide survivor Imaculee Ilibagiza.

Ilibagiza's parents and two brothers, Tutsis, were brutally murdered by Hutu militia, and Ilibagiza went into hiding for 91 days with seven other starving women in an undiscovered cramped bathroom of a Hutu pastor's home.

Hutu militia searched the house many times – machetes in hand – and were often just inches from the hiding women.

Ilibagiza has been called "our generation's Anne Frank," and actress Leslie Lewis Sword created the play to share Ilibagiza's story.

Peorian Penny Scherer saw the play about nine months ago in Naples, Fla. and began the effort to bring it to Peoria.

She organized a committee with her daughters, friends and colleagues and contacted the play's producers. She started fundraising and underwriting costs to bring the production to Peoria and met with Bradley University theater department chairman George Brown.

Brown said Scherer wanted the show to be performed at the Civic Center, but the venue is too large. However, Brown said Bradley's Hartmann Center for the Performing Arts was the perfect alternative.

"Hartmann is a marvelously intimate theater," Brown said. "It's only 300 seats, and you can see the eyeballs move on stage. It's very conducive to this type of intimate, one-person production."

Sword said she knew she wanted to play Ilibagiza when she heard her tell

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Actress Leslie Lewis Sword performs "Miracle in Rwanda," a play about a woman who learns the power of forgiveness during the 1994 genocide.

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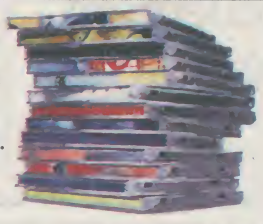

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Bradley Briefs

• The Bradley Symphony Orchestra will perform from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Dingeldine Music Center. There is no admission cost for students.

• Multicultural Student Services will offer Salsa lessons from 8 to 9 p.m. in Haussler Hall on Tuesday. The lessons will take place every Tuesday from Oct. 16 to Nov. 20.

• The Music Department will host pianist Solon Pierce from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free.

• The Registrar's Office will make the 2008 January term and spring semester schedule of classes available to students on Tuesday.

• Melissa Block, the host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," will visit campus as part of the Robsison Lecture at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Neumiller Lecture Hall. Her presentation, entitled "Covering the War from Home," is free and open to the public.

Melissa Block

• Professor Demetrice Worley, contributor to "Risk, Courage, and Women: Contemporary Voices in Poetry and Prose," will sign copies of and recite selections from the recently released collection featuring the work of Maya Angelou at 7 p.m. Thursday at I Know You Like A Book on Prospect Road in Peoria Heights.

Around the World

Love may face prison sentence on child pornography charges

A former minister and substitute teacher from Bloomington was indicted Tuesday on federal child pornography charges.

James Curtis Love, 37, was indicted in the U.S. District Court of Peoria. If convicted, Love faces 15 to 30 years in prison, a maximum fine of $250,000 and court supervision for the rest of his life.

The Bloomington Police Department and the Central Illinois Cybercrime Unit investigated the case. Greggory R. Walters, the assistant U.S. attorney, is prosecuting the case as a part of Project Safe Childhood, a national organization designed to prevent online exploitation and child abuse.

Before being arrested, Love was a pastor at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Bloomington, and a substitute teacher in Bloomington-Normal schools.

Information taken from www.pjstar.com.

Executions low because of lethal injection concerns

With a recent stayed execution in Virginia this week the U.S. is headed towards the fewest executions in a year since the mid- 1990s.

Because of concerns over lethal injection and the Supreme Court's pending decision on the issue, the stay of execution.

The court blocked Virginia's plans to kill Christopher Scott Emmett 36 hours before his scheduled execution by lethal injection. Courts in both Texas and Nevada postponed all executions scheduled before the end of the year because of the concerns.

Fewer than 50 executions will take place this year, even if several state are able to execute by lethal injection without being stopped. The last time yearly executions were lower than 50 was in 1994 when there were 45.

Forty-two people have been executed in the U.S. so far this year.

Information taken from www.usatoday.com.

U.S. award for Dalai Lama disapproved by China

The Dalai Lama was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday.

"I am deeply touched that this great honor has been given to me, a Buddhist monk born of a simple family," he said.

China had criticized the U.S. for awarding the nation's highest civilian honor on the Dalai Lama, claiming the ceremony was an insult directed at them.

In response to those claims the Dalai Lama said his goal is to achieve a "meaningful autonomy" for Tibet, not independence from China.

President Bush said the award was not meant to antagonize the Chinese, but he did make several references to religious oppression.

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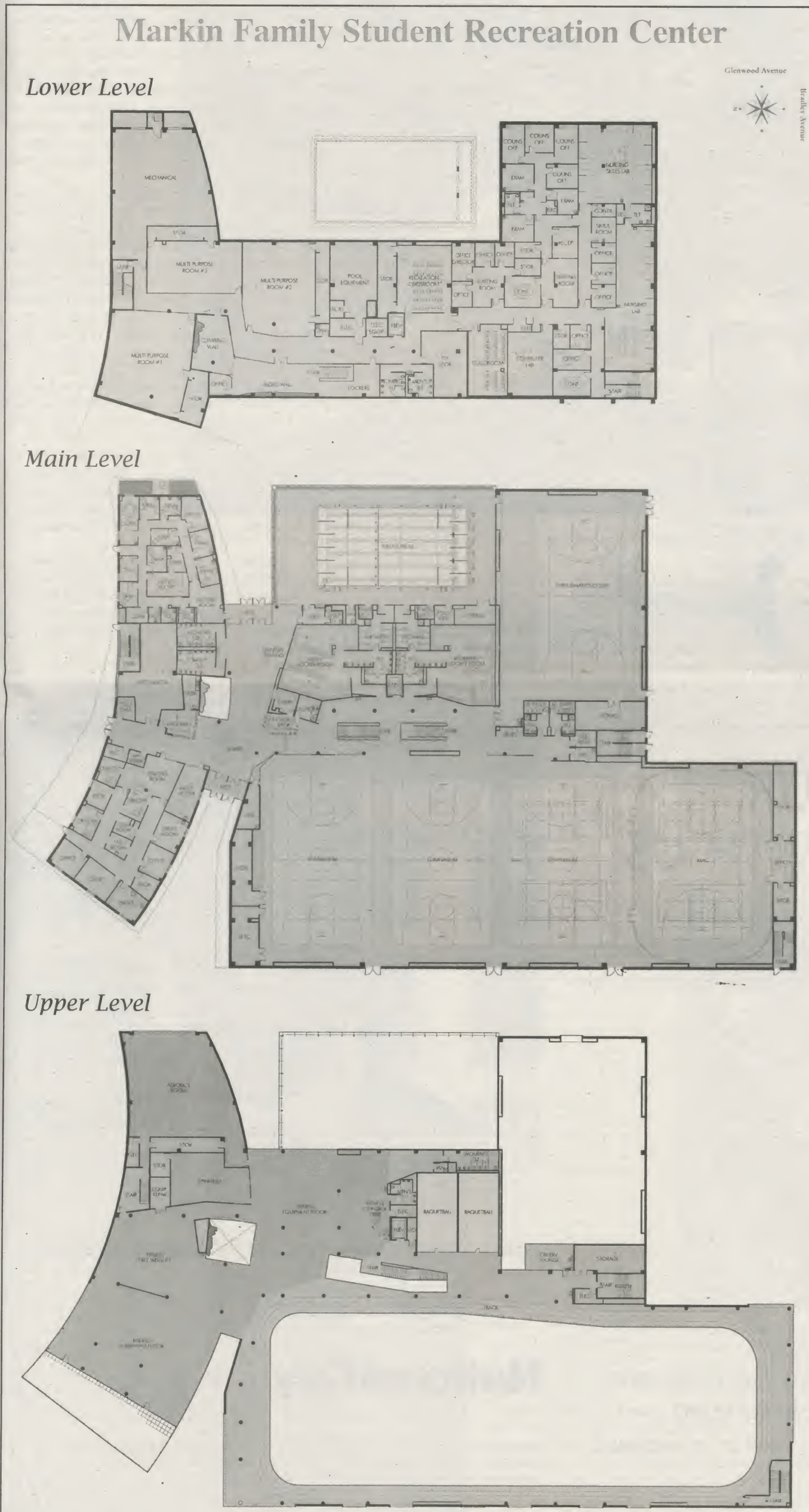
Bradley releases new recreation center floor plans

Markin Family Student Recreation Center on track to be completed in one year



BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Mike Keup, the director of Intramural and Recreational Sports, said the Markin Family Student Recreation Center is exactly what Bradley needs.

"It meets the needs that I think over the last 10 years I've seen," he said. "I've seen what our students have done, what our students want to do and what our students continue to do."

The Markin Center, which is expected to be completed next October, will house five gyms, a running track, five multi-purpose rooms, a climbing wall and a fitness area four times the size of the area in Haussler and Heitz Halls.

Keup said the Markin Center offers an atmosphere with a lot of open space and windows.

"When you're using those two things, it opens things up," he said. "You can see activities. It encourages participation."

The Heath and Wellness Centers will also move to the new building.

Of the Markin Center's five gyms, three are courts designated for basketball and volleyball while one is a "multiple activity court," Executive Director for Student Involvement Greg Killoran said.

This court is surrounded by three to four inches of plastic separating the court from benches.

Keup said the multiple activity court will provide a better space for indoor soccer because it has a different kind of flooring.

He said the courts will benefit club and intramural sports as well as students who want to play organized games in the gyms.

Tyler Fox, a member of club volleyball, said the team practices at 10 p.m. to combat over scheduling in Haussler.

"We sometimes run our schedule really close to the intramural schedule and there's some times when we have to wait a half an hour because the intramurals are practicing," the secondary education and English major said. "There's not enough court space."

The fifth gym is a two-level performance court. It seats 300 people and will be used for club and some intramural team games. The court resembles a high school gym.

An 1/8 mile track, a fitness area, an area for free weights and weight machines and spinning and aerobic rooms will be located on the upper level.

"I think [the Markin Center] is kind of standard fare for campus recreational facilities," Killoran said. "Maybe the best part is meeting the demands in the new fitness area because right now we haven't really been meeting the demands."

Killoran said the fitness machines in Haussler will not be used in the Markin Center but the university will buy new equipment.

"We might salvage some of the equipment out of Heitz but the stuff in it is not in good condition," Killoran said.

The Markin Center may not have more extensive hours than Haussler because of the large amount of workout equipment and machines. Haussler opens at 6 a.m. on weekdays and Killoran said he thinks students may want to go there early to avoid waiting for machines.

The amount of raquetball courts has decreased to two from Haussler's three.

"Raquetball courts are not in great demand and we believe that two will meet the demand and it allows us to use that space for something else," he said.

Another benefit of the Markin Center is its security technology, including cameras throughout the building and ID scanners and turnstiles at each door.

Keup said it's hard to maintain security in a building like Haussler because it has many doors. The Markin Center will have two entrances, one on Maplewood Avenue and the other facing Bradley Hall.

A climbing wall will run through all three floors, Killoran said, and a bouldering or horizontal climbing wall will be located on the lower level to help students practice.

The main level's swimming pool will be the same size as Haussler's pool that was demolished last spring. Killoran said it's "not equipped to be a competitive pool but a recreational pool," meaning it doesn't have any diving boards or seating surrounding it.

Emergency contraceptive popular

Plan B available without a prescription, sales go up

BY EDGAR ORTIZ
for the Scout

Emergency contraceptive pill Plan B became available to adults without a prescription about a year ago, and sales have since skyrocketed.

Barr Pharmaceuticals, which manufactures Plan B said sales for the pill in 2007 are approximately double the $40 million worth sold when the drug required a prescription.

President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of central Illinois Joyce Harant said the ease to obtain the drug and the benefits of the pill have increased sales.

But Harant also said the recent increase in the pills' sale may suggest people abuse the medication and purposely don't use other contraceptives.

While she's a supporter of Plan B being available without a prescription, Harant said all college students and women should be responsible when they decide to have sex.

"I think an advice I can give to all college students is that you should always plan ahead of time," she said. "Always be prepared and responsible – have condoms."

Freshman advertising and Spanish major Sam Parker said women should use the Plan B in emergency situations.

"I think its okay for women who have been raped or sexually abused or if they have had an accident, like the condom broke," she said. "But I don't think women should rely on it as an everyday form of birth control."

Although Plan B isn't as effective as the regular prevention pill or patch, it's about 80 percent effective if it's taken shortly after having unprotected sex, according to the FDA.

Plan B acts primarily by stopping the release of an egg from the ovary. It may prevent a sperm from fertilizing the egg.

The FDA's Web site states Plan B works best the sooner women use it, and if it's taken within three days after sex, the large dose of progestin in the pill will significantly decrease chances of pregnancy.

Plan B is not effective for women who are already pregnant.

Student yearbook to be self-funded

BY JIM FERRUZZA
for the Scout

The yearbook is here to stay.

The Anaga editor Sarah Mosberg said despite the yearbook being denied funding from the Student Activities Budget Review Committee for the first time, publication will continue.

Mosberg said the yearbook will be funded by business advertisements and the profits from the book's sales.

"By the end of October or the beginning of November is when all of our ad revenue will be in," Mosberg said. "And so then we can decide how big the book will be and that kind of technical stuff."

Mosberg said she expects 250 copies of this year's book to be printed, the same number as last year.

"It's a low target," she said. "But typically from our response in the past, it's a realistic target. Although I really hope we sell a whole lot more."

Mosberg said the Anaga wasn't affected by SABRC's decision not to fund the yearbook.

Director of Student Activities Michelle Whited said the funding decision was made by students. SABRC consists of students who vote for or against the approval of financing for a variety of student activities. The committee receives its funds from the $35 student activities fee paid by full-time students.

Whited said SABRC "feels a general responsibility to spend the student's money wisely, and they just thought that this was not the best use for it."

Last year the Anaga asked for $10,000 Whited said, but the request was denied.

"Most major events such as a band or a comedian only cost about $5,000 or sometimes less, so that's the same as two or more big events," Whited said. "It's not that [SABRC] doesn't want to fund the project. They do. They just are looking for different ways to do it. They would like to see it done more economically."

Whited said SABRC decided not to fund the Anaga because the majority of students don't get their pictures taken and only about five percent buy the yearbook.

Sophomore retail merchandising major Lauren Jozefat said, "I didn't realize Bradley actually had a yearbook."

Sophomore Spanish and criminal justice major Chase Beck said, "I didn't buy one last year and I probably won't buy one this year."

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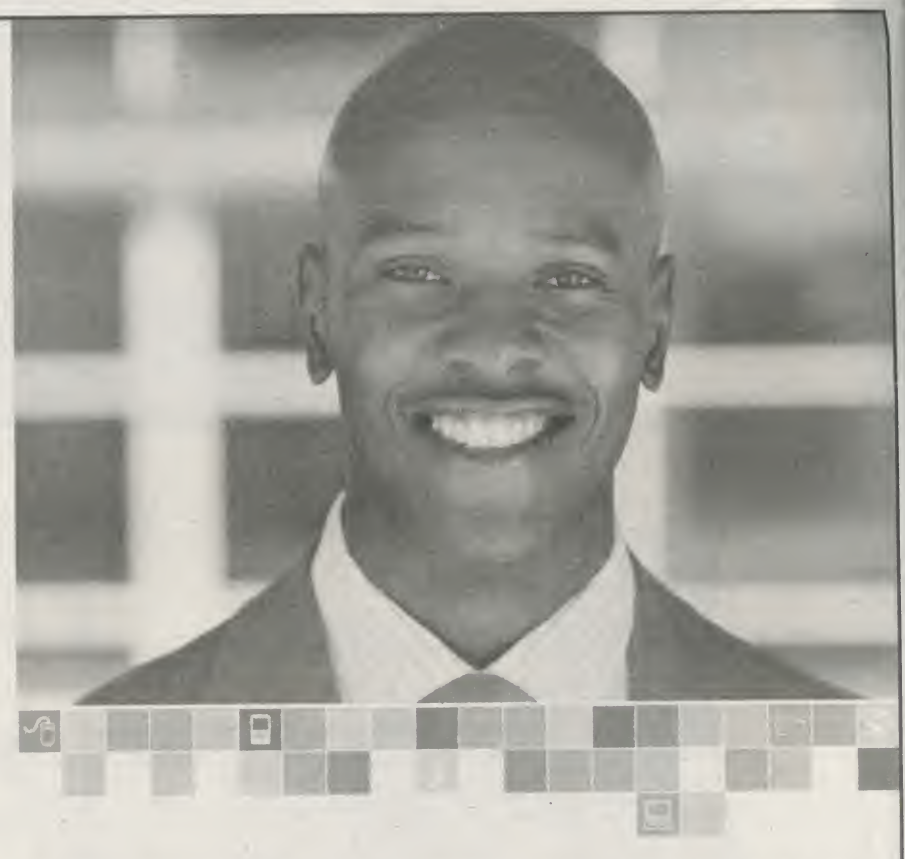

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Popular singing drag queens come out to Bradley

BY JEFF DE CHAVEZ
for the Scout

The Kinsey Sicks, a singing drag group, will visit campus tonight to celebrate Common Ground's Straight Ally Week.
photo courtesy of www.earlham.edu

Men dressed in women's clothing singing a capella aren't an everyday rock show.

But the men who do these performances, the Kinsey Sicks, have stolen the musical hearts of people all over the country, and they will perform at Bradley tonight.

Common Ground is bringing the "dragapella" beauty shop quartet to campus as part of Straight Ally week.

The Kinsey Sicks is a male drag show singing group serving up a feast of music and comedy to audiences nationwide.

The group is made up of four regular men who work everyday jobs.

It began in 1993 when a few friends attended a Bette Midler concert as drag queens thinking they weren't going to be the only ones.

But they were the only people dressed in drag and were asked to perform and sing. Their responses to the event planners were "we don't sing," but they did it anyway and the crowd loved it. They've been singing ever since.

Common Ground President Karla Creuziger said she's excited for the Kinsey Sicks to perform.

"This performance is our last event for Straight Ally week and we want to go out with a bang," she said.

Straight Ally week discourages discrimination against people of different sexual orientations. The Gay Lesbian Student Equality Network funds the week.

"During Straight Ally week, along with the Kinsey Sicks performance, Common Ground [gives out] pledge cards to students that want to stand up against discrimination of gays and lesbians," Creuziger said.

She also said this performance is linked to National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11.

"National Coming Out Day is for the gay and lesbian community to celebrate their accomplishments since 1987," she said. "This show can represent a little celebration."

Common Ground booked the Kinsey Sicks because its performance is universal and doesn't target a certain group.

"The Kinsey Sicks is not only for lesbians and gays, but also for the rest of Bradley's campus," she said. "Since the show is for Straight Ally week, a drag show still fits with the gay and lesbian community."

Creuziger said she hopes the show isn't only entertaining but also informing.

"We hope that this helps students be more open-minded and try to limit the use of hateful language towards lesbians and gays," Creuziger said.

Freshman business major Ron Wong said he's heard about the drag queen group.

"From what I have heard, the Kinsey Sicks throws a heck of a show," he said.

Freshman mechanical engineering major Mike Belcher said it's a great idea "to bring something dynamic like the Kinsey Sicks to Bradley University," he said.

The show starts at 9 p.m. in the Michel Student Center Ballroom.

Memorial garden to honor students

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Student Senate plans to create a memorial garden on campus to commemorate students who have lost their lives while attending Bradley.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said she had the idea for a memorial garden for a while, but didn't initiate the idea in Senate until the Aug. 12 death of Sheridan "Danny" Dahlquist.

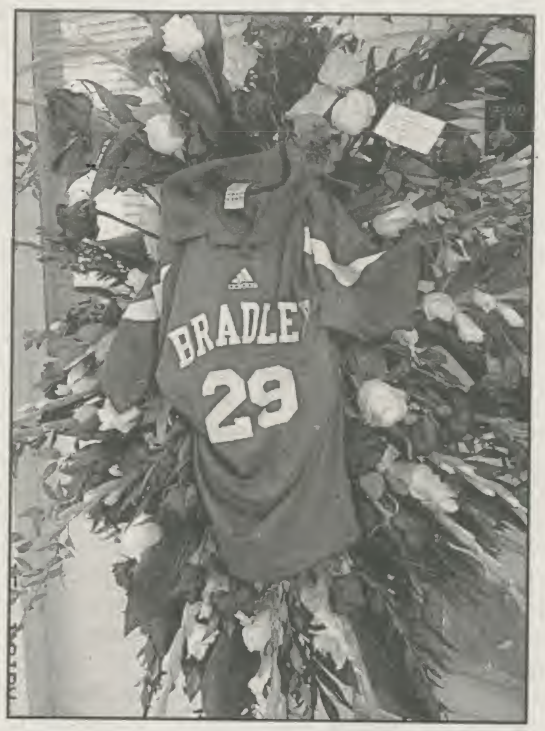
"I figured probably everyone knows someone who has died or was touched by someone who has died," Ticaric said.

Sophomore public relations major Alyssa Reginetz said a memorial garden would be a nice addition to the campus.

"Especially because of the Danny Dahlquist thing," she said. "People are still reeling from [the situation] and it would be a reminder about students who have passed on."

Ticaric said the garden will include a bench and trees to create a peaceful area and may include bricks with names of students which can be purchased to place in the garden.

Senate will raise funds for the garden by collecting money outside of the Michel Student Center and Bradley Hall, as well as hosting fundraisers within Senate itself.



Danny Dahlquist's jersey hangs in the Michel Student Center on roses with cards full of memories from friends and teammates. Senate plans to create a memorial garden for students such as Danny who've died while at Bradley. *photo courtesy of Abby Swanson*

Sophomore advertising major Jessica Ehredt said she isn't affected personally by a death of a student at Bradley, but thinks the garden is a good idea.

"I think it would be something nice for alumni to visit and come back to," she said.

Junior business major Brigette Schuenemann said she also thinks the garden is a good way to honor students' lives, but thinks more should be done.

"I wish there wasn't a reason to have a memorial garden and I hope that along with having the garden, there will be some action to reduce risk of death among students," she said.

But sophomore education major Allison Fronk said she thinks the garden is important.

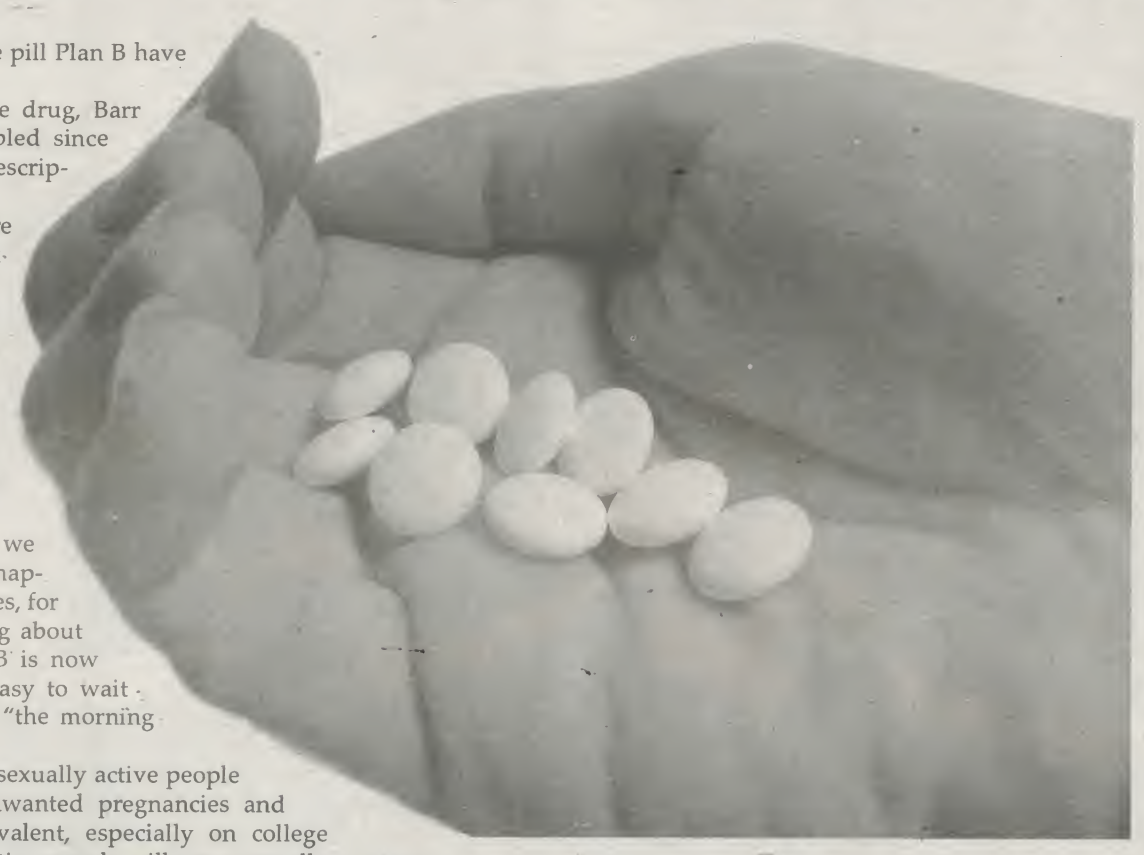
"It's about time," she said. "Even in my high school we had an area outside with trees and a bench dedicated to a kid who died in a tragic accident."

Fronk said the garden should be implemented but it shouldn't be a priority.

"I don't think [Senate] should make a big deal about it, but it's something our school should have," she said.

Editorial

Students should be sex smart from the start



Sales of the emergency contraceptive pill Plan B have skyrocketed.

The company that manufactures the drug, Barr Pharmaceuticals, said sales have doubled since the pill became available without a prescription a year ago.

Does the boost in sales mean more women are being proactive about sex-mishaps? Or are they not using condoms or other contraceptives at all, knowing they can fall back on Plan B in the morning?

President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of central Illinois Joyce Harant said college students should be responsible when they decide to have sex and "always plan ahead of time."

But being college students ourselves, we know planning ahead doesn't always happen. Too many couples – and non-couples, for that matter – have sex without thinking about the consequences. And because Plan B is now available without a prescription, it's easy to wait to think about the repercussions until "the morning after."

But Bradley students – and all other sexually active people – need to be safe from the start. Unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases are prevalent, especially on college campuses. Three out of four sexually active people will get a sexually transmitted infection or disease in their lifetimes, according to Planned Parenthood.

Bradley students should use the resources available on campus to make smarter sexual decisions. Help, Empower and Teach, a nationally recognized organization, recently hosted Sex Education Bingo and had to turn students away when Neumiller Hall filled to capacity.

HEAT passed out free condoms and demonstrated the correct way to put them on, and a Planned Parenthood counselor spoke about safe sex.

So what did the hundreds of Bradley students do with the free condoms and knowledge from Sex Ed Bingo? While some are surely having safe sex and using contraceptives, many others probably aren't.

Maybe the root of the problem, like many other college problems, is alcohol. College students drink too much and don't know their limits, which leads to poor judgment – especially concerning sex.

Friends should look out for intoxicated friends. If you're at a party and know a friend has had too much to drink, make sure he or she gets home. Don't leave your friend behind to have unprotected sex. Stick together and travel in groups.

Simple steps such as using contraceptives, knowing your alcohol limit and looking out for friends may seem obvious – but students are becoming lazy.

While Plan B is an important backup for sex mishaps, students shouldn't abuse it. It's less effective than other forms of birth control and doesn't protect against STDs.

College is supposed to be the best four years of our lives, but remembering to be responsible and not always relying on the easy way out is important.

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Opinions from Other Campuses

Universities should recognize, offer benefits to domestic partnerships

A survey conducted by a human resources association found that an increasing percentage of colleges and universities are recognizing domestic partnerships for the allocation of benefits. But the University of Missouri-Columbia is not a part of this growing trend.

The survey, conducted annually by the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources found that this year, 40 percent of the schools surveyed provided benefits for same-sex domestic partnerships – up from 38 percent in 2006 – and 30 percent made benefits available for opposite-sex domestic arrangements.

CUPA-HR conducted the survey between May and July 2007 and focused on both health and retirement benefits for employees and retirees. The report was based on health benefits data provided by 420 higher-education institutions and data on retirement benefits collected from 133 institutions. MU was not involved with the survey.

MU system spokesman Scott Charton said although inquiries about the issue of providing benefits for domestic partnership have been submitted to university administration in the past, no organizations or concerned parties have come before the MU system's Board of Curators to address the issue.

Charton said the university is not yet taking any steps to institute changes that would include domestic partnerships in its benefits packages.

John Faughn, coordinator of MU's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center, said the issue of providing benefits for domestic partnerships is something the organization has noticed, but that it has not taken an active position on it since he became involved with the organization less than two years ago.

Faughn said he finds it disappointing that MU has not taken steps to expand its benefits and hopes that current policies can change.

"You're basically not recognizing someone's relationship as the same as someone else's," Faughn said.

Sociology professor Wayne Brekhus said that a change in MU's benefits policy to include domestic partnerships is possible over time, but the political atmosphere in the current state legislature and the Board of Curators would not be conducive to successfully instituting such a change now.

"I think it will require more progressive legislation," Brekhus said.

Although increasing numbers of colleges and universities have recently begun to offer benefits for domestic partnerships, it is not a new occurrence.

The University of Iowa began to provide benefits for same-sex domestic partnerships in 1992. UI Benefits and Payroll Director Richard Saunders said the expansion of benefits was initiated by concern from various parties about the high cost of medical treatment for HIV and AIDS in 1992. Saunders said at that time, those were diseases widely believed to be most threatening to the gay community.

Saunders said the university's plan to expand its benefits was well received by state and university government, as well as the "fairly conservative" populace of Iowa. He said the practice of including domestic partnerships in benefits packages by colleges and universities was fairly uncommon at the time.

"We had developed a policy from scratch," Saunders said. "It's worked well, and we're happy we did it."

Saunders said the university's benefit policies have since expanded to include opposite-sex domestic partnerships and are available to faculty, staff and students.

In 2003, Iowa became one of thirteen states that provide domestic partner benefits to state employees.

This editorial reflects the views from the editorial board at the Maneater at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

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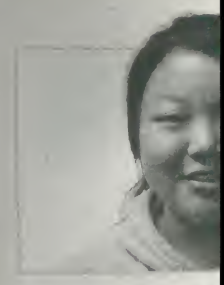

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Josh Cox
Bradley Democrats

Student jobs depend on voting

For many of us, 2008 will be the first time we are allowed to cast ballots in a presidential election. I remember how excited I was in 2004 to finally be able to cast my vote, after seeing my parents cast theirs since I was young. But it seems the excitement I felt was not common amongst the 18 to 24 age group.

In Illinois 42 percent of registered voters voted in the 2004 Presidential Election between John Kerry and George W. Bush. But in that very same election, only 11 percent of the voters in Illinois were in the 18 to 24 age range.

So why is it that we as college students do not feel the need to go out and vote when important issues are at stake?

Many say they feel their votes don't count, or that life is just too busy to go vote on Election Day. But there's one issue that should make college students want to go out and make their vote count.

What we don't often realize is the connection between the candidates we're electing and the overall health of our economy. If that leaves you scratching your head, then think for a moment about what goes hand-in-hand with the health of our economy – jobs.

What we don't realize is that the candidates we aren't voting for, are the very same people that will be deciding how plentiful jobs are after we graduate.

For example, if you're a junior right now, the presidential candidates that are running for election will be taking their oath of office in January 2009, and we'll graduate and start the job search that May.

That's why it is important to pay attention now and vote in the next election, because if the wrong person gets into the White House and has a failed economic agenda, then it may be incredibly difficult for many of us to find or keep jobs.

I'm not saying anyone party has the correct ideas for our nation's economic direction; I'm simply saying at some point you have to step into the process. You have to take time to look at the candidates, listen to what they have to say, make an informed decision and vote.

Our generation has got to start stepping up to the plate and helping to make these informed decisions because the elder generations will not be helping us out for very much longer.

One day this generation will be running every single aspect of our government and it's time we begin to focus on how important that task is going to be. It's going to take a collective effort on behalf of our generation to return this country to greatness.

So for now, while a weekend of Xbox and partying may seem like the best thing in the world, take some time to look at the candidates running for office and think about who you would like to vote for and what issues are important to you. Then take that next step, get registered and go vote on Election Day. It's five minutes that may save your job.

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Lisa Park
ACBU

ACBU more than concert planners

Have you heard about the band coming to Bradley next semester? Is Jack's Mannequin rescheduling? Can Dane Cook come to Bradley instead?

These are all questions that can be answered by the Activities Council of Bradley University. Not only can the organization answer the questions above, but it can also give an update on some other upcoming events and performances.

The major concerts aren't the only events that ACBU is responsible for. ACBU also organizes smaller Coffeehouse performances, speeches and lectures and fine art performances.

The major events ACBU has organized include Dashboard Confessional, Wanda Sykes, Guster and Emerson Drive. There have also been various comedians from "Saturday Night Live," "Last Comic Standing" and Black Entertainment Television's "Comic View" such as Louis Ramey and an upcoming show by Jo Koy.

Other ACBU sponsored events include Welcome Week, Homecoming, Siblings Weekend and Spring Fling.

The organization is split into twelve different committees, each with two coordinators and a four-member executive board. The coordinators then recruit people to be part of their respective committees.

The committees serve as a way for other students to get involved with ACBU and have a say in the events that come to campus. This ensures that decisions are not limited to just the coordinators and the executive board.

ACBU also builds organization and leadership skills. Current president Liz Wenger started out as a Siblings Weekend coordinator and then proceeded to fill the Vice President of Communications.

"The organization puts together events with the whole Bradley campus as the audience," she said. "It doesn't matter what I want - it's what the university wants and needs. We not only entertain the campus, but also educate it. The positive feedback we receive from successful events make all the work worth it."

ACBU is currently taking applications for the spring and fall 2008 coordinator positions. If you're interesting in helping plan future events on Bradley's campus, ACBU might be what you are looking for. Any questions can be sent to acbu@bradley.edu and applications are available in the Student Activities Office or online at www.bradley.edu/campusorg/acbu.

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Erin Wood
Editor

Mattel needs a Muslim makeover

Some Muslim girls are saying goodbye to their blonde, leopard-print-bikini-wearing Barbies and saying hello to Salma, a new Barbie-lookalike who wears a long-sleeved cloak down to her ankles and a matching head scarf.

Indonesian engineer Sukmawati Suryaman told Reuters last week she was inspired to create a modestly dressed doll when she saw her niece playing with Barbie.

"I remember thinking that I wish we had Muslim dolls like these as we all know that children easily imitate their toys," she said.

But Suryaman isn't the first to make a Muslim Barbie alternative. Fulla, a doll who looks similar to Barbie but with darker features and more modest body parts and clothing, was introduced to the Middle East in 2003 and has since been nicknamed "Muslim Barbie," though not made by the Mattel Corporation.

Not surprisingly, dolls such as Salma and Fulla are a hit amongst Muslims, especially in countries such as Saudi Arabia, which has outlawed the sale of Mattel's Barbie doll for not conforming to Islamic ideals.

So why isn't Mattel taking the hint and creating its own Muslim doll?

Since the original Barbie was introduced in 1959, Mattel has manufactured dolls that almost every girl can identify with – black Barbies, Hispanic Barbies, Native American Barbies, "Oriental" Barbies – Mattel's name, not mine – Eskimo Barbies, Barbies in wheelchairs, and so on.

The only step Mattel has taken in representing Arab women was when the corporation marketed the collector's doll Leyla, an enslaved belly dancer that came equipped with sequins scarves.

Of course, Mattel can't make an accurate Barbie for every religion, race or body type, and plenty have been left out. Sure, the corporation could make a Jewish Barbie or a lesbian Barbie.

Mattel has ignored many groups, but admittedly, most of the time members of groups aren't too visibly different from the members of the next group.

Obviously, every individual is unique on the inside, but unfortunately, 6-year-olds – and many adult Americans – gather information about people with their eyes.

And a woman in a black abaya may strike curiosity in children if they haven't seen such dress before.

About one out of every five people in the world is Muslim, according to the CIA World Factbook, and Mattel is a multinational corporation. By not creating an Arab Barbie, Mattel is ignoring a huge culture – one whose dress is noticeably different than others.

The soaring sales of Fulla and Salma should show Mattel there's a demand for dolls that adhere to Muslim dress. But Fulla has a limited distribution in the United States and Salma not at all.

Aside from ignoring a demanding market Mattel could profit from, the corporation is more importantly teaching children that being Muslim is abnormal.

And while solely blaming Mattel for Americans' ignorance of Middle Eastern culture would be extreme, the corporation could surely make even the smallest difference.

Lately, and especially since Sept. 11, too many Americans partake in racial profiling and assume that all Arabs are terrorists. While this generalization is ridiculous and unwarranted, it's a commonly held belief because of the media's coverage of the Middle East.

While not every girl would want a Muslim Barbie if Mattel finally made and distributed these kinds of dolls, seeing "Arab Barbie" next to Malibu Barbie might make young girls recognize other cultures – not just the Arab-American culture – at a younger age.

But it looks as though Suryaman will have to continue to import Barbies from China and give them Arab makeovers until Mattel discovers some cultural sensitivity.

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Do you have an opinion you'd like to share with the Bradley community? The Scout is accepting guest columns to be published on this page later this year. The Scout staff will choose several columns from those submitted.

Write 500 to 700 words on an issue relevant to college students. The Scout reserves the right to edit columns. You must be a full-time student, alumni or faculty member to submit a column. All chosen columnists must get a photograph taken.

E-mail your column to editor@buscout.com by 5 p.m. Oct. 29 for consideration. Direct questions to Erin Wood at x3067.

NPR host to give lecture

Melissa Block will discuss "Covering the War from Home"

BY JEREMY G. FLEMING
for the Scout

There's a new speaker on the block.

National Public Radio host Melissa Block will visit campus at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Neumiller Lecture Hall as part of the Robison Lecture series.

Block works with Michelle Norris and Robert Siegler, co-hosting the radio newsmagazine "All Things Considered."

Melissa Block

This year's lecture, "Covering the War from Home," is free and open to the public. The Cullom-Davis Library will host a reception for Block in the Burlington-Northern room on the second floor following the presentation.

"One of the best things about the reception is you'll be with people who were at the speech," said Assistant Communications Professor Sarah Netzley. "Robison lectures are so interesting and have good ideas that get people interested in topics."

Netzley said the reception is a good chance for students to talk with Block about some of their ideas.

"You don't get to meet an NPR journalist on a national level very often," she said.

Block has been with NPR since 1985 and is part of award-winning news coverage. Her Kosovo report in 1999 focused on rape being used as a weapon of war. The report was among others earning NPR News an Overseas Press Club Award.

Block began working as an editorial assistant on "All Things Considered." She continued her way up the ladder as editor, director and senior producer. She also worked as a correspondent based in New York.

While serving as a correspondent in New York, Block covered a number of high-profile events for NPR News. In 2001, her Sept. 11 reporting helped earn NPR News a George Foster Peabody Award.

Freshman dietetics major Ellen Mills said she hasn't attended any lectures on campus yet this year, and students are more likely to attend if the topic is personal.

"It depends on the lecture," she said. "Some students don't feel like it has any effect on them."

"All Things Considered" airs weekdays on local NPR affiliate WCBU 89.9 FM.

WCBU Executive Director Thomas Hunt said the show is broadcast weekdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Hunt said this time slot is one of the highest rated airtimes.

A shorter version of the radio news magazine is aired on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Robison Lecture series is a memorial to Mary Leslie Robison, an assistant professor of English at Bradley from 1957 to 1968.

She worked as a journalist and educator for more than 40 years. In 1953 she received a gold key from the Illinois Association of Journalism Teachers.

President Glasser may host office open houses

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

University President Joanne Glasser said she wants to get to know students on a more personal level through "open house hours."

If implemented, she'd set aside a window of time approximately every other week when students could speak with her about problems on campus.

"To me, any kind of feedback is always positive, particularly if it's something that can be addressed from the administrative perspective," she said.

Glasser is waiting for feedback about the idea. She'll listen to Student Body President Jordan Ticaric's perspective on behalf of students.

Sophomore psychology major Jessica Filiatreau said she thinks the open house hours would be a good idea.

"It makes her more approachable," Filiatreau said. "If people have a problem, they can go to her."

Filiatreau said she doesn't think students would see Glasser about minor problems. Instead, she said it would be a good place for students to voice ideas for the university.

Glasser said she'd like to be more visible and accessible to students. She especially welcomes students who aren't involved in extracurricular activities because she wants to include their voices.

"It's important to me that students ... can express their ideas and opinions and most importantly their experiences at Bradley," Glasser said.

The discussions would be informal rather than formal. Glasser said she prefers one-on-one conversations to forums because forums are too structured.

"I just find you get good feedback in conversation in an informal environment," she said.

After students speak with Glasser, she will relay concerns to administrators at her cabinet meeting and they will try to find answers.

"I don't want to ever create false expectations," Glasser said. "I will not say everything will be fixed. Instead, I'll say I'll look into it."

Glasser comes to Bradley after serving as the president of Eastern Kentucky University.

Michael Chambers, an EKU alumnus, said he met Glasser only once, but students, faculty and the community thought highly of her.

"I believe her to be genuine," he said. "Many people hadn't seen an involved president as she was."

Chambers said he doesn't remember open office hours existing at EKU, but he said maybe if Glasser stayed longer, she would have implemented them. He also said the size difference between Bradley and EKU makes a difference.

More than 15,000 students attend the EKU, according to the university's Web site.

Bradley gets lesson in mental health disorders

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

Of the 25 percent of people diagnosed with mental disorders, two out of three will never seek treatment, Ross Szabo, the director of Youth Outreach for the Mental Health Awareness Campaign, said.

Szabo spoke to visited campus Oct. 10 to try to eliminate the stigmas surrounding mental health issues.

He said stigmas prevent many people from getting help. People may feel mental health disorders aren't real, and people should be able to work through them by themselves.

"If my shin bone was sticking through my leg, you wouldn't tell me to 'suck it up', you would say 'hey man, you should probably go to the hospital," Szabo said.

This is a common problem, and one Szabo and his organization are working to eliminate.

Problems associated with the brain are not fully understood, and therefore, not viewed as seriously as a other problems like heart conditions. He said until society realizes mental health conditions are just as serious as any other health condition people won't seek treatment.

Ross Szabo

Freshman graphic design major Brent Taylor said mental health issues are often overlooked, but important.

"I think that most people think you can just work through depression and other mental problems," he said. "But people really should seek help.

The Health Center is working to combat these stigmas and mental health issues.

One main method involves training Resident Advisers to recognize potential problems with students.

Dr. Janine Donahue, the director of Counseling for Health Services, said if a resident adviser is trained to see problems associated with depression he or she can see the early warning signs in a student and get that student help.

Health Services also sponsored in another speaker Wednesday night to discuss body image and eating disorders.

Donahue said eating disorders are a large problem on college campuses, and she hopes students will take advantage of the speaker to help combat those issues.

Donahue said one of her main goals is to hire another masters degree level psychologist in order to keep up with the volume of students who take advantage of counseling at Health Services.

Depression and anxiety problems are two main reasons students go to the Health Senter to receive treatment. Donahue said traumatic events are the leading causes for depression among students.

Health fees may increase for 2008-09 school year

BY ABBY WALSH
for the Scout

Health fees may be raised about $20 to $30 a year for the 2008-09 school year.

The Heath Center's fees for contracts with local hospitals has risen, and students' health fees need to be raised from $108 to $130 to cover the costs.

In a Student Advisory Committee meeting Sept. 26, Director of Counseling Dr. Janine Donahue discussed the need for another psychologist on the Bradley Health Services staff. If one were hired, the health fee would have to be raised to $138.

Donahue also discussed the potential for the fee to be raised to $140. Regardless of the amount the fee increases, the Health Center will most likely raise it again in about three years to combat increasing hospital fees.

If the university hires a clinical psychologist with a Ph.D., the increase will be the full $30 as opposed to the $22 increase if a non-Ph.D. psychologist is hired.

Junior chemistry major Kylee Korte said compared to everything else students pay for, a $30 increase isn't that much.

"I think student mental health is a concern that needs to be taken seriously," she said.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said the extra fee is going to a new salary that will ease the overload of Health Services.

"With another expert, students have more opportunity to get help," she said. "This is going to bring more students in and students will feel less neglected."

Freshman communications major Christine Knuerr said she thinks the increase is a good idea.

"That's really not that bad, considering how much it would be to see [a psychologist] outside, most likely at a pricey hourly rate," she said.

Considering the recent incidents at universities, especially the Virginia Tech tragedy, senior marketing major Tyler Goodyear said he thinks hiring a new psychologist is necessary for Bradley to ensure the students' safety.

"I think another psychologist could identify a student that is emotionally distressed," he major said.

Ticaric said even with the increase, Health Services will still be cheaper than most other area universities.

Students at Illinois State University pay $145 for insurance and a front door fee of $5 every time they visit the Health Center. University of Northern Iowa charges a $152 health fee and students' insurance companies are billed for everything but the basic visit.

Freshman entrepreneurship major Mary Reeves said she thinks Health Services provides exceptional assistance to students.

"I think we're lucky that Bradley University strives to provide all help possible to students whether they suffer physical, medicinal, emotional or mental ailments," she said. "The addition of another psychologist is just another way to show that Bradley cares for its students."

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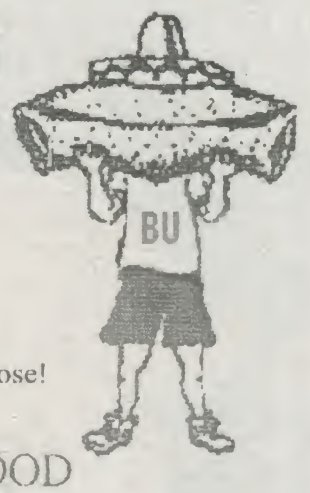

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Students share opportunities to 'go green'

BY LUKE GATES
for the Scout

Nick Viera converted his 1988 Jeep Cherokee to an electric vehicle four years ago.

The junior electrical engineering major said he's happy with his conversion because his car now uses a quarter of the energy and expense it required from gasoline.

While Viera is being proactive about saving gas, students don't have to be electrical engineering majors to drive an electric car and make a difference in the environment.

A new video art contest is offering college students an opportunity to win a $1,000 cash scholarship and the electric car, Miles Revolution LSV.

Miles Automotive started this contest to help spread awareness of the energy and pollution problems the world faces.

"This program will speak to students in a medium that they easily understand," Kara Saltness, a representative of Miles said.

Students wishing to enter the contest should create a video interpreting in their own way the Miles Revolution video on YouTube.

The videos should be a maximum of three minutes long. Students can submit their videos at www.nogassrequired.com until Nov. 15.

The videos will be loaded onto YouTube, and the students who created the five most viewed videos from Nov. 16 to Dec. 16 will win the scholarship and electric car.

Miles is currently producing three models of zero emissions electric powered vehicles. Universities and government agencies are mainly purchasing the ZX40, ZX40S, and OR70. But the cars are also available for private purchase through a number of dealerships throughout the country.

Besides driving zero emission vehicles, students can become involved with other environmentally active groups.

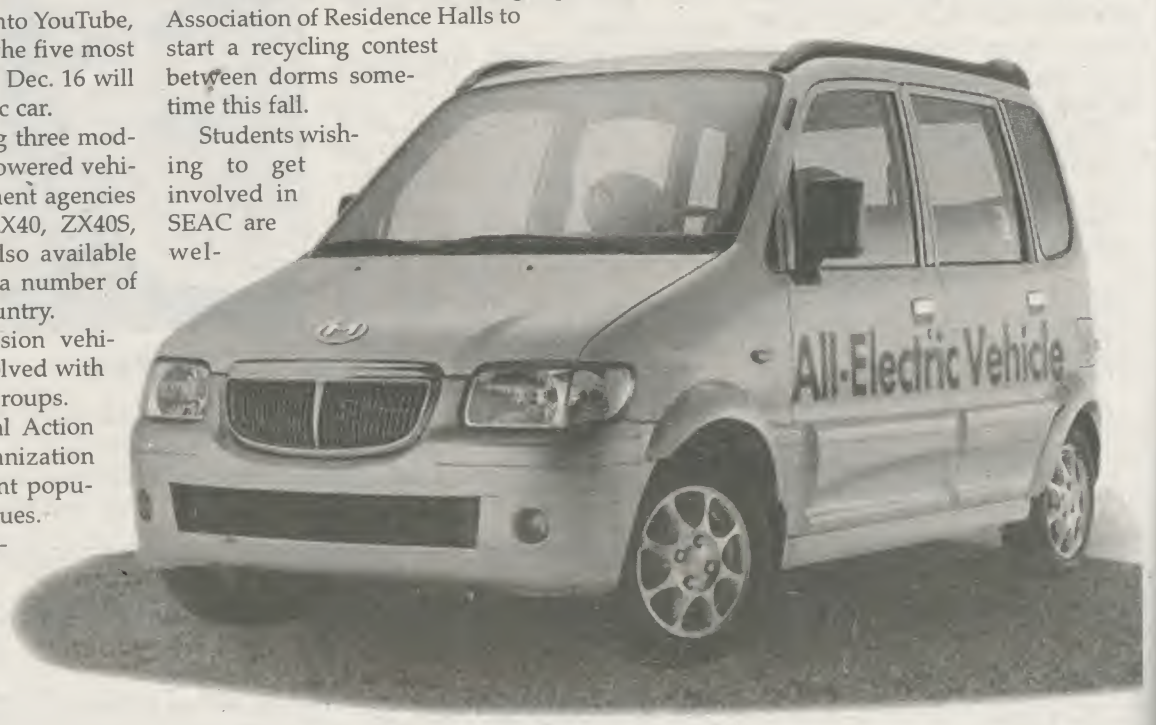
The Student Environmental Action Coalition is a student organization working to educate the student population about environmental issues.

The group recently participated in the Peoria section of River Sweep, a statewide program to help clean the Peoria River.

SEAC President Alyson Jordan is currently making preparations for its annual spring concert, which raises awareness about environmental issues.

SEAC will also be teaming up with Association of Residence Halls to start a recycling contest between dorms sometime this fall.

Students wishing to get involved in SEAC are welcome to attend its meetings at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in Sisson Hall 433 or can contact the office at x3370.



Phi Tau haunted house a frightful fundraiser

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Eleven years ago, Phi Kappa Tau contemplated discontinuing its haunted house following the 1996 murder of a fraternity brother, John Luszcz.

Luszcz helped found the haunted house and was heavily involved in its production. John Crawford, '96 alum, said his graduating year was going to be the last time the fraternity built the house.

Crawford was wrong. More than a decade after Luszcz's murder and 15 years after the first haunted house, the tradition continues.

Phi Tau's haunted house will open 7 p.m. tonight at the fraternity house and will run on specified days until Halloween. Tickets are $5 for Bradley students and $6 for the general public.

Kyle Kashius, the president of Phi Tau, said the fraternity annually collects $4,000 to $10,000 of the Hole in the Wall Gang Camps for terminally ill children.

Kashius said this year is likely to bring in more profit because the event coincides with Parent's Weekend.

Crawford, part of Phi Tau's first haunted house production, said he's amazed at how much money the haunted house raises now compared with the first year's $100.

He said the haunted house began as something fun, and the philanthropy was a byproduct.

"A couple guys decided that a fun philanthropy would be to start a haunted house. So the people who stayed over Fall Break and some of the guys who were local to the area started gathering supplies," Crawford said.

The small budget yielded resourceful ways to obtain material such as gathering cardboard from a recycling plant to cover the walls.

Crawford said the recent Phi Tau haunted houses are much more elaborate than the first house.

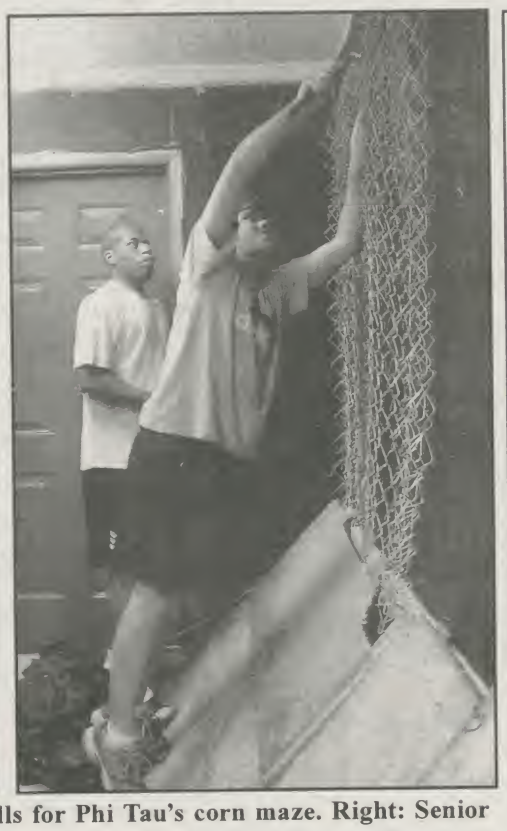
He said the scariest part of the first haunted house was the power tools. One of the men held a circular saw (without the blade) and waited for a group to arrive.

"When people came around the corner, he chased them as they ran, and often [they] fell down trying to get away," Crawford said.

He said after the first year, the haunted house continued to gain momentum.

Crawford estimated Phi Tau has donated in total approximately $100,000 to.

"It's an amazing feat. It was a shame that John's life had to be cut so short, so we're happy that his memory can be kept alive with the undergraduates through the haunted house," Crawford said.



Left: Junior management and administration major Keith Knodle works on the walls for Phi Tau's corn maze. Right: Senior administration of criminal justice major Paul Wereski hammers a fence to a wall. *photos by Saleena Fortunato*

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Oct. 27: 7 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Oct. 31: 7 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Tickets: $5 for students; $6 for general public

Police chief says students should refuse panhandlers

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Instances of panhandling on campus haven't increased in recent years, but students should still be aware of them, University Police Chief Dave Baer said.

He said there have only been about four panhandling reports since the start of the school year.

"I don't think it's as prevalent as it was last year or in years past," University Police Sergeant Rick Hutchinson said. "Last year panhandling situations turned into other situations."

Baer said panhandling sometimes occurs near Campustown.

"Somebody will be walking through a parking lot and they'll be approached by a person saying their car is broken down and they just need a couple of bucks for gas," he said. "[The panhandler] will say they have their wife and kids in the car... [They say] all kinds of stories like that to play on the sympathy of students."

Hutchinson said panhandlers sometimes approach students near the Michel Student Center when buses drop passengers off.

Sophomore elementary education major Kelley Norman said she's witnessed panhandling.

"I've seen people in front of Olin late at night," she said. "I said I had no money on me and I walked away really quickly."

Norman said she feels unsafe with panhandlers nearby but knows it can't be completely prevented.

Both Baer and Hutchinson said to refuse panhandlers' requests.

"If you're approached say 'No, I don't have any change,' and walk away," Hutchinson said. "The worst thing you can do is to stand there and have a conversation with somebody... and even worse is to actually give someone money because it encourages them to return to the area."

> "The worst thing you can do is to stand there and have a conversation with somebody ... and even worse is to actually give someone money."
> -University Police Chief Dave Baer

Baer said students should warn panhandlers after refusing their requests.

"Just tell them... if they need help then you'll be more than happy to call the campus police who are trained to help people," he said.

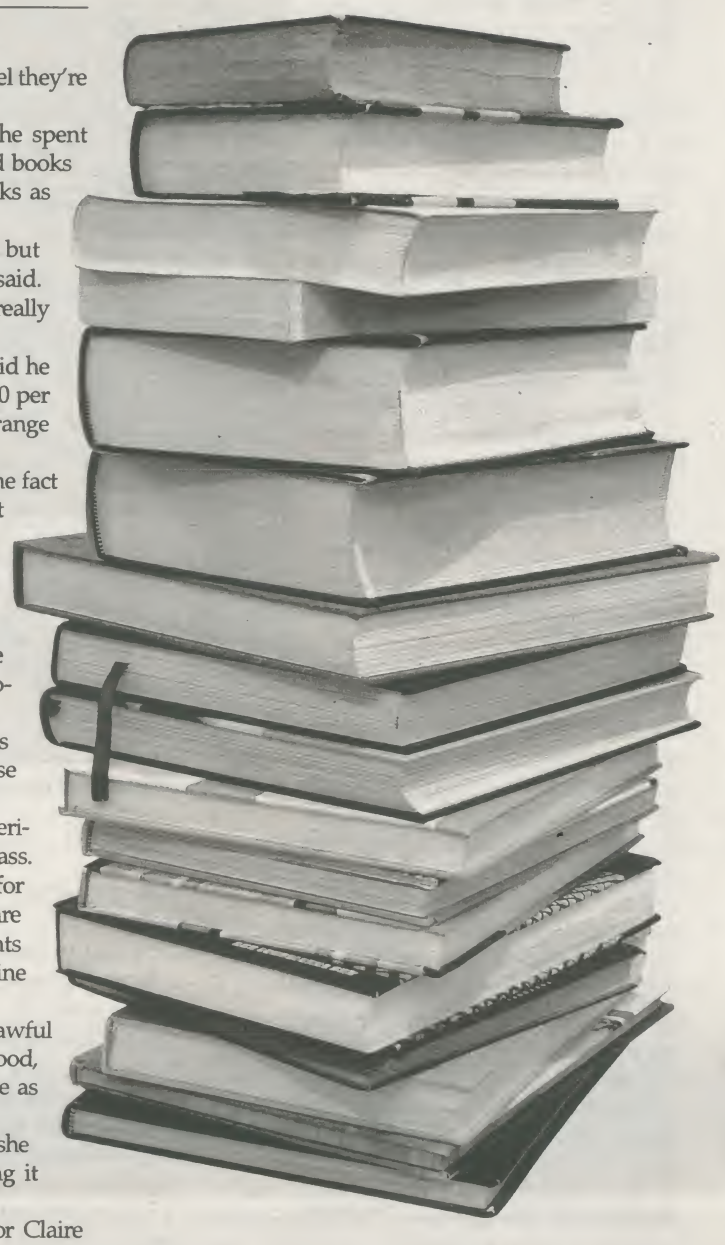
Both officers also said giving panhandlers spare change only encourages them to return to campus.

Freshman elementary education major Roxanne Geier said she would feel unsafe if she saw a panhandler but wouldn't be sure if she could refuse pleas.

"I'd feel bad so I'd give them change," she said. "I can't say no to someone asking for help."

Book use doesn't outweigh cost

BY ANNABELLE VANG
for the Scout



Textbooks aren't cheap, and some students feel they're spending money on books they don't need.

Freshman nursing major Liz Arnold said she spent money on new textbooks this year though used books are less expensive. And she isn't using the books as much as she thought she'd have to.

"Teachers tell us that the books are required but end up only testing us on lecture material," she said. "It's really frustrating to buy a book that I don't really need."

Bradley Bookstore manager Paul Kroenke said he estimates the average student spends about $400 per semester on textbooks alone, but that figure can range from about $150 to $800.

"If a student has to return a book based on the fact that teachers don't require it, we need to verify it with the faculty first," Kroenke said.

The bookstore will buy books back and pay up to 50 percent of the book's selling price only if it was requested by professors, required for next term and isn't overstocked. The bookstore buys the necessary books based on a list that professors give them.

Not all teachers are required to use textbooks unless they teach a multi-session class. Those classes require all teachers to use the same book.

Math professor Mary Jane Sterling has experienced using textbooks and not using them for class.

This semester, she doesn't require a textbook for her students. All notes and assignments she has are located on Blackboard. In addition, her students must complete their homework assignments online within an allotted time period.

"It's much harder not using a book ... it's an awful lot of extra work," she said. "I'd like to use a good, inexpensive basic textbook that students can use as a resource."

She also said when she requires a textbook, she "would have to have the responsibility of using it and making sure that students use it for class."

One of her students, freshman biology major Claire Finfrock said she appreciates the system.

"It's definitely a lighter load," she said, "I like not having to carry around a heavy, expensive book, and it's easy to have notes online in case I miss a class. Also, after I do my online homework the computer tells me right away if I missed a question."

Although some students feel they aren't getting enough use of their books, freshman advertising major Ryan Widick feels the opposite.

"For my Western Civ class, if I didn't have a book I wouldn't have passed my exam because all the vocab words were there and we didn't go over them in class," he said. "Reading the book should be done to fully understand what we will be tested on."

Even though he said he often uses his textbooks outside class, Widick said professors don't refer to them often enough in class.

"I don't think teachers use them enough in lectures," he said. "If they are going to test us on information from the book, they should refer to them more in lectures."

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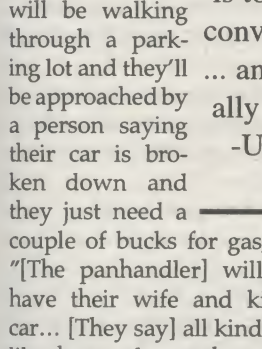

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Internet enhances learning at BU

BY CELESTE MARTINEZ
for the Scout

Bradley faculty and students are using the Internet to aid teaching and studying.

English Professor Debra Burgauer said the Internet is useful to students because "you can access it from your dorm while wearing your pajamas and bunny slippers."

Freshman English and secondary education major Elyse Marlow said the Internet is an easier and faster study aid than textbooks.

"The Internet is a much easier resource," she said. "It is more convenient because it is at your fingertips. You can access it from your dorm, and it is fast to get to."

Marlow said she always uses the Internet for research unless a teacher asks for other resources.

Marlow also said she likes Blackboard because it's helpful to see her grades and contact classmates.

Many instructors have been using Blackboard not only to post grades but also to give out assignments and quizzes.

Assistant Communications Professor Sara Netzley said she likes the Blackboard system and finds it to be an effective supplementary tool enhancing classroom activities.

"I like Blackboard because it's a great way to provide information to students so they can accesses it whenever they want," she said. "I put all of their grades on 'grade book,' and I post all the assignments sheets that I can under 'assignments.' That way, the students who lose the assignment I handed out in class can always download the copy on Blackboard."

Netzley said she also posts weekly quizzes on Blackboard and gives the students 24 hours to find the answers to five questions.

Tony de Ramirez-Barron, the director of instructional technology and media services, said he noticed instructors have become more creative with the information they post on Blackboard.

"What is interesting is that the faculty use it extensively," he said "They are putting up videos and sound clips."

Barron said Blackboard was designed as a database intended as a supplement for classroom data. He also said Blackboard isn't hard to use depending on a person's experience with Web site links.

Freshman AEP major Jay Vasse said he has mixed emotions about Blackboard.

"It is great because it is easy to use and teachers can post Powerpoints up on the site," he said. "The only downfall I find in it is that you have to check it practically everyday because if a teacher posts something on Blackboard then they expect you to know it is there. So now we will not have an excuse as to why we didn't know something or have a certain material."

But Vasse said he uses the Internet because he doesn't have to leave his room, and can have Microsoft Word open in class to take notes.

Informal cab service puts passengers first

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

Colin Hawkinson drives students to the downtown bars Thursday through Saturday nights.
Photo by Saleena Fortunato

If you call Colin Hawkinson's taxi service, you won't find a meter or a checkerboard pattern on the side of the car.

Instead, you'll get a guy just looking to help out his fellow man.

Hawkinson is a man looking to earn a little money and bring a new face to the taxi industry. He's known for driving students to downtown bars on weekends.

Hawkinson, 28, created the idea of a relationship-based taxi service over two years ago while working as a local taxi cab driver.

"The company I worked for was OK, but it had a lot of illegal things going on," he said. "I just wasn't a fan of the way the business was being ran."

Hawkinson admits to telling customers to call his own private line rather than the taxi company service if they needed to be picked up. To him, it was a way to protect his assets. Little did he know, he was actually building a large clientele.

After a while, he cut ties with that cab service and worked on starting his own.

"I was basically being the designated driver for people," he said. "I talked to the police about it and that is what they viewed me as. I didn't think I was doing anything wrong."

Technically he wasn't, but there were some legal aspects Hawkinson had to tie up first.

His insurance skyrocketed to an unaffordable rate, he had to get permission and licenses in order to operate as a "taxi" service, and above all, work out the rider's policy.

"I had to have a contract since I was an independent operator," he said. "I knew that having contracts for every rider to sign was not the best option but I didn't know what to do."

Luckily his friend Dave Wentworth, a lawyer, came up with the idea of having people sign their names to a contract that would just go on file.

"It just helped to keep the legal matters in check," he said.

But Hawkinson feels the service he's providing differs from other taxi cab services because he cares for the customer.

Using an idea from a friend, Hawkinson realized the power of relationships. He then applied this to his business.

"You need to show you care and value the business you are getting," he said. "I don't want to take advantage of my clients like other companies."

Hawkinson has created an improvised method of payment and even offers estimated arrival times.

He charges based on where the client is going. If you are traveling anywhere south of Forest Hill Road, it only costs $5. It's $10 for north of Forest Hill and $15 to go to Dunlap.

He said these prices may change because of the overall cost of running the business.

Hawkinson's biggest problem is his timing of pick ups.

"If I get thrown off by a group at the start, the rest of my times are messed up," he said. "I hate to ask for less business, but I don't like to let customers down by not living up to my word."

But Hawkinson said he's optimistic about his business plan.

"I would love to expand," he said. "It's just hard because I lack the capital in order to do so. Banks won't loan out just $3,000 to $4,000. That's all I need, I need that Angel Investor."

Hawkinson hopes to expand to a multi-car business with many drivers in order to fill the demand for his services.

He runs the transportation service Thursday through Saturday along with exceptions for big local events like the Senior Walk and holidays.

"Last year, the Senior Walk was great," he said. "The students were nice and I just liked working and getting to know them."

The loyalty of the customers is what keeps him going, he said.

"They always tell me how grateful they are for me, but they don't realize how much of a difference they make in my life," Hawkinson said. "They are my 'bread and butter' so to speak and I can't thank them enough for that."

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DANCE MARATHON
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Throughout the event, miracle families visited and shared their personal experiences from battling life threatening diseases or birth defects to their treatments and recoveries with the Children's Miracle Network at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

"After hearing the families talk and seeing the children we were helping, I always felt really good and was able to keep standing because I knew what I was going through was nothing in perspective to what the kids have experienced," Allexan said.

Director of Catering for Dance Marathon Linzy Morine said it's difficult to stand for the full 24 hours, but the motive behind the all-school philanthropy kept her motivated.

"The hardest part of the night is somewhere around 4 a.m. 'til the sun comes up. That's when the pain sets in and you are just so exhausted," she said. "But then the sun comes up and more families come to talk, and you just remember why it's all worth it."

Senior advertising major Ali Watson said the emotionally draining stories gave her hope and the physical strength to keep going through the night.

"Not only are you physically committing an act not many people are capable of, but you can actually see how you're making a difference," she said. "The experience is humbling and empowering all at the same time."

Banners decorated by different campus organizations lined the walls of Haussler Hall, encouraging participants' spirits. Activities planned by the morale committee also boosted drive.

"There were DJs and bands all night," Watson said. "Families spoke, there was a bags tournament, we had comedians and BBQ Kitten performed. There was never a dull moment."

Allexan said she enjoyed dancing to the "Hokey Pokey" and "Macarena" but received the most energy from family and friend support.

"There was mail call, where letters from our family members and friends were delivered to help boost our spirits," she said. "It was also nice seeing people who weren't doing the marathon when they stopped by the gym to visit."

Bradley alumni and miracle families participate in Dance Marathon, raising $41,381.92. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Junior elementary education major Hilary Taxman visited Dance Marathon in support of her friends.

"I went to cheer on and support my sorority sisters that were participating," she said. "I did participate my freshman year and it was a good time, but it's a strain on your body. You just want to sit down. So I went to encourage them to keep it going."

Allexan said her friends' encouragement helped her stay motivated throughout the event.

"Standing for 24 hours isn't easy, but you feel really good about yourself afterward," she said. "Everyone there was really excited for the marathon and passionate about helping the kids. Twenty-four hours isn't easy but it is nothing in comparison to the experiences these little kids go through."

Watson said she encourages all students to challenge themselves and get involved in the event by finding out more and participating.

"BUDM is the all-school philanthropy, but not many students know about it," she said. "It benefits the Children's Hospital, which is the only facility in downstate Illinois capable to help such sick children. The hospital saves the lives of thousands of kids from all across the U.S. If that isn't a worthy cause, I don't know what is."

Allexan said she enjoyed the event and is looking forward to participating again next year.

"Dance Marathon made me want to make more of a difference in the lives of others after hearing the stories of the miracle families," she said. "The marathon is a great way to help people and have fun at the same time. I'd definitely do it again."

Co-director of Morale Julie Hill said she also encourages students to get involved in Dance Marathon.

"I feel it is very important, each person contributes a minimum of $120," she said. "When they add it up, it makes a big difference towards the hospital. It is so good to see what kind of difference you can make to a child and family."

Top: Participants of Dance Marathon perform the Morale Dance.
Above: Cookie performs to motivate participants.
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Study shows willpower not enough to break bad habits

BY LAURA RUMPF
of the Stanford Daily

(UNIVERSITY WIRE) – Willpower alone may not be enough to conquer those extra pounds, addictive habits and other vices we struggle with every day, according to a recent feature story in Stanford Medicine Magazine. And this isn't necessarily under our control.

The editors of the magazine decided the rising obesity rates and prevalence of illnesses nationwide from seemingly preventable bad habits warranted a more in-depth look at why people don't always do what is good for them.

The results of their studies revealed a recent shift in the thinking among health-behavior researchers, including many Stanford experts, who concluded that willpower isn't always enough in the long run.

According to the article, emotional triggers are often too great to combat problems using sheer willpower.

"In many disciplines – medicine, economics – scientists have ignored a huge aspect of what it means to be human: the emotional aspect," noted Assoc. Psychology Prof. James Gross in the magazine article.

Along with emotional effects on our brain chemistry, environment can have an impact on decision-making in a way that is too powerful for willpower to combat. Examples cited in the article include environments that readily provide alcohol, discourage adequate sleep and encourage poor nutrition, such as college campuses.

Clinical psychologist Cynthia Castro, a researcher at the Stanford Prevention Research Center (SPRC), said it isn't the experts that need convincing, but everyday people for whom chronic bad habits affect health.

"Most behavior scientists don't give a lot of credit to willpower as the key to changing health habits," she said. "There are a variety of forces that compel us to act the way we do. Stanford student or not, this applies to each of us."

"It is important to have drive and determination to accomplish things," she added, "but it's equally important to realize that you need to learn some new skills along the way."

A quick survey of Stanford students showed a diverse range of thinking about willpower and whether it indeed has limits.

Stanfod student Janise On wasn't surprised to hear that willpower alone cannot overpower all problems.

"I think people have willpower to a certain extent," she said, "but I also feel there are a lot of times you tell yourself to do things and continually do something else, and you wonder why."

Her roommate, Effie Fine, added that many problems require support and encouragement from peers to combat and should not have to be faced alone.

Stanford student Riddhi Mittal had a different opinion.

"The only thing you ever need is willpower to get what you want," she said. "Where there's a will, there's a way."

For those who are convinced they need more than willpower to tackle some of their most difficult struggles, Castro, who has done behavioral research on adults, offered some practical suggestions for students to consider.

Castro found that success in changing chronic habits comes from a variety of methods besides sheer willpower, including realistic goal setting, anticipating obstacles, getting social support and, perhaps most importantly, challenging irrationally negative thoughts. Some of these methods require the help of professionals, and some imply a need for environmental change.

"It would be a great idea to get some of the Vaden staff together with some of us researchers at the SPRC to come up with feasible ideas to create a healthier campus environment and teach students some of the key personal skills for healthier living," Castro said.

The article wasn't meant to discredit willpower entirely, however.

For the article, Gross asked students to complete math problems in the presence of loud, funny skits playing on a monitor. The students performed better when told to think of the math exercise as a challenge to their willpower, he said.

"If we think of temptations such as candy bars as tests of our willpower, *then* we see these temptations in a whole new light, and are much better able to stick to our guns," he said.

Police Reports

On Oct. 10 at about 11:45 a.m. officers met with a woman concerning her missing laptop. The victim said her boyfriend dropped the laptop off at her residence in Williams Hall at about 7:15 a.m. She returned to the building and went to the fifth floor women's restroom to use the facilities and set the laptop on the floor in the stall. She then returned to her room, accidentally leaving the laptop in the stall and went to sleep. When she awoke she went to get the laptop but found it was missing. Floor members said they saw the laptop in the stall until about 8:30 a.m. The estimated value of the laptop is about $1,100.

At about 1:30 p.m. Oct. 10 officers met with a woman in the parking lot behind 1512 Bradley Ave. The victim showed the officer where someone spray painted an obscene word with metallic silver paint on the passenger side of her vehicle. She said she parked the vehicle at about noon Oct. 5 and left for Fall Break. She received a phone call from a friend Oct. 8 reporting the vandalism. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time. The damage is valued at $250.

At about 11:40 p.m. Oct. 11 an officer was dispatched to an address on Bradley Avenue on a cab driver's complaint that a passenger wouldn't pay his fare. The driver said she attempted to stop Matthew Keating from leaving the area after he refused to pay his fare. Keating struck the driver in the head then grabbed her throat and said "Let's have one last dance." Keating saw an officer approaching the scene and began running away, attempting to climb the fence enclosing the St. James Apartment Complex. An officer repeatedly told Keating to stop and finally caught him behind 906 Bradley Ave. Keating grabbed and swung at the officer's head and resisted arrest. Two officers cuffed him and took him into custody. Keating owed $13.80 in cab fare.

At approximately 8 p.m. Oct. 15 a custodian was cleaning the first floor Bradley Hall women's restroom and noticed the lock on a sanitary napkin dispenser was broken and the money in the coin collector was missing. There are no suspects. Estimated loss is $2.00.

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Senate passes, allocates tight yearly budget

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Student Senate unanimously approved this year's budget at Monday's general assembly.

The university allocates $5,400 to Senate each year. The budget is based on this allotment plus any fundraising activities the group participates in.

Treasurer Josh Cox created the budget and said he tried to allocate the money into areas where students will be most impacted by it.

"We're not going to go buy T-shirts that say 'I'm in Senate'," he said. "We're making it student-focused because that's the principle I campaigned on."

The largest portion of the budget is dedicated to student body officer stipends. This is a figure totaling $2,300 that remains the same in every year's budget.

"They're basically designed to reimburse us for campaign funds," Cox said.

He said Senate's participation in the activities fair was detrimental to this year's budget. It cost the group over $800 to create its booth and participate in the fair.

"This is way over what we should have done," Cox said. "Last year we spent around $500 on it."

Cox said the extra money spent on the activities fair will force Senate to do more fundraising activities this year than ever before.

He said the first areas to receive money will be Campus Involvement and Speak-Up.

"The Speak-Up is very important," Cox said. "It's always Student Senate's big pet project of the year."

He said the group hasn't decided what fundraisers it will be doing yet but plans to repeat what has been successful in the past.

"We'll probably do some 50/50 raffles at the basketball games because those seem to go over well," Cox said.

The activities fair and campus involvement fall into the larger category of student body officer expenditures. This is the second most expensive category, totaling $1,580. Other expenses falling into this category include name tags and office supplies.

The third highest portion of the budget is committee yearly funds. This category totals $1,390 and includes Speak-Up, Web site maintenance and promotions and advertising.

The fourth area of the budget is committee funds. Each of Senate's six committees is allotted a small amount of money to operate for the year totaling $130.

Cox said he thinks Senate will be able to operate within the budget.

"I only know of one time that we went over budget," he said. "If we don't spend the money we lose it. We just need to get as close to the $5,400 as possible."

Senate

- Jack's Mannequin won't be replaced this semester, but if it's possible with the demolition of the Robertson Memorial Field House, there will be two concerts next semester.
- Patrick Ellis was approved as the Technology and Services Affairs Committee chairperson.
- It's not a Bradley policy for passwords to be changed every 90 days. It's a federal standard.

Comedian discusses eating disorders in lecture at BU

BY NAFIA KHAN
for the Scout

Bradley hosted comedian Stacey Prussman Wednesday, who talked about her own battle as a victim of eating disorders.

Her father teased her about her weight as a child, Prussman said. And both of her parents showed concern about her weight.

"My mother also thought I was chubby," she said. Prussman's mother put her daughter on a diet at age 10.

Prussman first received negative feedback professionally about her body when auditioning for the Broadway musical "Annie." An agent approached her after the audition to congratulate her and to advise her for her future theater endeavors.

"He told me I had a great voice," said Prussman. "He added that Annie wasn't a chubby girl."

Prussman remembers exercising excessively in high school to try to feel better about herself. However, when she graduated and went to college, her habits changed. Her parents were no longer there to monitor her eating habits, and she began eating as a social activity, even when she wasn't hungry.

"I didn't gain the freshmen 15; I gained the freshmen 30," she said. "I came home one weekend from school and the first thing my mother said was, 'You look bigger.'"

Throughout college and well after graduation, laxatives, diet and water pills took precedence above food for Prussman.

"I saw a sign that advertised a medical spa which helped its clients to lose 20 pounds in two days," she said. "What they didn't tell me was that the medical spa wasn't legit."

Prussman underwent colonic irrigation that day, and the cycle of eating disorders continued.

"One day I was brushing and accidentally stuck my toothbrush too far down my throat and threw up," she said. "I figured that bingeing and purging could maybe help me lose weight."

Continuing the cycle of anorexia and bulimia, Prussman's condition worsened and she ended up in the hospital when a friend found her almost passed out.

"When I got to the hospital, the nurse took my vitals and asked me to wait a bit," she said.

Minutes later, Prussman was speaking to a woman who inquired why she was there.

"That was my first step to healing," she said. "It was then I realized I had an eating disorder."

The woman turned out to be a psychologist. Through her and a nutritionist's help, Prussman gradually overcame problems with her body image.

"I finally found my voice," she said.

Jennie Klesman, community outreach chair for Help, Empower and Teach, said she feels Prussman helped students understand eating disorders are still prevalent.

"She was entertaining while remaining serious about an important topic," she said. Lili Babic, the vice president of HEAT said the event addressed a very important issue on college campuses.

Junior electronic media major Matt Psenicka said he appreciated Prussman's lecture.

"I liked how she was able to talk about her battle with eating disorders in a comedic light while still getting her message across," he said.

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1:00 pm, Meinen Field & Student Center Meeting Room 6

Saturday, October 27th
Greek Week Games
11:00 am, Meinen Field

For more information about Greek Week or Bradley Fraternity and Sorority Life, visit www.BUgreeklife.com.

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sider $100,000 a minimum price, she said, so they aren't feasible to bring to Bradley.

"If they're above $60,000, we don't even consider them because we don't have that kind of money without having to charge students a real ticket price," she said. "And we've had this commitment for a long time to not do that."

Whited said students pay a high tuition price to attend Bradley, and they shouldn't have to pay too much more to see a band or comedian. The Student Activities Budget Review Committee allocates money from tuition to pay for bands and comedians.

"You pay a lot to go here," she said. "Why should you have to pay on top of that?"

Whited said though there won't be a fall performance in the field house, ACBU has put in an offer to reschedule Jack's Mannequin for next semester. And at $40,000, Whited said the band is a good deal.

Jack's Mannequin canceled its Oct. 20 concert because frontman Andrew MacMahon was exhausted after touring for 14 consecutive months immediately after recovering from cancer. But management for the band said Jack's Mannequin will make up the concerts as early as February next semester, so the band will likely accept Bradley's offer.

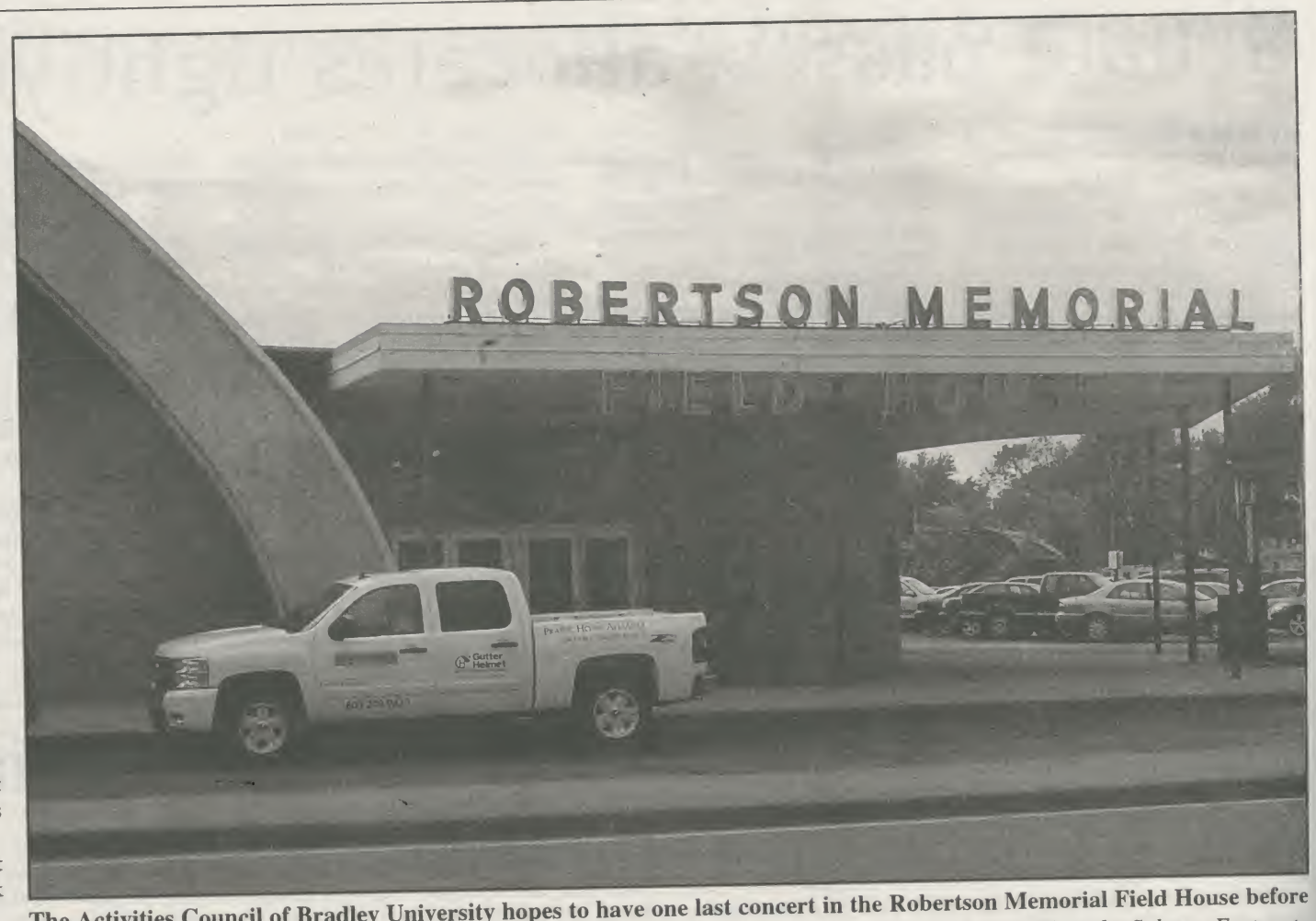
Whited said some students are upset there won't be a show this semester, but she and ACBU think it's the right decision to hold out for the right act.

"It was in the best interest of students' money to wait and see what we can get for next semester," she said.

Whited said she hopes to have a comedian at Bradley next semester in addition to Jack's Mannequin. And if Jack's Mannequin doesn't accept Bradley's offer, ACBU will pursue a different music act.

Though the field house is scheduled to be torn down in April, Whited said ACBU is planning to have both performances before Spring Break. But she's not sure where the concerts will be next year.

"The goal is to still have two shows even if the field house won't be here," she said. "They'll just have to be off-campus, and we're not sure what that's going to bring."



The Activities Council of Bradley University hopes to have one last concert in the Robertson Memorial Field House before its torn down.

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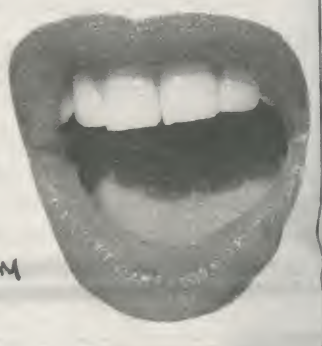

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her story.

"When you do a one-woman show, you think 'it's all about me,'" Sword said. "But that's not true. It's about Imaculee, and I get to be a channel to tell her story."

Sword said she invited herself on a trip to Rwanda with Ilibagiza, and her project was detoured when Sword decided to adopt two Rwandan children.

But she picked up the project again because she had a mission to tell Ilibagiza's story.

"What I love most about her story is her level of faith and forgiveness that transcends the situation of a genocide and becomes a human story of love and forgiveness," she said.

Sword has an extensive theater and film background and starred with "The Mummy's" Billy Zane in the short film "Starving Hysterical Naked."

Brown said he's excited to have Sword and her show at Bradley.

"The show itself is a very strong piece of theater," he said.

But the message is the important part, Brown said.

"The theater's not about itself," he said. "The theater is about the world in which we live."

The play deals with poli*tics, social* awareness, spirituality and faith, Brown said, and people of all backgrounds can learn something from it.

Genocide is a current political topic, and Brown said "Miracle in Rwanda" will increase awareness on Bradley's campus.

"This is a topic that should be discussed on college campuses," Brown said. "This is a topic that we should be talking about in our classes and in campus discussions. It's so relevant to the world we live in."

Sword echoed Brown and said the show is an important message for everyone and for college students especially.

"College students can change the world," she said. "They are passionate about it and still believe it can be done."

After the Peoria performances, Sword will perform at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., Los Angeles, Baltimore and Naples, Fla.

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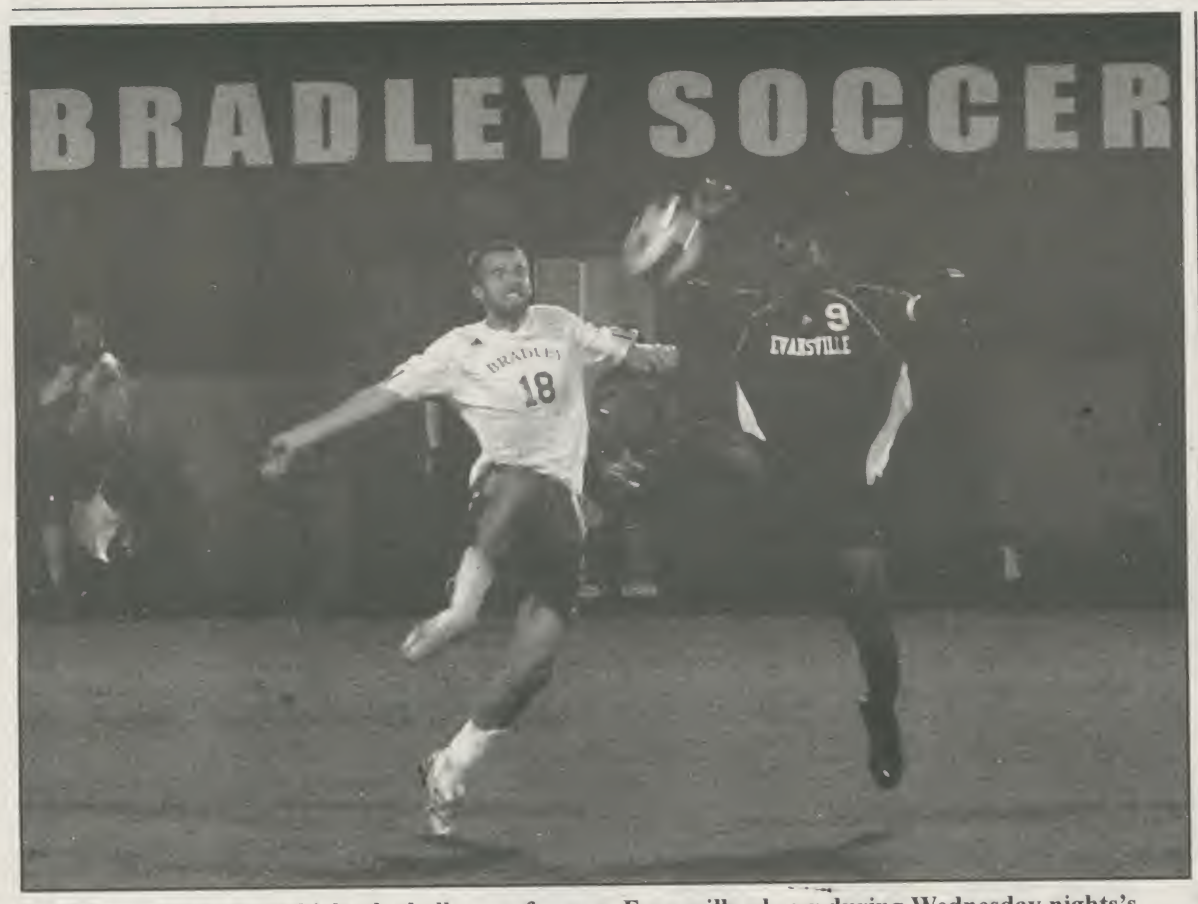

Sophomore Brian Lock kicks the ball away from an Evansville player during Wednesday nights's game. The Braves beat the Purple Aces 2-0. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

SOCCER

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Bradley 2, Creighton 2

The Braves took on their third top-25 opponent of the season when they traveled to No. 12 Creighton (6-1-4) to face off against the Bluejays Oct. 10 for the MVC opener.

Playing in front of 2,271 fans and a national TV audience, Bradley put on a show early.

The Braves controlled the ball for most of the game's opening minutes and were the first on the board with a goal in the 23rd minute.

Freshman Rudy Garcia played a corner kick in from the right side, and the Creighton goalkeeper got tangled up on the ensuing fight for the ball. Following a pair of near misses by Bradley players, senior Drew DeGurian found the ball near the top of the box and blasted a shot into the left side of the net.

The Braves tacked on a second goal just 35 seconds later when Garcia snuck past a Bluejays' defender to field a pass from DeGurian. The defender quickly recovered to poke the ball away from Garcia but inadvertently pushed it past his goalkeeper for an own goal and 2-0 Bradley lead.

Bradley almost extended the lead to 3-0 minutes later when sophomore Chris Cutshaw sent the ball into the net with an acrobatic kick, but he was called offsides.

Following the disallowed goal, Creighton took control of the game and cut the deficit in half with a goal off a free kick in the 29th minute.

Creighton then tied the game in the 57th minute and continued to control the ball for the rest of the half outshooting the Braves 13-3.

Despite the disparity in shots, neither team was able to net a goal for the remainder of the half, forcing the game into overtime.

Both teams had chances in extra time, but neither managed to score again ending the game in a 2-2 tie.

Western Michigan 2, Bradley 1

Playing on enemy soil for the third straight game, Bradley fell behind early.

Western Michigan's C.J. Brown ripped a ball from the right side past senior goalkeeper Mike Haynes to give the Broncos (7-7-0) a 1-0 lead.

Bradley answered when DeGurian netted a goal in the 18th minute following a corner kick for his fifth goal of the season. It was also DeGurian's second goal in as many games.

The tie didn't hold for long, however, as Western Michigan pulled ahead again in the 28th minute and never looked back. The Broncos held the Braves to three shots in the game's final 62 minutes to seal the 2-1 victory.

Following a brief one-game home stand, the Braves hit the road again Saturday when they head to Springfield, Mo. to face Missouri State at 7 p.m.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Comiskey digs for the ball during last Saturday's game. *photo by Megan Loos*

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Goncher's block made the game even at 16-16, but a Loyola kill and a Bradley attack error would end the game and the match for the Braves 18-16.

"The match was really close. It only takes four, five, six mistakes to cost you the match," Luster said. "We had swings to win and didn't."

Goncher played well in the Bradley loss. She tied her career high in kills with 14 and had a career high 10 blocks.

Freshman Caitlin Staib also played well, especially for not seeing much action so far this year.

"She rose to the occasion and did a real good job," he said. "She passed well and played good defense."

Bradley played two other matches last weekend. The team fell to both Southern Illinois and Evansville.

The Braves also played two games over Fall Break in which they fell to Illinois State and defeated Indiana State.

The Braves play again Friday at 7 p.m. against Missouri Valley Conference rival Creighton in Omaha, Neb.

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Cross country struggles at Bradley Classic

BY LUKE MROZINSKI
for the Scout

The fourth annual Bradley Classic was a chance for the men's and women's cross country teams to size up the field for the Missouri Valley Conference Championship.

Missouri stole the show at last Friday's meet, coming in first in both the men's and women's races.

Southern Illinois, Drake and Illinois State gave the Braves a glimpse of what's to come in the MVC Championship.

Coach David Beauchem said he liked that his runners could see the competition for the next meet.

"Being able to race against most schools in our conference gave us a good idea where we are at," he said.

The men's team showed signs of improvement from last month's Minnesota Invitational where they finished 21st out of 23 teams.

Chris George

The Braves finished the Bradley Classic seventh out of 15 teams.

Senior Chris George finished first for the Braves. His time of 25 minutes, 39 seconds earned him 28th place overall.

Redshirt freshman Andrew Wiesen showed improvements through each of the season's first three races. Friday's meet was no exception.

His time of 25:56 was a career best as he crossed the line in 41st place overall.

A trio of Bradley runners finished close behind with junior Nathan Ahart finishing in 43rd, junior Patrick Greene taking 45th and senior Nathan Leech wrapping up the scoring placing 49th.

Bradley's points totaled 201 which was 39 points better than MVC rival Northern Iowa.

Katie Nowak

"Our men's team really got in a good pack," Beauchem said. "Chris George ran a lot better, and Pat Greene showed some good strides."

The women's team didn't fare as well finishing 14th out of 15 teams. However, the Braves had strong individual performances.

Junior Katie Nowak led the Braves in the 6,000 meter race with her best career performance. She clocked in at 22:20 in 34th place. Freshman Mary Goldkamp placed 48th and sophomore Rachel Brubaker followed shortly behind crossing the line in 78th place.

Though both teams struggled at the meet, they head into the MVC championship fully healthy.

"We're actually pretty healthy and happy with where we are right now," Beauchem said.

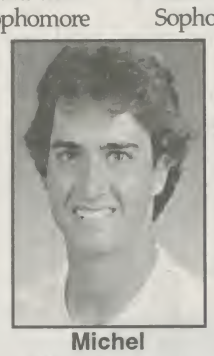
Both the men's and women's teams return to action Oct. 27 at the MVC championship in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Men's tennis team racks up big wins at Louisville Invite

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The Braves kicked off the Louisville Invitational in a successful fashion, picking up seven wins on the first day.

Bradley was lead by the strong play of junior Michel Macara-chvili in Flight B singles and sophomore Richard Robertson in Flight C singles at the invite. Both played on the second day of competition.


Michel Macara-chvili

"This fall has been good for the team. The experience we are gaining is invaluable," said coach Jacek Wolicki. "[The team is] getting used to working more and working harder. I am bringing in new ideas and ways of doing things, and the team is coming together as a cohesive unit."

Freshman Milos Romic competed for the Braves in Flight A singles. In his first match-up Romic took down Jordan Knue of Illinois, 6-2, 6-0. He later went up against Jared Miller of Toledo and fell, 6-4, 6-3.

Richard Robertson

Bradley junior Evgeny Samoylov competed in Flight A singles as well. He lost in his first match to Kentucky's Alex Lambropoulos in three sets, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2. Samoylov lost again in the back draw when Alfredo Krywacz of Tennessee-Martin, 6-3, 6-2, defeated him.

Macara-chvili made his presence felt in Flight B singles. He came from behind defeating Michael Koscielski of Dayton in three sets, 1-6, 6-4, 7-5. He then took down Morehead State's Charles Williams in his second round match, 6-2, 6-2. The wins qualified Macara-chvili to continue play the next day.

Freshman Wilder Sampson also competed in Flight B singles and had a two set win over Dayton's Bryce Warnock, 6-4, 6-4. He then lost his second game to Toledo's Sven Burus, 6-3, 6-0.

In flight C singles freshman Vuk Bolic picked up a win over Morehead State's H.J. Adams, 6-3, 6-0. In the second round Nutthavit Likitkumchorn of Toledo defeated Bolic, 6-2, 6-0.

Sophomore Richard Robertson lost his first match in Flight C singles to Doug Song of Morehead State, 6-3, 6-3.

In doubles play, Romic and Sampson dropped their Flight A match to Jordan Nestrud and Chris Thomas of Eastern Illinois, 8-6. Macara-chvili and Robertson fell in flight B doubles to Patrick Puertolas and Lucas DeBrito of Austin Peavey, 8-3.

The Braves found success in Flight C doubles. The duo of Bolic and Samoylov defeated Tennessee-Martin's Stewart McRae and Shuntaro Tsukiyama, 8-4. They advanced to the quarterfinals with the win.

On the second day of the invite, Macara-chvili squared off against Ben Clos of Louisville in Flight B singles. He lost the match in three sets, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.

Robertson defeated both Paco La Puente of Austin Peavy, 6-4, 6-2, and Adam Perkins of Cleveland State, 6-1, 6-1, on Saturday to reach the semi-finals of the consolation bracket. He never competed on Sunday, due to a slight arm injury and other unidentified team reasons.

The invite came to an end Saturday when the doubles team of Bolic and Samoylov lost to Illinois State's Oscar Beich and Michael Hobson, 8-2 in Flight C doubles.

The Braves returns to action this weekend when they participate in the ITA Midwest Regional in Minneapolis.

Golf takes 9th at Skyhawk Invite

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

The men's tennis team placed ninth among NCAA Div. I teams at the Skyhawk Invitational earlier this week. The team scored its best round of the tournament, with a final round 302 to finish at 911.

The players teed off Monday at the par-72 Paris Landing Golf Course.

Bradley freshman Coby Thompson followed up his first score of 77. His best round of the first day matched his season low with an even-par 72 to end the day tied for 19th at 149.

Freshman Nathan Perry tied for 41st after the opening day and in the process, he shot a season-best 74 to end the day at 153.

Coach Jeff Roche said he was pleased with his team's showing at the event and is looking forward to the spring season.

"The scores that we shot at Skyhawk were some of our best scores relative to par," he said. "The spring will be key. We're young and we only have two seniors, so right now is kind of a learning curve for some of these guys."

Bradley sophomore Zach Wanken finished one shot behind Perry in a tie for 45th place at 154. Senior Tommie Ackerman brought in scores of 78 and 81 to end his day at 157 and tied for 63rd.

Nick Roth shot the lowest opening round for Bradley with a season-low 75, but regressed in the afternoon, shooting an 85 to end the first day tied for 73rd at 160.

After the first day of play, the Braves sat at eighth place in the tournament.

On Tuesday Ackerman shot the low round of the day for the Braves, with a final-round 73. He finished the event tied for 44th overall at 230.

Thompson was Bradley's top placer, tying for 28th at 225 after hitting a third-round 76. Wanken ended up tying with Ackerman for 44th at 230, after shooting a 76 on the second day.

Perry finished his second day with a 79 to finish at 232 and earn a part of 54th place. Roth ended up scoring a final-round 77 for Bradley and tied for 71st at 237.

Tennessee Tech claimed the team title with a four-under par 860. Murray State came in second place at 866 and Murray State Gold took third place at 891. Bradley finished ninth among Div. I teams at 911 and held a five-shot edge on Jackson State at 916.

The Skyhawk Classic was the team's last event of the fall schedule.

"I think the Skyhawk was a positive way to finish up the fall," Roche said. "We walked away with good a feeling about things."

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Intramural sports popular with students

BY PAUL FRIENER
for the Scout

Participation in intramurals is giving students time to reignite their athletic sides.

Many students on campus are involved in intramurals.

Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports Mike Keup said, "There is a league for everyone to participate in and play at any level and get the benefit from it."

Students get exercise and can be social through intramurals, Keup said.

With a wide variety of intramural sports, students can play as many sports as they can fit into their schedules.

The team sports showing the most participation are volleyball, flag football, soccer and softball.

Sport leagues available for the fall academic semester are softball, golf, bowling, outdoor soccer, tennis and possibly some preseason basketball games.

The rules for each sport are available on the Bradley Intramural and Recreational Web site.

The department strives to meet the recreational and leisure needs of the diverse Bradley community.

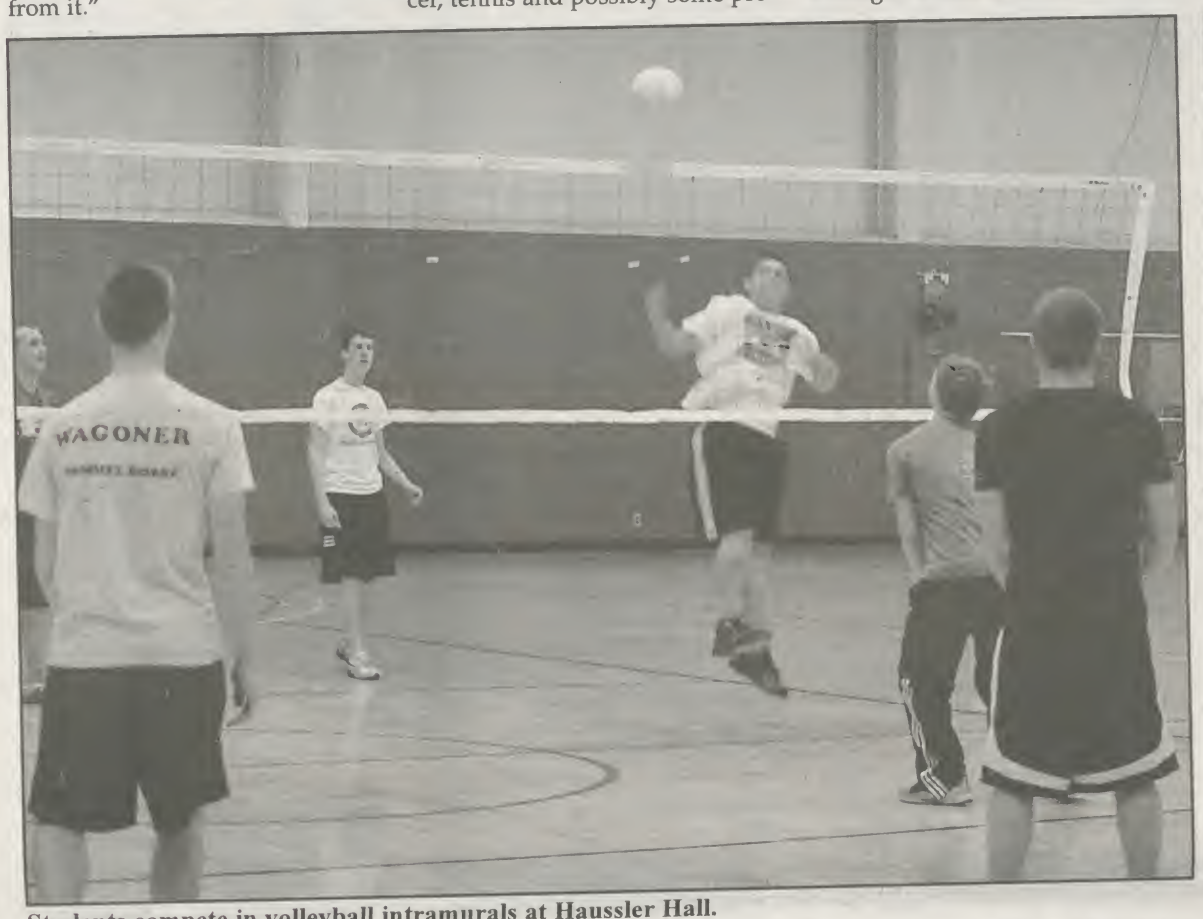
Haussler Hall is open more than 100 hours a week and offers numerous activity areas: a multipurpose gym, racquetball courts, a weight room, a cardiovascular center, a dance studio and a combative gym.

When the Markin Family Student Recreation Center is completed, intramural sports will have even more space and equipment available.

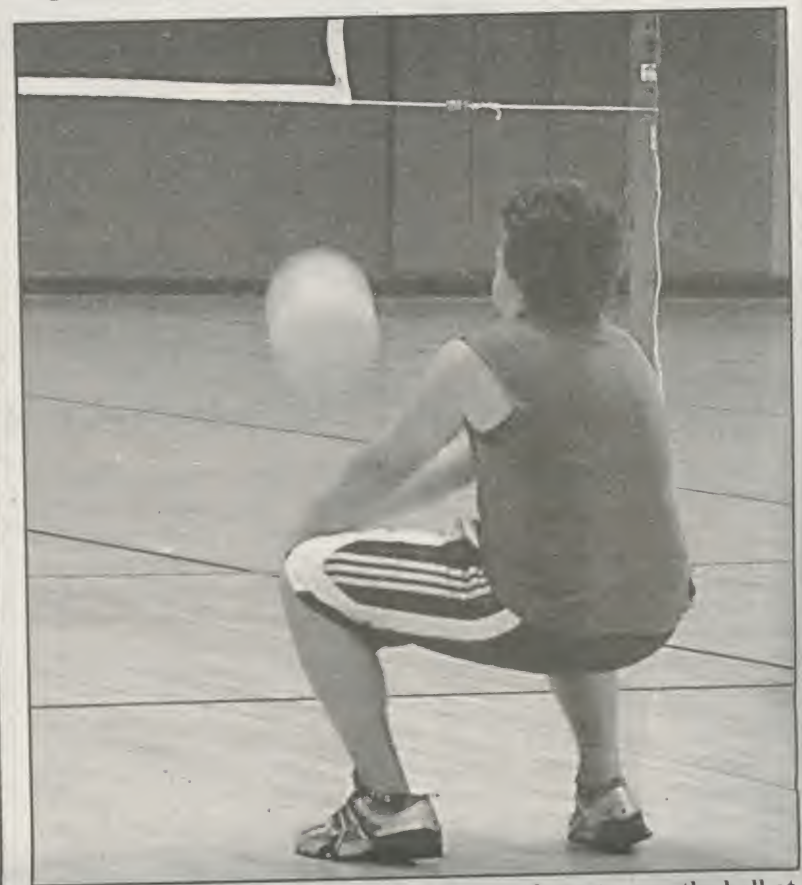
Keup said he encourages students, faculty and staff to participate in the comprehensive intramurals, club sports and fitness programs coordinated by the department.

Different skill levels are available to accommodate all interested individuals regardless of their experience or ability in a given sport.

"I wanted to play ping pong at a college level but did not have enough time to commit," senior mathematics and secondary education major Derek Karnatz said. "Having intramural sports gives me the opportunity to play all the sports that I would of never played in high school at a convenient time."



Students compete in volleyball intramurals at Haussler Hall. *photo by Megan Loos*



Freshman AEP major Kyle Lownds scoops down to save the ball at an intramural game. *photo by Megan Loos*

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MUST BE 21 TO ENTER

Finding a new franchise quarterback

BY ADAM KAGAN

The Chicago Bears have always had issues at quarterback.

Their 2003 investment in Rex Grossman has proven to be a major disappointment and failure. Chicago was banking Grossman would be their starting quarterback long-term, and now the franchise is in the situation it feared the most.

Current starting quarterback Brian Griese has calmed the offense down and has made far better decisions than Grossman ever did.

However, Griese isn't the future of this organization and is merely a Band-Aid until the Bears find the right guy to put under center.

Third-stringer Kyle Orton has won some games for the Bears but doesn't possess the intangibles or the physical tools to be a franchise type quarterback in the NFL.

Chicago can still win the weak NFC North Division this year, but this team won't ever go all the way until it finds a legit quarterback who can consistently put points on the board.

So whom can the Bears get this off-season? Here are four who could potentially wear a Bears uniform next season.

Donovan McNabb: By the end of this season Donovan McNabb will have been an Eagle for nine long years. The Eagles' current quarterback has endured constant scrutiny and criticism since the day he was drafted by Philadelphia in the first-round of the 1999 NFL Draft.

Eagles fans are tired of McNabb and want to see second-round rookie quarterback Kevin Kolb take some snaps. McNabb has had it hard in the NFL. Even though he has taken his team to three NFC Championships and a Super Bowl, Philly fans still boo loudly when McNabb takes the field.

The Bears might have a chance to acquire the nine-year veteran during the off-season. The Eagles are starting to look in a new direction with rookie Kolb and dealing McNabb might not be a bad idea.

The Bears would get an instant upgrade at the most crucial position on the field. McNabb has thrown for 157 touchdowns, 73 interceptions and has a career quarterback rating of 85.3. That's better than any quarterback the Bears have ever had.

Plus, McNabb is a Chicago native and has expressed desire to play for the Bears in the past.

David Carr: Carr has had a rough start in the NFL. After five dreadful seasons in Houston, Carr signed a one-year contract with the Carolina Panthers.

He's now starting for Carolina after Jake Delhomme went down, but Carolina will remain Delhomme's team next season.

The Bears wouldn't be getting a superstar quarterback here, but Carr has shown the skills to make plays and lead his team. The former Texan has great mobility and would definitely give the Bear's offense some much needed sparks.

Carr has thrown 61 touchdown passes compared to 67 interceptions in his career. He's also thrown for 13,721 yards in six years and has a career quarterback rating of 75.2.

Chicago will have an opportunity to sign Carr come the end of March or early April. Chicago may be the fresh start Carr is looking for.

Byron Leftwich: After getting the boot in Jacksonville, Byron Leftwich is looking for a fresh start as well.

The former 2003 first-round pick signed a two-year deal with the Atlanta Falcons at the beginning of this season. However, don't be surprised if the Falcons let him go or deal him in the off-season.

The Bears could be one of many teams trying to scoop up Leftwich come free agency. The former Marshall quarterback is a great leader and can really rally his team together when it's crunch time.

Although injuries have plagued Leftwich, his numbers have been pretty solid since he entered the league.

After five years in the NFL, Leftwich has thrown 51 touchdown passes and 37 interceptions. He has a career quarterback rating of 80.0 and has accumulated 9,070 passing yards.

The Bears could really use a quarterback that can carry the team when the pressure is on. Even though Leftwich has little mobility, he has a big time arm that can make all the throws necessary to succeed in the NFL.

Brian Brohm: If the Bears finish this season with a losing record, drafting Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm wouldn't be a bad idea.

The current college quarterback is having the best year of his college career, and he's in the race for the 2007 Heisman Trophy.

Brohm will likely be a high first-round draft pick come this off-season, but his draft status isn't set in stone, and it's impossible to know where players are going to fall in the draft.

This year Brohm has thrown 23 touchdown passes to only four interceptions. He's almost thrown for 3,000 yards already, and the season still isn't over.

The Bears would have another quarterback of the future if they drafted Brohm. This young quarterback has a ton of upside, but do the Bears really want to wait and develop a rookie quarterback for a couple of years?

At least drafting Brohm would give Chicago another glimpse of hope that maybe they finally have their franchise quarterback.

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One-on-One

Can the New England Patriots go undefeated?

Yes

The New England Patriots have a legitimate chance to go undefeated this year. I know it has only been done once before, but the Pats have put together a team that looks pretty unstoppable.

On the offensive side of the ball, they added three star wide receivers, including Randy Moss who leads the league in receiving yards, to a team that was already a Super Bowl contender.

Tom Brady's numbers have been ridiculous so far this year, racking up over 1,700 yards and 21 touchdowns in only six games. Brady is on pace to throw for 56 touchdowns, which would break Peyton Manning's record of 49.

Their defense has been outstanding this year as well. They're ranked fifth in the league in passing yards given up per game and fourth in the league in rushing yards.

They have a deep defense that allows them to rotate players in and out in different formations.

The bottom line is, the Patriots are good. They've won all their games by at least 17 points.

With the exception of the game against the Indianapolis Colts, their schedule doesn't look too tough, especially the four remaining games in the AFC East.

The Patriots have a great shot to make a run at being the first undefeated team since the 1972 Miami Dolphins.

- Alex Mayster

No

It happens every year. A team starts the season on fire, and all of a sudden, the talk of an undefeated season runs rampant.

But I've got news for all you dreamers out there. It isn't going to happen.

At 6-0, New England has been downright dominant so far. Tom Brady and Randy Moss have looked unstoppable and the defense has been stifling.

But even the most dominating of teams don't go undefeated.

It's only been done once, and the 1972 Miami Dolphins stand alone in that accomplishment for a reason. Football is simply too unpredictable.

One bad break, one blown call or one serious injury can often be the difference in the outcome of a game. The Patriots only have to find themselves on the wrong side of that equation once for their undefeated dreams to go straight down the drain.

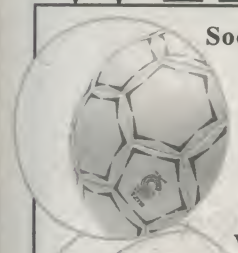
Even if New England somehow made it to the final weeks of the season without a loss, would coach Bill Belichick really risk injuring his stars and killing his chances at another Super Bowl just to win a couple of meaningless games? I doubt it.

A few late-season losses are much more acceptable than losing an important starter for the rest of the year.

Undefeated is simply unrealistic.

- Adam Mettrick

WHO'S ON DECK



Soccer

Saturday	Monday
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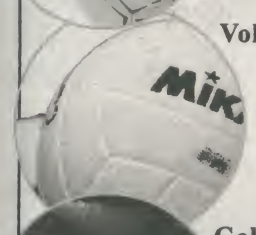
vs. Missouri State	*vs. Oral Roberts*
at Springfield, Mo.	*at Tulsa, Okla.*



Volleyball

Today	Saturday	Monday
at 7 p.m.	at 7 p.m.	at 7 p.m.
vs. Creighton	*vs. Drake*	*vs. Illinois-Chicago*
at Omaha, Neb.	*at Des Moines, Iowa*	*at Robertson Memorial Field House*

Golf

Not in action this week

Men's Tennis

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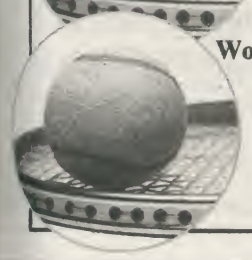
TBA	TBA	TBA
ITA Regionals	*ITA Regionals*	*ITA Regionals*
at Minneapolis, Minn.	*at Minneapolis, Minn.*	*at Minneapolis, Minn.*



Women's Tennis

Today	Saturday	Sunday
TBA	TBA	TBA
ITA Regionals	*ITA Regionals*	*ITA Regionals*
at Ann Arbor, Mich.	*at Ann Arbor, Mich.*	*at Ann Arbor, Mich.*

Sport SHORTS

Basketball teams open practice for upcoming season

The Bradley men's and women's basketball teams began preparing for the 2007-08 season last Friday when they had their first practices of the year.

The men's team, which practiced at Carver Arena Friday night, features a multitude of roster changes from last year's squad. The Braves welcome nine new players into the fold and two new assistant coaches.

The women's team also features several new faces for the upcoming season, adding six players to the roster.

Both teams will make their first appearances of the year at the annual Red-White Scrimmage Oct. 26 at Robertson Memorial Field House.

Everett starts walking

Buffalo Bills tight end Kevin Everett can now reportedly walk with the help of a specialized walker.

Everett, who suffered a spinal cord injury on a special teams play during the Bills' season opener, was originally thought to be permanently paralyzed. However, he has since regained movement in both his arms and legs.

The special walker Everett uses supports most of the weight of his upper body, allowing him to stand and take steps with minimal pressure on his legs.

Everett's agent, Eric Armstead, told reporters his client is undergoing extensive physical therapy and getting better daily.

"He's making very solid and noticeable progress," Armstead told the Associated Press. "He's very excited."

Sports

Cross country teams tune up for MVC Championship.
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Braves notch first MVC win of the year

Senior Stephen Brust tries to head the ball away from an Evansville opponent on Wednesday night at Shea Stadium.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

Soccer team blanks Evansville 2-0, ties Creighton to open Valley season

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The soccer team opened the Missouri Valley Conference portion of its schedule with a busy few days.

The Braves played three games in the span of a week, including two on the road, and picked up a win, a loss and a draw in the process.

Bradley (7-4-2) opened the Valley season with a tie against nationally ranked Creighton, suffered a loss at Western Michigan and won at home over Evansville.

Bradley 2, Evansville 0

The Braves picked up their first conference win of the year Wednesday night, shutting down the Purple Aces (7-6-0) on a rainy night at Shea Stadium.

Coach Jim DeRose said he was happy with the team's defensive effort in the game.

"We pressured pretty well for the first half," he said. "2-0 leads are sometimes tough to hold on to. It took some big saves, but I thought they defended well."

Bradley got on the board early in the contest when senior Joe Donoho blasted a free kick past the Evansville goalkeeper in the 14th minute.

Donoho contributed the only other goal of the game on a penalty kick in the 29th minute.

Sophomore Justin Bigelow beat an Evansville defender on the left side of the goal. The defender attempted to recover but committed a foul inside the box, leading to the penalty shot.

"It was one-versus-one and Justin took his guy to the inside and then cut it back," Donoho said. "I think as the defender lunged he was just able to clip his feet in the box."

DeRose called on Donoho for the kick and he came through, powering the ball past the Evansville goalkeeper to give Bradley the 2-0 lead and notch his third goal of the year.

Donoho said he was just happy to get the win.

"We had a good game today," he said. "We struggled on Sunday at Western Michigan and we just wanted to come back strong and get a result, especially in conference."

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Volleyball falls to Loyola in five-set match

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

Bradley dropped a five-set heartbreaker to Loyola on Saturday at Robertson Memorial Field House.

The Braves (2-19) were up two games to one on the Ramblers (6-16) and looked like they were going to find their third win of the season. But in the fifth and final set, the Braves walked away empty-handed when they lost the game 18-16 on a Bradley attack error.

"We have players with very specific roles with certain things to do that they didn't do," coach Scott Luster said. "We weren't true to our responsibilities."

The first game was close all the way through. Loyola served leading 30-29 when Bradley sophomore Katrina Goncher put down a kill to tie the game at 30.

The Braves then captured the next point when the Ramblers committed an attack error, and Goncher came up big again with her sixth kill of the game winning it for Bradley 32-30.

The Braves battled in the second game and were tied late 24-24. After multiple attack errors, they allowed the Ramblers to score five of the next six points making the score 29-25. Bradley attempted to rally but eventually fell 30-27.

The Braves played well in the third match winning 30-23. They held the Ramblers to a .070 attack percentage in the game.

The Ramblers captured the fourth game of the match with a 30-24 victory. The game was tied 18-18 before Loyola broke the game open with a 7-1 stretch and eventually won the game.

The match then came down to a fifth and final game.

The Braves got off to a slow start and fell behind 12-9 to start the game. Bradley then rallied to take the next four points, with two coming from senior Jenna Harrison's block and kill, to make the score 13-12.

Loyola wasn't ready to give up, and the teams battled back and forth until the Ramblers took a 16-15 lead.

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Freshman Emily Austin blocks a shot against Southern Illinois.

photo by Megan Loos

MISSOURI **VALLEY CONFERENCE** STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL	MVC	OVERALL
MISSOURI STATE	8-1	19-3
WICHITA STATE	8-1	17-4
CREIGHTON	7-2	13-7
ILLINOIS STATE	6-3	14-6
NORTHERN IOWA	6-3	12-9
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	4-5	12-9
EVANSVILLE	3-6	10-10
DRAKE	2-7	5-15
BRADLEY	1-8	2-19
INDIANA STATE	0-9	3-14

SOCCER	MVC	OVERALL
DRAKE	1-0-1	8-3-2
CREIGHTON	1-0-1	6-1-4
BRADLEY	1-0-1	7-4-2
EVANSVILLE	1-2-0	7-6-0
MISSOURI STATE	0-0-1	4-7-2
EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-1-0	8-3-3
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-1-0	1-8-4

On the Record

"The cheerleaders are a huge, huge distraction. They aren't there just to distract the fans, they're used as a weapon against us, too. We stare at cheerleaders sometimes."

— Giants defensive end Michael Strahan

VOICE

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RADIOHEAD

British superstars let listeners pick their price

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

How much are rainbows worth? According to Radiohead, "it's up to you."

After keeping a low profile the past few years, Radiohead issued a surprise announcement last week about its seventh album: "Hello everyone. Well, the new album is finished, and it's coming out in 10 days. We've called it 'In Rainbows.'"

The result was a collective "WTF!" from rock journalists. For the following week, the media were scrambling to get all the details on "In Rainbows." An album whose status had long been in limbo suddenly became the most hyped recording of the year 10 days before release. Naturally, the press beat it to death. To summarize:

2003's "Hail To The Thief" was the nail in the coffin of Radiohead's contract with EMI. Now without a record label, the band released "In Rainbows" on Oct. 10 in two formats on www.inrainbows.com.

A traditional CD release in stores is planned for early 2008 on an unspecified major label, which manager Chris Hufford thinks is necessary to bring "In Rainbows" to the masses the traditional way. Meanwhile, the band utilized its freedom from the industry by releasing the songs online, giving fans what they want as soon as possible.

"It's just another way of doing things," Hufford said to BBC Radio 4. "Hopefully it will initiate artists and record labels to … not just accept the status quo."

"Radiohead have made a record," the site announced in a comically nonchalant fashion, as if fans haven't been waiting four years for this. However, for the music market as well as fans, this is a big thing.

Eschewing traditional forms of record promotion – at least for now – recording and releasing "In Rainbows" label-free allowed it a significant amount of freedom in how the band wants it released.

To tempt hardcore fans, the Web site offers a second package. And while the basic version of "In Rainbows" can be obtained for the price of a friendly handshake, the deluxe version isn't so sympathetic to the wallet.

For 40 British pounds (roughly $80), fans can buy a "disc box" version of "In Rainbows," which comes with a bonus CD of material, as well as the album on two vinyl records. Orders can be placed now for the package, which will be sent out in December.

Eight extra songs – including the demented "Bangers and Mash," which saw singer Thom Yorke alternating between tambourine and drums in live shows – come exclusive to the package. It remains to be seen if any of these bonus tracks will appear on the eventual CD release of "In Rainbows."

Radiohead isn't telling you what to pay, but fans have been willing to give the band their money for the album.

Junior political science major Erica Hammock said the album reflects the respect fans like her have for Radiohead.

"I know people that have paid [for "In Rainbows"], and these people usually download music for free," she said. "This is solely for the fans. This is Radiohead saying, 'We appreciate our fans, here's a new album for you guys.' Not being under contract, Radiohead didn't have to make any more music, but they did."

Hammock said fans want to pay for "In Rainbows" as a way of thanking the band for its music and fan loyalty.

"Conceptually, vocally, instrumentally, Radiohead keep putting out amazing material," she said. "It's the least we can do."

SO WHAT'S IT SOUND LIKE? HERE'S OUR TAKE ON A FEW TRACKS.

"Bodysnatchers"

Before the rainbows, the band creates the thunderstorm. Furious and engaging, Radiohead hasn't rocked like this since "Pablo Honey," if ever – meanwhile those spooky atmospherics from "Kid A" pop up like Yorke owes them money.

"Nude"

A gorgeous love song dating back to the late '90s. And it will be obvious to any Radiohead fan – Yorke's vocals haven't soared to these heights since the "OK Computer" days.

"15 Step"

Radiohead goes ghetto! Forget "Soulja Boy," ask the DJ to spin this next time. This joint is ridiculous, with a shuffling, stuttery beat Bradley's dance team could go nuts with.

"Reckoner"

An ersatz soul, '70s blaxploitation theme starring Yorke as the bad mutha-shut-yo-mouth. Here, our hero is in a moment of vulnerability, wondering if he did all he could to save someone.

"Weird Fishes/Arpeggi"

Yorke has a staring contest with a lover at the bottom of the sea. He loses and gets eaten by the fishies. Would have fit nicely on "Hail."

"All I Need"

A creepy track with a buzzing hip-hop beat. Yorke is horny and frustrated. ("I'm an animal trapped in your hot car / I'm all the days you choose to ignore.")

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THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

BU Common Ground presents The Kinsey Sicks performing "Condoleezzapalooza!" at 9 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free

Live At The Five Spot presents "Chris Greene Quartet," 5:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is $6 for student members, $9 for student nonmembers

SATURDAY

"Miracle in Rwanda," 8 to 10 p.m. in the Hartmann Theater. Tickets $7 for students, $15 for adults

SUNDAY

"Aesthetic Underground Open Mic," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is free, donations welcome

"Miracle in Rwanda," 2:30 to 4:00 p.m in the Hartmann Theater. Tickets $7 for students, $15 for adults

HEARTBREAKINGLY HUMAN

Stiller reunites with 'There's Something About Mary's' Farrelly bros.

photos courtesy of www.movie.yahoo.com

BY ERIK JOHNSON
for Voice

Another six months, another romantic comedy starring Ben Stiller.

"The Heartbreak Kid" features Stiller ("Meet the Parents," "Along Came Polly") alongside dueling beauties Michelle Monaghan ("The Bourne Supremacy") and Malin Akerman ("Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle").

Its box office premiere was fairly weak, opening at only $14 million. In a hilarious twist, the film blames its poor opening weekend not on other films that came out nor on its own content, but rather on Halo 3. That's right, in a recent Yahoo! News article, Halo 3's release prior to the opening of the film was blamed for its poor performance.

To be honest, it's a fair point. However, I don't think it made that big of a difference.

In the film Stiller is an aging, semi-neurotic, yet lovably goofy man with an odd and/or unusual profession. Yeah, big surprise, right? Along comes a girl who turns his world sideways, and though we don't get to meet her parents, there's definitely something about her.

But seriously, all Ben Stiller jokes aside, "The Heartbreak Kid" delivers a refreshingly serious performance by all actors involved.

The plot, while over the top, brings surprisingly human characters to a genre that, all too often, focuses around the quirky and ironic situations that befall new lovers.

Stiller begins the film as a single sports-store owner living in San Francisco and being mercilessly hounded by his father and best friend about being a single sports-store owner living in San Francisco. However, he soon meets salvation in the form of Akerman and, in dire need, takes the plunge and gets married.

"The Heartbreak Kid"
Ben Stiller
Michelle Monaghan

Grade: C

Unfortunately, his new love quickly turns into a nightmare. Cue another beautiful single girl and a massive amount of alcohol. As the characters begin to intermingle, obvious complications arise.

The characters all grow and as they find out about each other, the audience can actually start to feel for their problems. However, frequent comic relief takes place in the form of Carlos Mencia, not to mention the old Stiller standby – the nervous breakdown. Though it doesn't detract from the feel of the plot, the frequent returns to the "usual" Stiller romantic comedy keep "The Heartbreak Kid" from breaking out of this stereotypical film.

The acting made this film worth sitting through. It may just have been me, but I found Stiller's performance as Eddie Cantrow to be more akin to the laughs from "Dodgeball" than "Meet the Parents" and other films like it.

The angrier, more obscene version of Stiller makes for a much funnier film.

Monaghan also delivers a good performance, and I find her to be much more effective as a sunny-dispositioned love interest than a part of the shadowy, violent underworld that was "The Bourne Supremacy."

And Malin Akerman's most famous performance was as the girl who went topless in "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle." Each of them breaks out of their respective backgrounds to deliver a much better performance that truly attempts to rise above the material.

As a whole, "The Heartbreak Kid" is a movie that can only be taken for what it is. There's nothing really deep, nor is it the kind of film that makes you think about your life. Truly, it's my favorite of Stiller's romantic comedies, but it's still something that should be taken for a few laughs and nothing more.

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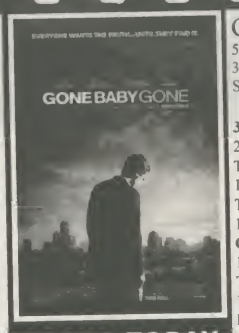

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309.282.7300
Student Tickets: $6.50

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Things We Lost in the Fire R
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Nova Cinemas

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3225 North Dries Lane
309.682.6356
Student Tickets: $5.00

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The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising PG
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We Own The Night R
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PILES OF RECORDS, STACKS OF CDS AND BORROWED TIME

VOICE'S GUIDE TO THE BEST INDEPENDENT RECORD STORES IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Graphic illustration by Antonio Gentile

BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

The online music-buying experience can never compete with good ole' person to person contact in the record store.

Convenience, shmumvenience.

Many of the joys experienced in the local music shop – rummaging through bargain bins full of music once discarded by bored listeners laughing and pointing at Milli Vanilli albums for $1 and conversations with only slightly snobby music store clerks – aren't possible in cyber space.

Sure, online music communities grant exposure and conversation, but actually holding the music in hand – liner notes, lyrics, disc, jewel case and all – that's an experience in reality.

CD sales have dropped more than 25 percent since 2000, according to a June 2007 *Rolling Stone* article.

So, in tribute to the dying format, and its grandparent vinyl, here are some quality used and new music stops in central Illinois divided into two categories – stores with a large selection and ones with less that are worth your time, but maybe not as much.

Large Selection Stores
Recycled Records
625 East Adams Street
Springfield, IL

Springfield is only an hour away. If you are downtown in the capital checking out the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, stop by Recycled Records.

Its slogan, "You'll like us if you can find us," is slightly misleading – they aren't hard to find at all. One block east of the historical old State Capital and a stone's throw from the Lincoln museum, Recycled Records showcases an impressive selection of used and new CDs, used vinyl, DVDs, turntables, stereo equipment and nearly everything in between.

Co-owner Gary Kessler said the store has 40,000 CDs and 35,000 records.

"We are the fourth or fifth largest used music store in the United States," he said. "So we have a lot of stuff other people don't have."

The store originated as Springfield Furniture in 1910, and in the early '80s it started offering music. The furniture has now moved to the basement, and music and other entertainment items comprise both the main floor and second level.

"We also have a comprehensive collection of beer and advertising signs," he said. "We have stereo equipment, all kinds of knick-knacks – pretty much everything. We guarantee absolutely everything we sell when it leaves the store."

Kessler said the store makes special orders for customers twice a week that arrive overnight.

A mixture of forgotten '90s hits, odd-ball '80s recordings, classic-rock discs and everything in between fill $4-a-piece racks. Climbing the notoriously creaky "stairway to heaven" to the second floor reveals the used vinyl collection.

It's still worth sorting through. Two dollar and $4 bargains lurk behind every Captain and Tennille LP. The store still stocks new hits and obscurities on CD, with prices that almost compete with Best Buy.

On your way out, grab an enthusiastically tacky "Silence Sucks" bumper sticker for your Volkswagen van.

Co-op Records
155 N. Main Street
East Peoria, IL

Almost twice as large as Peoria's Co-op locations, East Peoria's offers more used discs and a bigger vinyl selection.

Rock-themed T-shirts line the walls, posters sell for reasonable prices and "lifestyle" products like body jewelry, frolf discs and, um, tobacco accessories add to shopping options.

Co-op prides itself in offering new indie albums otherwise found mostly online.

Full discographies of well loved but not as well known acts like Dinosaur Jr. and Tom Waits are stocked in the new section. You don't have to settle for a greatest hits compilation, you can get the debut, sophomore slump and comeback album. The shelves are also void of Britney Spears and *NSYNC records.

It might be a little heavy on metal compared with Campustown's Co-op in Peoria, but "buy three, get one free" used CD deals make the sifting and searching worth your while.

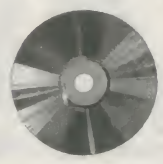
Co-op Records
Campustown Location
Peoria, IL

Finding Philadelphia lo-fi group Dr. Dog's latest LP used on the shelves was shocking enough. And it was nice not having to pay $12.99 plus shipping on www.amazon.com for a disc best enjoyed through broken car speakers.

A used CD store next to a college campus affords some luxuries, like the aforementioned gold nugget find. Fickle college students with diverging tastes dump last week's grasp for indie cred everyday.

The selection is smaller at this location, but often times higher in quality. Pearl Jam, Beck, Bob Dylan and other prolific stars' albums are usually available used at this location – if you haven't already used Ruckus or Napster to acquire the last five decades of American music electronically.

Like the sister Co-op locations, this one also boasts "life style" products, posters, T-shirts and too much heavy metal.



Smaller Selection Stores
Elf Shelf
413 E Adams Street
Springfield, IL

The Elf Shelf has bounced from location to location in Springfield, from the west side to the east, but it now rests just two blocks from Recycled Records, creating an even easier CD scouting trip in the capital. It has more books than CDs, and the majority of those books are romance novels.

But it boasts a large selection of used vinyl, most of the used CDs are $8, and you might even find some decent paperbacks.

Acme Comics
2218 W Glen Avenue
Peoria, IL

Another shop whose name doesn't immediately conjure images of classic rock, soul and blues, Acme Comics does have a nice selection of used CDs, DVDs, old-school video games and apparently comics. One trip resulted in R.E.M.'s "Monster," NFL Blitz for Nintendo 64 and a Super Nintendo game, all for under $20.

Younger than Yesterday
2615 N. University
Peoria, IL

The store front is hard to miss – the members of KISS immortalized on painted wood leaping toward the street.

Your time will be spent digging through past decade's hits and misses, rarities and standbys all on vinyl.

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ALMOST 'FAMOUS'

PUDDLE OF MUDD CONTINUES AS LOUSY GUILTY PLEASURE WITH NEW RELEASE

BY MARK HEMMER
for Voice

Puddle of Mudd has found its place among music's truly guilty pleasures.

After becoming one of the first acts signed to Fred Durst's label Flawless Records, Puddle of Mudd was thrown into an uphill battle against music purists who spit upon Durst's signature overproduction.

Critics weren't exactly silenced when the group released its major-label debut "Come Clean."

Durst's influence was noticeable, including the child-like saturation of curse words and synthesized vocals. But its initial effort included some cult hits including "She Hates Me," "Control" and "Blurry."

After finding its appeal was widespread if not always admitted, POM released "Life on Display" in 2003. Its second effort was largely forgettable and the hit singles produced by "Come Clean" were a distant memory.

Its newest album "Famous" was released about a week ago.

With its third album, POM hoped to regain some of its initial success and come back strong after "Life on Display" flopped. Again, POM doesn't stray very far from its original sound or subject matter and "Famous" feels interchangeable with either of the band's previous two discs.

The concept of "Famous," the title track, an acknowledgment of famous tabloid socialites who are famous not for hard work but for making a mess of themselves in public, is original.

If the concept and song had been developed more fully, this review might sound different.

Musically, "Famous" is a strong single and has already received airplay and acclaim. From there, the rest of the album is predictable and at times plodding and bland. Much like its other work,

Puddle of Mudd

"Famous"

Geffen Records; 2007

Grade: D+

there are a few ultra-catchy, upbeat songs mixed in with whiny faux-ballads.

"Psycho" is an interesting track and follows the formulaic yet effective approach of a simple guitar riff and simpler lyrics. "Merry Go Round" and "Livin' On Borrowed Time" are the same and are highlights of an otherwise lame alternative-rock album.

The downfall of gaining popularity as a transcendently vapid band is the hesitance to step out of that comfort zone and progress as a group both lyrically and musically.

POM desperately needs to rid itself of cliched lines and the reused guitar riffs. Unless the band makes strides towards changing things up, its future work will likely hold the same rank and appeal as its first three disks.

While "Famous" doesn't come close to surpassing "Come Clean," it stands above "Life on Display" in terms of potential hits. The flow of the album is nothing special, but it's not painful to listen to and it does offer a listener-friendly blend of hard and soft songs.

"Famous" does provide radio-friendly, catchy hooks and lyrics that almost anyone can follow along. For die-hard POM fans, "Famous" should be a satisfactory third installment. For casual fans or closeted fans of the first album (including myself), the album fails to stand out as anything significant or worth owning.

Puddle of Mudd continues to pump out catchy but soulless alternative rock. Until the band at leasts make an effort to improve its credibility, the majority of its fans will likely remain anonymous. The sing-along success of "She Hates Me" can't be lived off of forever. "Famous" is further evidence that POM was meant to be a guilty pleasure and not much more.

MUSIC RELEASES
TUESDAY 10/23

Coheed and Cambria - "No World For Tomorrow"
Carrie Underwood - "Carnival Ride"
Ween - "La Cucaracha"
Say Anything - "In Defense of the Genre"

VIDEO/TUESDAY 10/23
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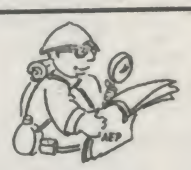

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'Smashing' Success

Despite mixed album reviews, Corgan and Co. still put on a rocking show

BY TYLER MARTIN
for Voice

The "reunited" Smashing Pumpkins are currently on tour in support of "Zeitgeist," the band's latest album.

In May the group played its first concert since December of 2000, and has been touring relentlessly ever since.

The Pumpkins made a stop in Normal on Oct. 4 for a performance at Braden Auditorium at Illinois State University.

This is not a traditional reunion by definition, but is most certainly defendable. The founding members of the Smashing Pumpkins are lead guitarist/songwriter Billy Corgan, guitarist James Iha, bassist D'Arcy Wretzky and drummer Jimmy Chamberlain. The only returning members from the original lineup are Corgan and Chamberlain.

There are oodles of inner-turmoil gossip trailing back to the Pumpkins debut album in 1991 that came to an irreconcilable head by the end of the '90s.

The problems ranged from a torrid love affair between Iha and Wretzky, Chamberlain nearly overdosing on heroin and Corgan re-recording all guitar and bass parts himself as the rest of the band discovered in disgust.

When the Smashing Pumpkins were formed in 1988, Corgan composed and wrote nearly all the material. This recipe was a prosperous formula and the method remained until the brittle end.

Of the Pumpkins first three albums, which consisted of all original members, 46 of the 51 songs were solely composed and written by Corgan.

Thereby Corgan is the Smashing Pumpkins.

Anywho, he's gone out and hired replacements for Iha, and Wretzky whose reasons for not participating in the reunion are seemingly understandable.

Their names are Jeff Schroeder and Ginger Reyes, respectively. These poor souls have the displeasure of taking on accusations of joining the band strictly for the nostalgia of playing in the Smashing Pumpkins and nothing more.

He has also hired a keyboardist named Lisa Harriton – essential for the new material.

My skepticism see-sawed driving solo to Illinois State campus that Thursday as I had not yet heard a copy of a Pumpkins' show since its return. I had only seen clips of the "Tarantula" single on TV and was not familiar with any of the new album, and for that matter I hadn't dabbled in Zwan or any side projects.

After a very unnerving set of gender-confused emo music by the opening band, I hurdled over seats until I was front row.

Then, after 30 long minutes of stage rearrangements, the Smashing Pumpkins made its first home state return after seven years.

Billy Corgan is a showman but a musician foremost. From the gates, they were on, focused and loud as hell. Despite the first quarter of the concert consisting of relatively newer material, the crowd was ecstatic, and nobody in their right mind was going to sit there and pout about the absence of Iha and Wretzky.

Schroeder and Reyes appear engaged in the music and with the little time in between songs, they treat the material with the same serious intent as Corgan always has.

Five songs into the set Corgan started on the opening chords of "Hummer" off 1993's breakthrough album "Siamese Dream." At age 23, I feel like I'm suddenly 40 as my childhood memories open the endorphin floodgates to instant permagrin.

To be frank, I quit on the Pumpkins after "Adore" in 1998, and half way through the concert I could only name a few songs by title. These songs were great however, it didn't matter, and when I looked around, it didn't seem to matter that Corgan's new lineup wasn't plowing through all the hits of yesterday.

The show saw no "Cherub Rock," "I Am One," "Silverf---" or "Mayonnaise," and those in attendance were accepting. Maybe this isn't the case in every city in every venue, maybe just be home state love for Corgan.

Midway through the set, Corgan did a solo rendition of "1979" then invited Chamberlain out to play tambourine on "Perfect," ironically a song recorded on the first album without Chamberlain.

"Tonight, Tonight," "Rocket" and "Tarantula" helped tie up the set before encore break. The band returned for "Today," "Zero" and "Lucky 13" to send everyone on their way but with no mention of a return to the Chicagoland area.

Corgan shook hands and thanked the crowd for coming out and denounced any success, future achievements or accomplishments by the St. Louis Cardinals.

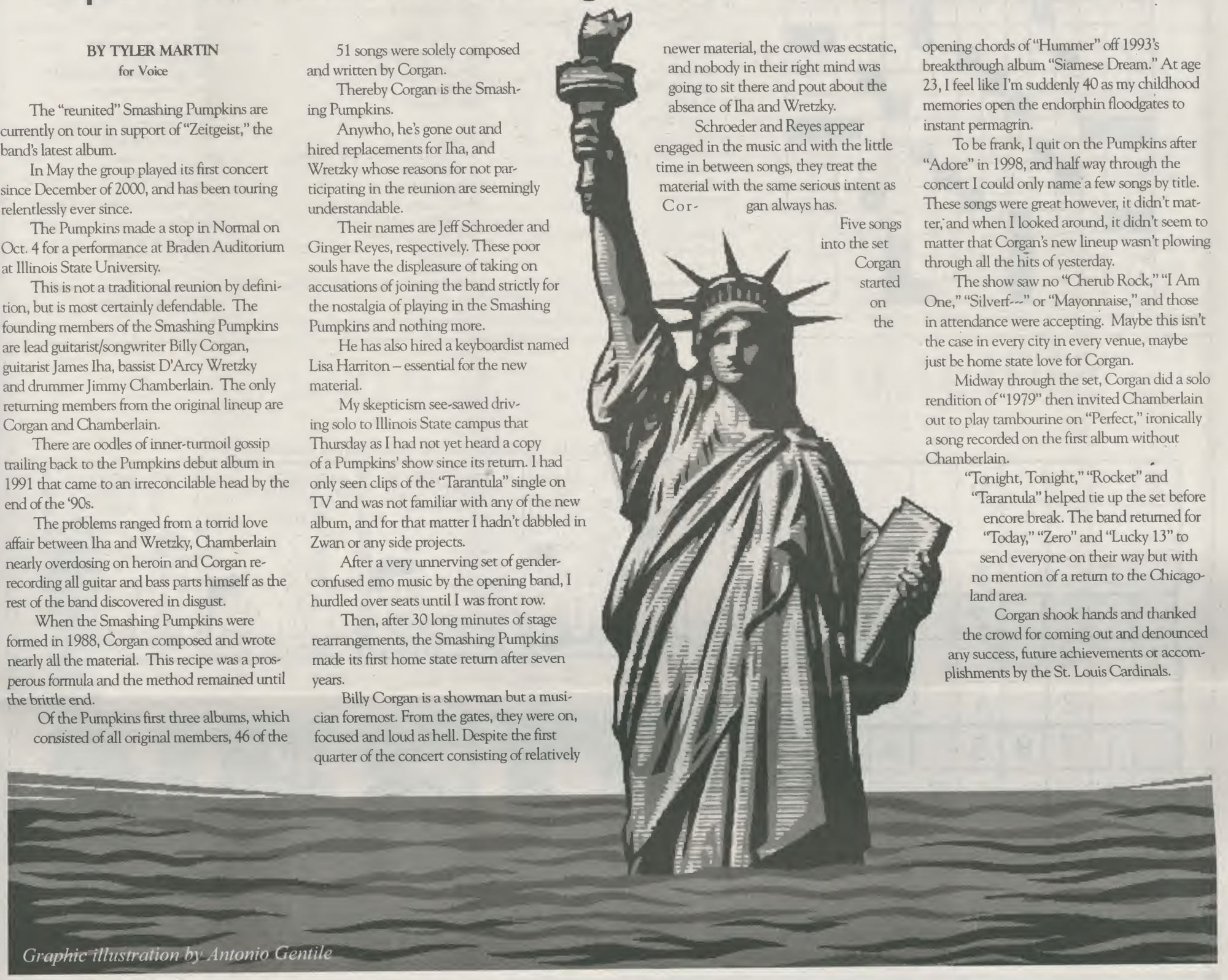

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Photo Poll

What is your favorite part of fall?

"The changing of the color of the leaves because it adds a new element to the environment and is visually appealing."
Joel Dockery
freshman,
AEP

"I love raking leaves and jumping in the leaf pile, and the cold weather."
Eric Holmes
sophomore,
engineering

"Halloween and going to the haunted houses with my friends."
Amanda Sanchez
junior,
multimedia

"The cold weather."
Nicole Farah
freshman,
AEP

"The leaves changing color and the comfortable temperature."
Nadia LaBostrie
freshman,
graphic design

"Pumpkin pie and apple cider because it's the season."
Phil Schafer
freshman,
mechanical engineering

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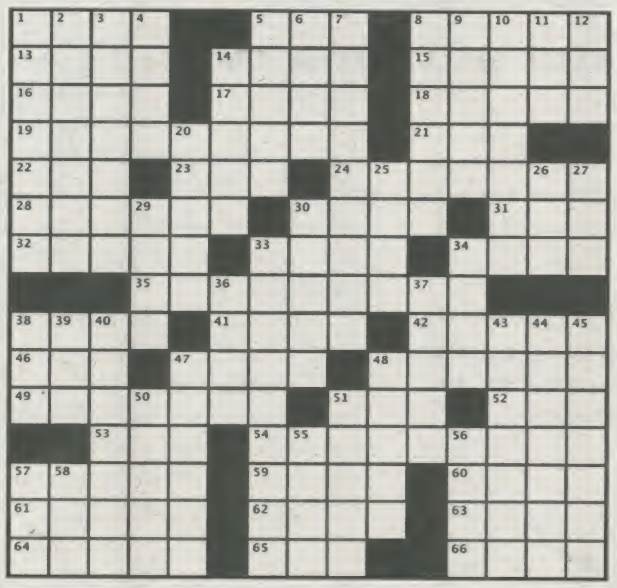

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5- Black gold!
8- Wander
13- Feel concern
14- Tropical plant
15- One who cries "uncle"?
16- Egg-shaped
17- Small change
18- Roof overhangs
19- Small brush for cleaning fingernails
21- Before
22- Unwell
23- Outer edge
24- Place in order
28- Apprehensive
30- Career golfers
31- Resin
32- Hawk's nest: var.
33- Droops
34- Knee
35- Suitability
38- Drill a hole
41- Round object, often used to store computer data
42- Equipped
46- Malt beverage
47- Accent
48- Adhere closely
49- Postpone
51- Sick "season"
52- Hanoi holiday
53- Globe
54- First sprout of germination
57- Old French expression meaning "goodbye"
59- Greek island in the Aegean
60- Singles
61- Nearby
62- Scottish Gaelic
63- Resting place
64- Plait, old-style
65- Decay
66- Hardens

Down
1- Plant of the buttercup family
2- Horsemen
3- Mobile home
4- Exchange for money
5- Fuming sulphuric acid
6- Charged particles
7- Drowsy
8- Scoffs
9- Jewelled crown worn by women
10- Avenge
11- Very skilled person
12- Affirmative answer
14- Bitterly pungent
20- Prickly plant
25- Got up
26- Firearm
27- Large flightless bird
29- Hollow cylinder
30- Analyze a sentence
33- Yacht sail
34- Circular course
36- Smell or fragrance
37- Anklebone
38- Noise made by a sheep
39- No longer young
40- Feel joy
43- Afternoon performance
44- Himalayan peak
45- Hates intensely
47- Small tube
48- Shut
50- Mountain nymph of Greek mythology
51- Frozen dew
55- King mackerel
56- Soprano Lily
57- Long-sleeved linen vestment
58- Golden, in France

Sudoku

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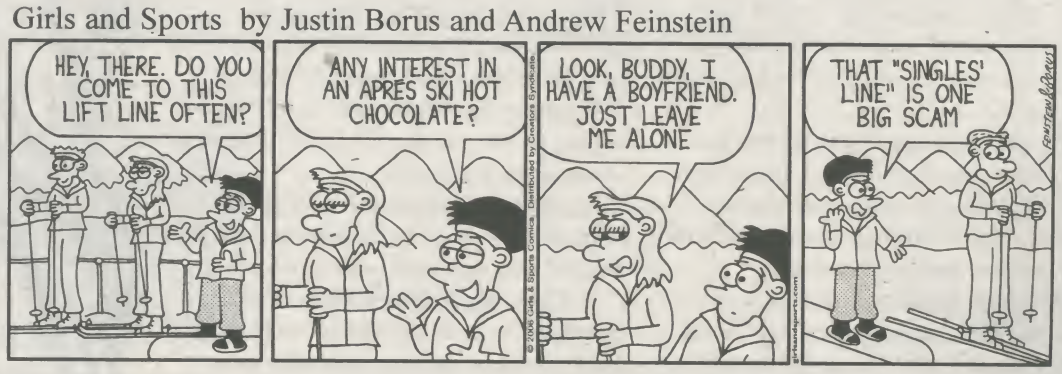

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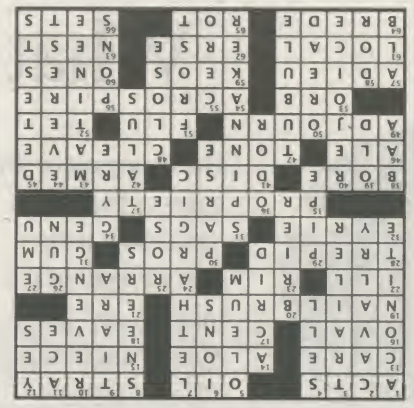

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- SONOR

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Happy 22nd birthday, Erin. Love, Brenna

Courtney, thanks for the Subway. My stomach thanks you. -Alex

Happy birthday Ashley and Sam! Love, Saleena

Dayna, we hope your tooth feels better! Love, the Scout

Dad, also known as Woody, please buy us more food.

Good luck to the Richwoods football team tonight. Go Knights! Love, Erin

Hi, FAM! Love, Mom

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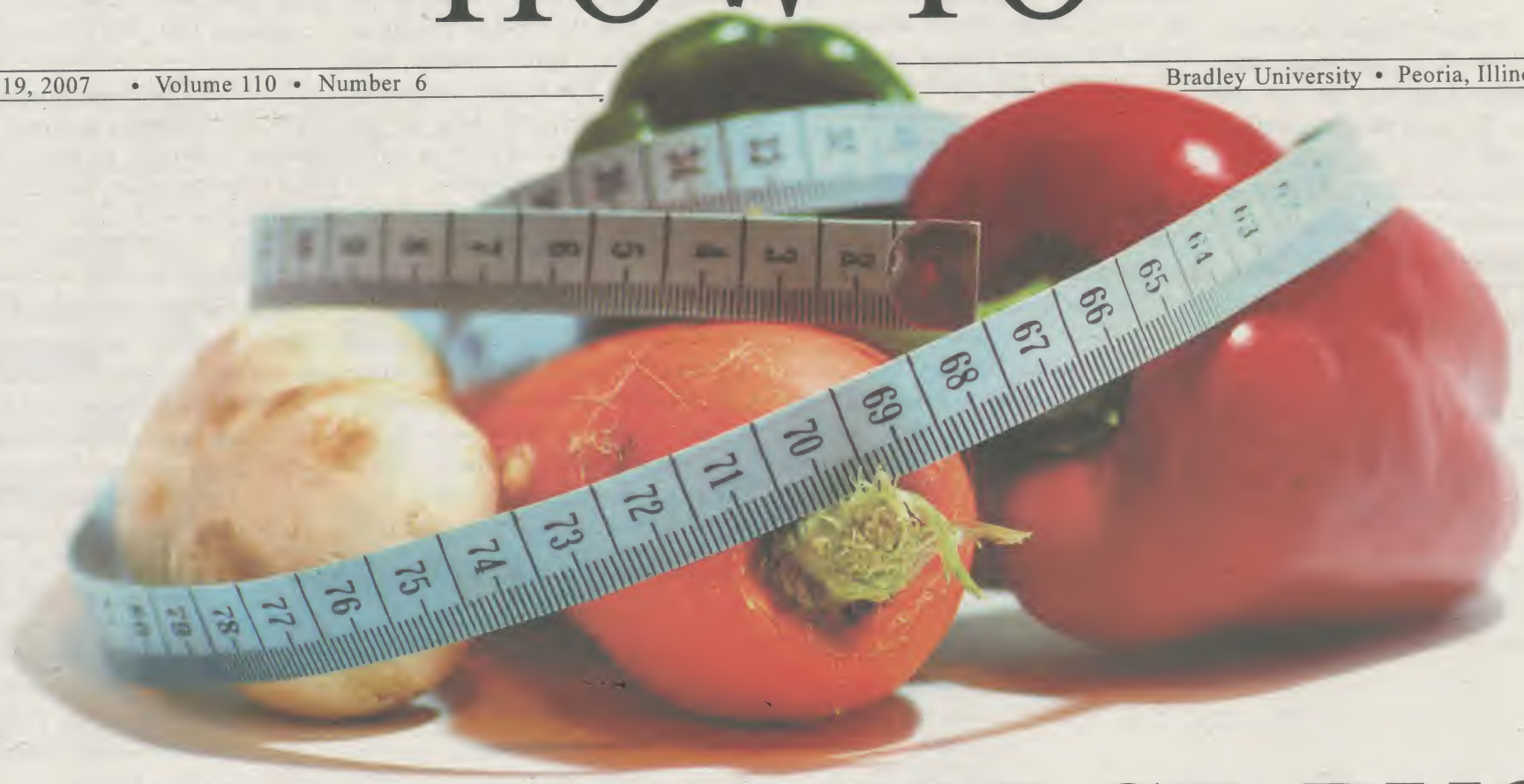


BATTLING THE BULGE, BUGS

The Scout's guide to food, fitness and fall flu shots

STORY BY EMILY REGENOLD

There's no doubt maintaining personal health and fitness during college can be difficult. However, there are many simple ways to avoid the freshman 15 and stay healthy.

Fitness

The most effective workout routine is different for every person. Workout plans vary according to many factors including gender, weight and past fitness experience.

Losing weight and gaining strength are the two most common goals of working out. Both are best accomplished by a combination of strength training and cardiovascular workouts.

On average, lifting weights burns 8 to 10 calories per minute while cardio burns 10 to 12.

However, because it's more difficult for muscles to recover from lifting weights, the body continues to burn calories after lifting is finished. This results in burning an extra 25 percent of the total calories burned in your workout without putting in any extra work, according to a study done by Dr. Wayne Wescott, the director of research for the YMCA.

For lean and defined muscles Fitness magazine recommends performing cardio at an incline and exercises such as squats and lunges.

For increasing the size of muscles, Men's Health magazine recommends lifting heavier weights for fewer repetitions.

Bench presses, dead lifts and pull-ups are the three best exercises because they trigger the widest range of muscular groups.

Until the Markin Family Student Recreation Center opens next fall, students can workout in either Haussler or Heitz Halls.

Haussler Hall is the main facility.

The two-story building boasts separate rooms for cardio and weight lifting, as well as a dance studio, basketball and racquetball courts.

Haussler offers a wide range of fitness classes such as yoga and Pilates for a small fee.

Heitz workout facility is located on the first floor. The doors to the lower level of the dorm are left unlocked during the gym's hours. Heitz has mostly cardio machines, along with some free weights and a nautilus machine.

Bradley also has several intramural sports teams for males and females.

Nutrition

A healthy diet can help you feel better, reduce stress and perform better in the classroom.

The food pyramid recommends one's diet be based on seven to 12 servings of grains. Bread, pasta, rice and potatoes all satisfy these servings.

Grains give your brain and muscles energy, and whole-grain foods are a good source of B-vitamins and iron.

Protein is recommended at two meals a day, and can help fuel your body for working out. But the cafeteria offers many vegetarian options that include protein, such as tofu, eggs and veggie burgers for those who don't eat meat.

Dairy should be consumed three times a day and items such as yogurt and string cheese are easy to keep in dorm room refrigerators.

Fruits and vegetables include many vitamins and minerals and should be consumed five to eight times a day.

Grabbing a piece of fruit from the baskets in the cafeteria and eating it as a snack later is a great way to satisfy these servings.

Calories should be balanced with how much energy you're burning by working out.

For moderately active people, the average amount of calories consumed should be about 2,000 a day. However, this can change according to levels of physical activity, people's desires and sex, according to USA Today.

Medical

Health services, located in Heitz, where they offers the services of physicians and registered nurses free of charge. Its open Monday through Friday.

Its Web site offers descriptions of common illnesses so students can attempt to assess their symptoms at times when the center is closed.

Simple acts such as hand-washing, dressing properly for the weather and taking precautions in community bathrooms are prime ways to avoid illness, according to http://coldflu.about.com.

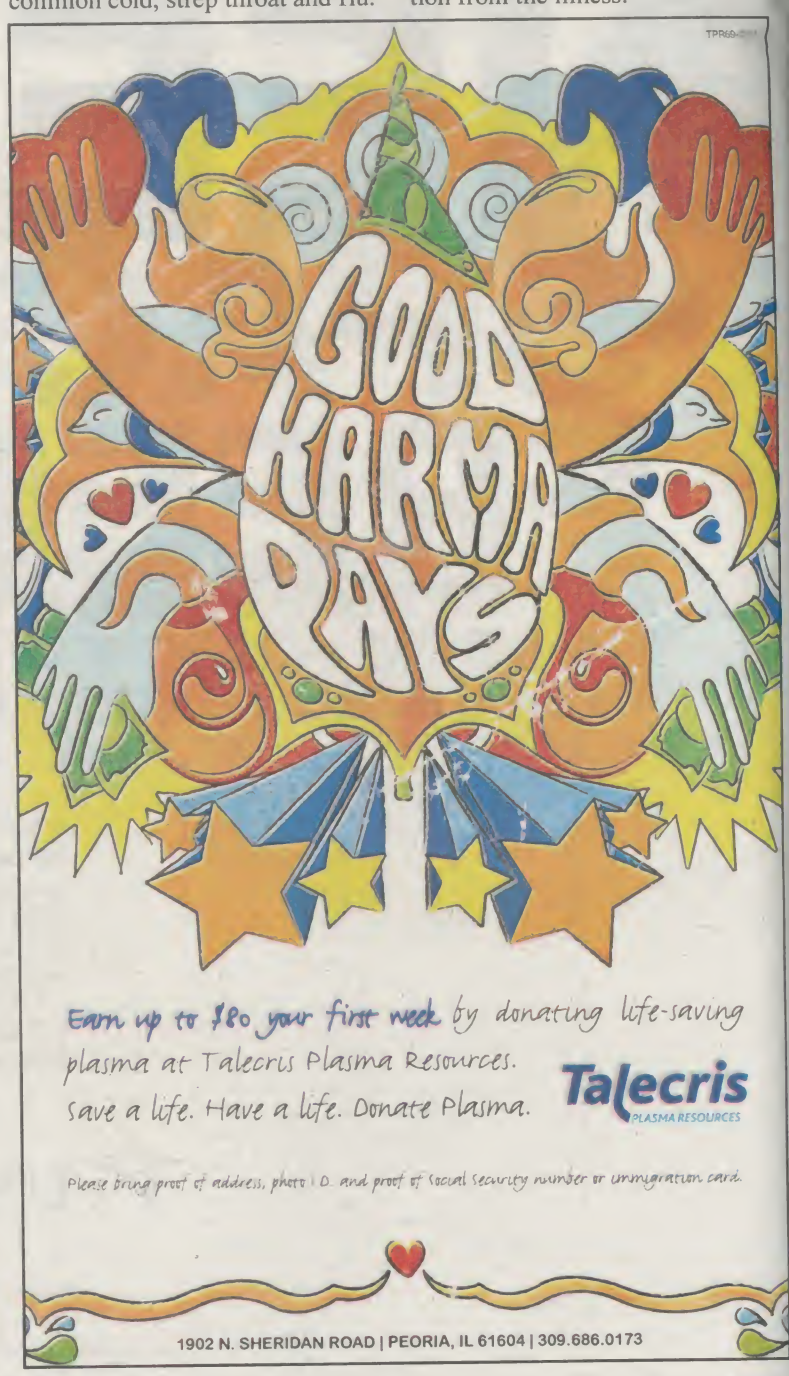
Germs build up most easily in warm, damp spaces. Therefore, wearing shower shoes in community showers is a must to avoid conditions such as athlete's foot and infections of open cuts or sores.

Although certain vaccinations are required for all students, flu shots aren't.

According to Parade magazine, college students are more prone to respiratory diseases because we spend so much time in crowded areas.

Respiratory diseases include the common cold, strep throat and flu.

Although Bradley requires many vaccinations for all students, the flu shot isn't required, but highly recommended. Flu shots need to be obtained every year for protection from the illness.



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Task force hits Bradley frat parties

Operation Campus/TAP visits for first time this semester

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Operation Campus/TAP made its first visit this school year last Saturday and wrote 31 drinking tickets.

The Illinois State Police Task Force ticketed 20 underage drinkers at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house and 11 at the Sigma Chi house.

District 8 Commander Captain Dean Kennedy said officers called an ambulance for a student who was unconscious and another who had a blood alcohol concentration of 39 percent but hadn't passed out.

"Usually when you get into the 30 percents, you're not conscious," Kennedy said. "Higher 30s to 40s means the possibility of death."

Illinois State Police established Operation Campus/TAP four years ago, and in previous years, the program has targeted central Illinois on the weekend before Halloween. But no tickets were issued last year because students anticipated the visit, Kennedy told the Scout last November, so he ditched the routine this semester.

"We try to mix it up a little bit," he said. "We want to go on weekends when we think we're going to have some success. If you go before Halloween every year, they're going to figure that out."

Operation Campus/TAP issued 50 tickets on Halloween weekend in 2004, five in 2005 and none last year.

Kennedy said the task force will return four or five times before next May, depending on funding. But students aren't notified of the dates of the visits.

Kennedy said he tries to match officers' schedules with the Bradley calendar.

"We sometimes try to find a date close to a holiday weekend, and we try to stay away from breaks because there's no one there," he said. " But there's no absolute way to pick the dates."

Operation Campus/TAP is funded by a grant from the Illinois

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Greek Week shows pride

Senior political science major Todd Hyken gets prepped by a nurse to donate blood for the Greek Week blood drive, which took place from Monday to Wednesday. *photo by Megan Loos*

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Jeremiah Anderson said Greek Week is a time for fraternities and sororities to come together.

"They do what they do best ... try and be better than each other," Anderson, a member of Theta Xi, said.

Activities throughout the week, focusing on philanthropy and mental and physical health, included an all-greek dance show called Pan-Fra-Sing, scholastic bowl and a service project.

Chapters earned points for their success in activities and competitions, James Hunsberger, the chairman for the service project, said.

Tomorrow's Greek Games will conclude the week. During the event, greeks will participate in activities including a 10-person pyramid, ultimate Frisbee game, tug of war match and relay race.

"Unless you actually show up [to the activities], you can't imagine what's going to happen," Hunsberger said. "You don't have to be a greek to appreciate it."

Greek Week winners will also be announced during tomorrow's event.

"Greek Week is aimed at trying to get the entire [greek] community ... to demonstrate its willingness to move forward in the community," Hunsberger said.

Greeks will participate in a service project today.

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Mouse causes nine-hour blackout

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

A mouse in an electrical apparatus caused about half of campus to lose power Oct. 20, resulting in a nearly nine-hour blackout.

All resident halls except for Harper and Wyckoff were without power from about 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20 to about 4 a.m. Oct. 21. Other buildings without power included Olin Hall, Heuser Art Center, the Hartmann Center and the Michel Student Center.

Facilities Management Director Ron Doerzaph said he worked with electric company AmerenCILCO and electrical contractor Oberlander to determine which fuses were blown.

"We realized it was something pretty major," he said. "If it was a feed underground it should only be one fuse that went out."

But three fuses were out, Doerzaph said.

More backup assistance from CILCO took about an hour and a half to arrive. The group then began testing continuity of underground electrical lines.

"That takes a considerable amount of time," Doerzaph said. "And as we went along going from switch to switch, we found no problem until we

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Breast cancer awareness campaign controversial

BY ALEXIS MILLER AND ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Students saw a lot of breasts while walking through campus last week.

The Association of Residence Halls chalked sidewalks promoting Breast Cancer Awareness Week, but some of the drawings and phrasing caused controversy.

Aside from writing this year's slogan, "Got boobs?," ARH also wrote expressions such as "Nipplelicious" and "Save the titties" next to drawings of breasts and nipples.

Campus Outreach Chair for ARH Erica Hammock said her committee thought it was the easiest way to advertise and get the message out.

However, she said many people were upset about the sidewalk graffiti.

"Many people expressed concern with our drawings and wondered what they had to do with breast cancer awareness," she said. "There were a lot of religious complaints, saying it was morally offensive."

ARH used the same method last year. However, few people saw it because early morning rain washed away the messages and drawings.

Hammock said this year some ARH members didn't follow directions.

"We specifically told people what to write ... some people didn't pay attention and went a little too far," she said. "It wasn't supposed to happen that way."

Hammock said she apologiz-

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
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Saturday
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Cloudy with a chance of showers.

Sunday
55 / 35
Sunny.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Ditch the Halloween stores and make your own costume.
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Students will soon be able to watch Bradley basketball from their rooms.
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Bradley Briefs

• The Newman Center will host a Parents' Weekend mass with Reverend Bishop Daniel Jenky. The mass will be at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday in St. Mark's. An open house at the Newman Center will immediately follow mass.

• The Family and Consumer Science Department is hosting a fashion show at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in Neumiller Hall. The show is called 'Rocking It In Any Weather.' Admission is $3.

Reverend Bishop Daniel Jenky

• The English Department has announced the 10th annual James Ballowe Personal Essay Contest. The contest is open to all Bradley students. Interested students should pick up an application in Bradley Hall 380. Entries are due by the end of the day Thursday in Bradley 380.

• The Bradley Swingers will host a Halloween swing dance from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on Sunday in the Marty Theater.

• The Symphonic Band will perform from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Dingeldine Music Center.

Around the World

Dahlquist's death deamed an accident

A Peoria County Coroner's jury officially ruled the death of Sheridan "Danny" Dahlquist an accident.

"Records indicate Sheridan was pulseless, unconscious and unresponsive when found and burned extensively," Peoria County Coroner Johnna Ingersoll said during the inquest.

Dahlquist's blood-alcohol content was 0.155 percent, about twice Illinois' threshold for drunkenness.

Three of Dahlquist's teammates, David Crady, 19, Nicholas Mentgen, 21, and Ryan Johnson, 22 and a friend of the group, Daniel Cox, 20 have each been charged with two counts of aggravated arson and one count of possession of an explosive or incendiary device. If found guilty of all charges each face a maximum of 30 years in prison, and the arson charges do not include possibility of parole.

Information from www.pjstar.com

Wildfires controlled in California

Firefighters were able to control most of the wildfires in Southern California Wednesday because weather conditions causing the wildfires ceased.

On Sunday winds were blowing at more than 100 miles per hour but by Wednesday evening it had died down to 30 miles per hour. The dry Santa Ana that had been fanning the flames switched direction and humid air from the Pacific Ocean blew in to help conditions.

By Wednesday, as conditions improved, officials had begun to allow people to return to their homes.

At least one of the fires is being attributed to arson.

The FBI and Orange County Fire Authority are investigating.

Information from www.cnn.com

Earthquake strikes Indonesia

An earthquake hit Indonesia without warning early Thursday morning.

The earthquake sent residents fleeing from their homes, and triggered a tsunami warning.

The quake had a magnitude of 7.1 and struck about 85 miles west of Bengkulu, a coastal town off of Sumatra Island, according the U.S. Geological Society.

The tsunami warning was issued because the quake hit 18 miles below the ocean floor. The Japan Meteorological Society said there was a possibility of a tsunami, but the wave never hit and the alert was lifted.

Information from www.cnn.com

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Select students given 24-hour access to GCC

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

The Caterpillar Global Communications Center now offers 24-hour admittance into the building for some students.

Students are allowed into the building through the front doors at the lobby entrance by a swipe-card, Alex Buholzer, computer facility supervisor for the Slane College of Communication and Fine Arts, said.

"An outcry from students wanting more access to the building spurred the idea," Buholzer said. "Many students like working at night rather than in daylight."

Students are only allowed in swipe-card labs 201, 205 and 213. All other labs and offices are locked.

"Each swipe goes to a system in Swords Hall and it's logged in," Buholzer said. "It gives the swipe-in time, but we also have video recordings of each room where students have access."

Only students who are currently enrolled in a class in the GCC labs can swipe in, Buholzer said.

He said the around-the-clock access hasn't caused any problems thus far but has eliminated past problems.

"Students used to sneak in right before the building closed, and now they can use their card and come whenever they want," Buholzer said.

He also said the new policy has eliminated students from propping doors open late at night.

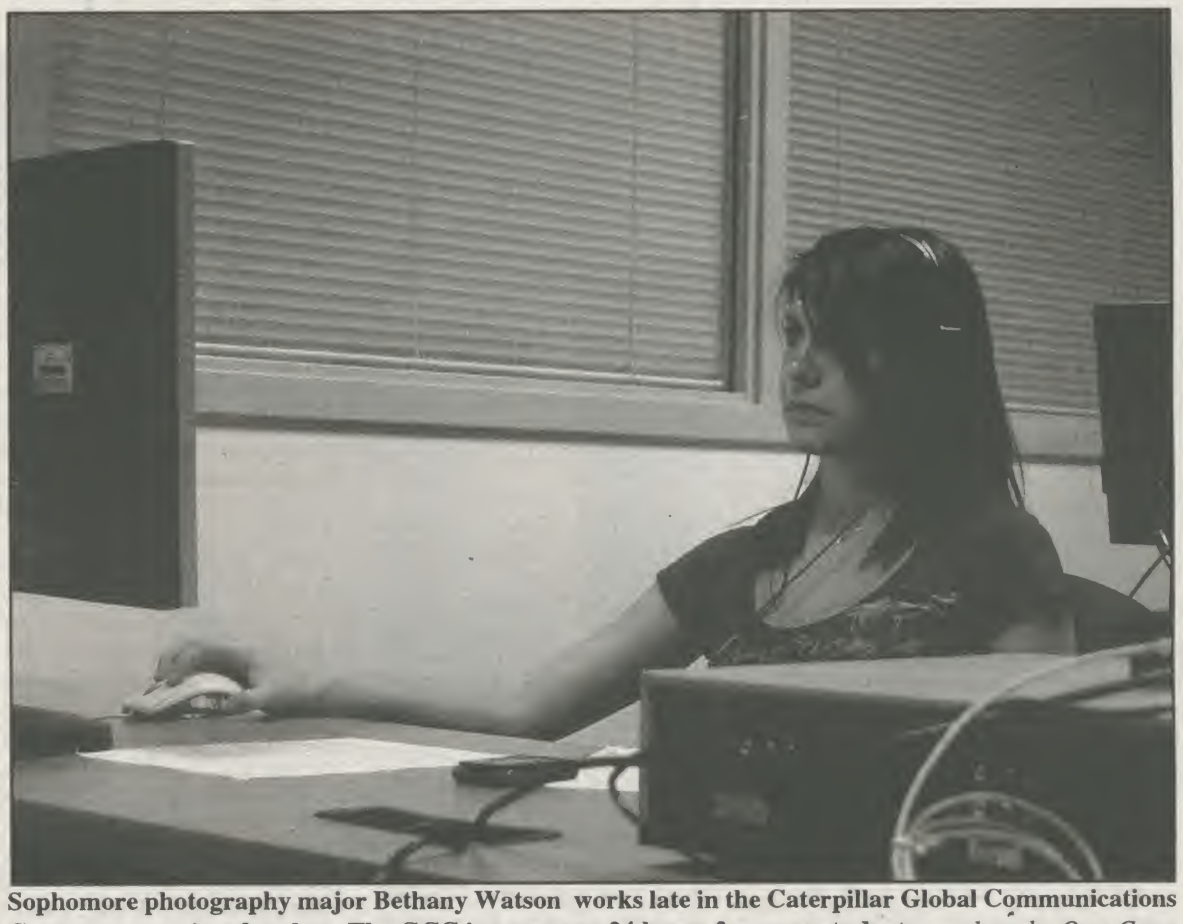
"They can get things from home if they forget something without propping the door open," he said. "This helps with general safety."

Buholzer said the system was approved right before Fall Break and announced several days later.

"I'm not sure how many have actually used it so far, but it seems like students are happy [about the system]." he said.

Junior multimedia and graphic design major Emily Deichstetter said she has enjoyed the access to the GCC.

"I was hoping from the get go that the college would realize how much the students rely on this building to get things done," she said. "By having this sort of access it allows us as students the freedom to work on projects as we wish. I like the idea that I can come to this building now based on my needs and schedule verses what time the building is open."



Sophomore photography major Bethany Watson works late in the Caterpillar Global Communications Center on a project for class. The GCC is now open 24 hours for some students. *photo by Ome Cano*

Junior multimedia major Amanda Sanchez said she agrees with Deichstetter and will take advantage of the 24-hour access.

"I'm a procrastinator and I will come in late to do my projects," she said. "This past weekend I went to a concert and didn't get back 'til 2 a.m., and I had a project due Monday. When I got back I could work on it without wondering how to get into the building."

Baer clarifies gray areas of drinking policies

University Police Chief answers questions about student alcohol use and possession

SCOUT: If a minor and a 21-year-old are walking together and the minor is sober but carrying a case of beer, can the minor get ticketed for possession and can the 21-year-old get in trouble also?

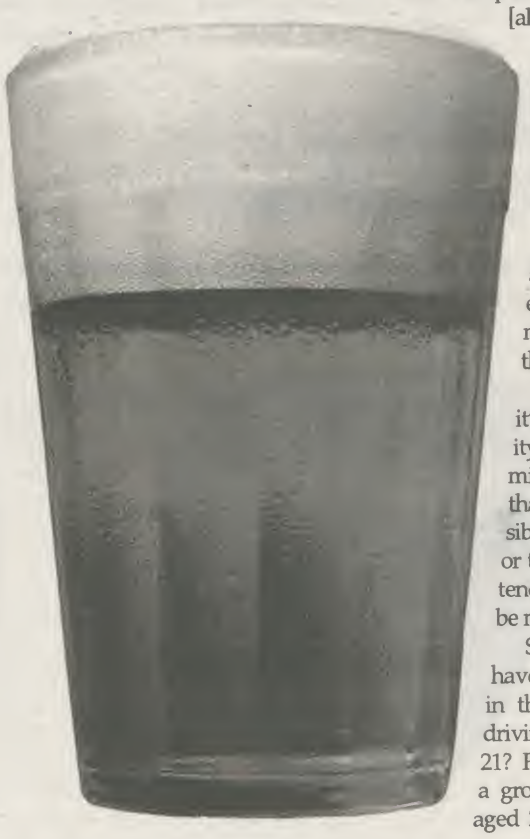
BAER: It's possible, but it's a stretch … If the minor says, "It's not mine, it's his, I'm just carrying it for him." If I was the officer, I would probably not cite the person. However, there has been at least one occasion many years ago where the state did hold accountable a minor that was carrying alcohol, and he lost his license … it has happened, but I think both of [the people involved] were minors.

S: Would the adult get in trouble for having a minor carry [the alcohol]?

B: I don't know that the adult would get in trouble and again I don't know that the minor would get in trouble. The issue becomes who does it belong to and was one carrying it for the other versus both of them being underage … I personally would not cite the minor.

S: Do police have to use Breathalyzers to give underage drinking or public intoxication tickets?

B: No. Not only do they not have to, it is not held against the person. In other words, if you surpass the legal age to be drinking, the only thing the PBT [Breathalyzer] does for us is it gives the officer some kind of indication as to the toxicity of the person who's consumed [alcohol]. And with that, the officer is better gauged to say, "This person may need some help or supervision in their dorm" if that's where they're heading back.



S: Can people 21 and older get a ticket for being around minors with alcohol if they're in a bar?

B: If they're in a bar it's not the responsibility of an adult as to the minors who walk into that bar. It's the responsibility of the bar owner or the manager or the bar tender who's supposed to be monitoring that.

S: Can people over 21 have unopened alcohol in their cars and also be driving with people under 21? For example, if there's a group of students, some aged 21 and some aged 19, coming back from the liquor store and they get pulled over, can they get in trouble for having alcohol?

B: If they got stopped for a traffic violation and the officer observed alcohol in the car still in its original container, unopened, he'd probably say "Whose alcohol is this?" There is a presumption that the adult would say "It's mine," and that's where it would end. The driver could be a minor, the passenger could be an adult. It's the traffic offense that the officer's making the stop for, not anything else.

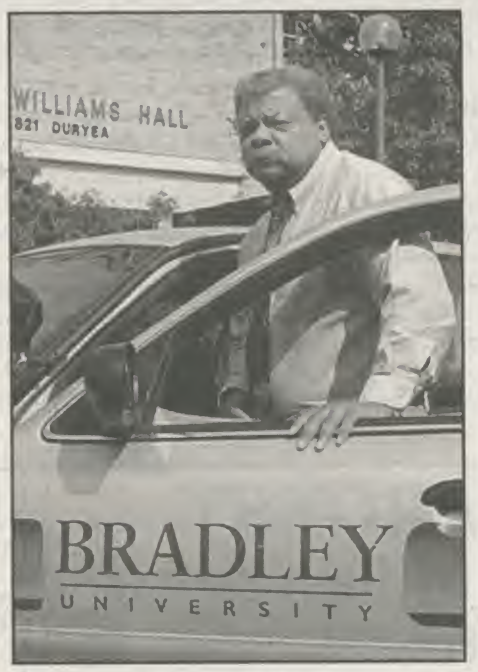
S: If a person under 21 is driving with an empty bottle of alcohol in his or her car, can he or she be ticketed?

B: Again that's a stretch because probably the person's going to say, "It's not mine, it was in the car when I got in" that kind of stuff. There's going to be a lot of other factors at play. Is the bottle still cold? Is there still alcohol in it? In the haste to pull over did they spill most of it onto the carpet? It would take a little bit of smell and eye investigation to make a determination there.

S: What are the consequences for students at a party where there is alcohol present but they aren't drinking?

B: They could be cited for being at a party with college students of age and not of age where alcohol is present and available. The tendency has been to try and not cite persons for that offense, but it doesn't mean it can't happen. What [officers] try to do is if a person says, "I'm at this party but I haven't been consuming" then the officer can do one of two things. Obviously one is the sniff test, "Well I don't smell it on your breath." You can take a PBT that will solidify the fact that you haven't been drinking. That may resolve it, and they may just tell the person to go home. But if you have one of these factors, it may go against them and they could be cited.

S: And if someone underage blows even a .01, he or she would get a ticket whether he or she were drunk or not?



University Police Chief Baer
photo courtesy of Bradley Hilltopics

B: You don't have to be drunk. You have to have been drinking.

S: Are there any differences between tickets issued by the Bradley University Police Department and Peoria Police Department and Campus/TAP?

B: No. The ticket is called a Municipal Ordinance Violation Notice, short version is MOVN. Those are City of Peoria citations. Obviously Peoria city officers have access to them and use them. Because of our agreements, we also have access to them and use them. The state police do not have an ordinance. When the state police started Campus/TAP what they were going to wind up doing is if they had an underage drinker is literally arrest the person. That's what the state police do. They have no ordinances, they only have the state laws to work from. In the discussion with the state police I said, "Why don't you see if the city of Peoria would allow you to use the municipal ordinance ticket?" It saves a lot of time, it precludes a person going to jail and getting fingerprinted and mug shots and all that and a mandatory court appearance. They did seek that out and the city did give them the OK to use [the city citations] during their Campus/TAP operations. Let's just use a quick example: party, 10 people, underage. If it were the state police doing it without the tickets, all of those people would have gone to jail. With the tickets, they don't have to go to jail but a police report is still done by the state to document their activities at that location with those individuals.

S: Are they the same price?

B: It's the same city ticket, it's just that they've extended the permission to the state police to use it … It's just a simplistic way of dealing with a problem without making physical arrests of a large number of people.

S: We've heard that Campus/TAP is a kind of government experiment to see how it works here. Is this true?

B: No. It operates in other areas of the state. They've done it at U of I, they've done it at I think ISU, they've done it someplace downstate … It's not an experiment, it's just a program to curb underage consumption. It is a funded program and if the state chose to pull those funds, the program would die because the Illinois State Police uses those funds to actually do the program.

Theatre Department gets spooky in the 'Shadows'

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

Ghosts and ghouls of Bradley's Theatre Department are offering a one-night only scare fest that shouldn't be missed.

Shadow Theatre, this year's haunted house in the Hartmann Center, will be open for tours tomorrow night.

Hosted by Bradley's United States Institute of Theatre Technology chapter, Shadow Theatre 2007 will take advantage of the wide assortment of actors and technicians.

The group's knowledge of costuming, make-up, special effects and acting can muster up a wide variety of scare tactics, sure to rattle the bones of those brave enough to enter the doors of the haunted haven.

Beginning last year as The Asylum, the haunted house was such a hit for USITT that it's continuing the tradition in hopes to continue it for years after the students currently participating in it leave.

This year's haunted house won't be a themed haunted house like last year's Asylum, but rather just what the title says – Shadow Theatre.

"We are making this to be a 'haunted house,'" said sophomore theatre production major Melissa Schlesinger. "Themed haunted houses can be very hard to follow through on."

Costume Head Anne Marie Boyer said Shadow Theatre 2007 has something for everyone.

"The costuming runs the gambit of scary things, so it has a lot of things that people are scared of," she said.

Senior theatre production major and USITT President Jennifer Corcoran said Shadow Theatre 2007 is different from other campus haunted houses.

"It has a theatrical element," she said. "You are kind of seeing a show within the haunted house."

Corcoran said Shadow Theatre is going to be different than everything else offered, and students shouldn't miss it.

"Shadow Theatre"
Haunted House
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Tickets $5

"We're giving people something that no one else can offer here on campus because Shadow Theatre is the theater's take on a haunted house," she said. "It's going to be a rockin' good time."

Beginning at the Artiste's Entrance of the theater, groups are taken out in tour fashion through the theater where they will encounter all sorts of inhabitants including vampires, zombies and clowns.

Members of USITT hope everyone will find something in the house that makes them jump and face their fears.

Shadow Theatre runs from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday. Admission is $5 at the door. Glow sticks will also be sold for $1, but USITT asks patrons not crack them until they are exit the theater.

Students in costumes and make up work in Hartmann Center's haunted house called "Shadow Theatre." *photos courtesy of Jeremy Behrens*

Speech Team continues tradition of excellence

BY CLARIBEL ROCHA
for the Scout

Erin McCarthy spends her weekends in business suits and heels.

The senior political science and Spanish major is a member of Bradley's speech team, which has the best record in the nation with 115 individual champions since 1979. The Associated Press has called it "the nation's dominant forensics team."

And the team is as old as the university, both founded in 1897.

McCarthy said team members get up early on Saturdays and perform about 10 speeches.

"It can be grueling and stressful, but it is always worth it for the opportunity to perform and compete," she said.

Speech tournaments are divided into 11 separate events which range from public address and limited preparation to oral interpretation.

The speaker is ranked from first to sixth place in each round of competition.

Bradley's team has about 30 members from across the nation. They are coached by Dan Smith and assisted by August Benassi.

"Coaches help look for topics, literature and coach our performances," said Adam Sharples, Vice President of the speech team.

But McCarthy said the team members coach each other, too.

"A team member can coach as little or as much as he wants, though it is obviously encouraged to coach as much as possible," said McCarthy. "We do not have scheduled team practice times."

The speech team doesn't hold tryouts and doesn't require any experience.

"Some of our best competitors, including our current national champion Emambu Atabong, had absolutely no speech experience in high school," McCarthy said.

Since 1980, Bradley has won 33 national team titles and is the only team to have won both the American Forensics Association Tournament and the National Forensics Association Tournament multiple times.

"We work very hard and put a lot into this activity, but personally I believe that we consistently perform material that is personal and heartfelt, which sets us apart," McCarthy said. "Also, our team is a really close-knit group and whenever we travel, we not only compete for ourselves, but for each other, which helps boost us as a team."

Freshman political science major Lisa Beltrame is making her debut on the team.

"I joined the speech team in order to become a better speaker as well as get involved in a nationally recognized organization on campus," said Beltrame. "The upperclassmen ... really try hard to keep the tradition of excellence. It is very important that we all work very hard and toward the same goals."

The team will honor alumni the weekend of Nov. 2, when more than 100 former speech team members, representing decades of competitive speaking, will gather at Bradley.

Smith, though he hasn't coached all alumni that will be returning, said in a press release he is honored to "have so many former champions gathered together in one location."

Garry Moore of NBC-affiliate WEEK-TV is a former speech team member as is prominent Peoria attorney, Jay Janssen. Actor Neil Flynn, best known as the janitor in NBC's long-running comedy, "Scrubs," is also a speech team alumnus.

"The team's ability to excel, year after year, decade after decade is unprecedented," Smith said.

Speech team alumni who attend the reunion will also judge the 60th annual L.E. Norton Memorial speech tournament that weekend. Hundreds of colleges from across the country will attend.

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Liquor commission extends South Peoria bar hours

BY BRENNA SCURLOCK
of the Scout

Late-night revelers who find they can't get into bars on Main Street because their clothing doesn't meet the bars' dress codes now have a place to go after 2 a.m.

Peoria City Council voted Tuesday to allow one establishment with a lenient dress code to serve alcohol until 4 a.m.

Club Apollo, located more than 10 blocks south of Main Street on Jefferson Avenue, was chosen as a satellite location to extend the 4 a.m. liquor zone that surrounds Main Street in downtown Peoria.

Peoria's downtown 4 a.m. liquor hours are unique. The majority of cities in Illinois have liquor hours that apply to the entire city. Peoria's 4 a.m. liquor hours are concentrated in one area downtown, while the rest of the city's bars close their doors at 2 a.m.

Many of Peoria's downtown bars also enforce dress codes prohibiting baggy clothing, bandanas and other hip-hop apparel.

Bars outside of the 4 a.m. zone, such as Club Apollo, don't.

When these bars have their last call at 2 a.m., many patrons head to Main Street but are turned away because of their clothing.

Because they can't get in to taverns downtown, as many as 300 people linger on the sidewalks and in the parking lots around Main Street.

The council had two solutions to consider, according to the Peoria Journal Star.

One, supported by the Peoria Police Department, would extend the 4 a.m. area a few blocks south to include several taverns on Water Street.

The other, proposed by the Liquor Commission, would extend late hours to two satellite locations – Club Apollo and Excalibur, another tavern in South Peoria with a lenient dress code.

Conflicts arose with each proposed option.

The council discussed expanding the district south to include several taverns on Water Street, but one councilman said it wouldn't deal with the issue of dress.

Turner's solution was to extend 4 a.m. hours to Club Apollo and Excalibur, both more than 10 blocks south of the downtown area.

Police Chief Steve Settingsgaard said he was concerned the city wouldn't have the police force needed to patrol two areas so far away from each other.

"If we end up having large crowds at both places, we're going to have great difficulty traveling back and forth," he said.

The extended license to Club Apollo will be given a one-year trial period and can be revoked at any time before the year is up.

The council voted not to include Excalibur in the extended zone.

"The whole issue is about one thing," Councilman Eric Turner said. "The dress codes of a large number of bars downtown where hip-hop clothes are not allowed inside."

According to senior English major Matt Hall, the codes extend to more than just hip-hop clothes.

Hall said he has seen people turned away for more specific items of clothing.

"I know J Prees has rules against hats turned sideways or backwards and they don't allow bandanas."

Bouncers at Hoops Pizza turn people away for wearing solid colors because they may be gang-affiliated, but they make decisions on a person-to-person basis, Hall said.

"My friends and I asked if they would let us in with solid colors, and [the bouncer] said we'd probably be OK," he said.

U.S. News ranks BU 6th best in Midwest

BY EDGAR ORTIZ
for the Scout

Bradley was recently ranked the sixth best college in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report.

"I think what made Bradley be ranked sixth was the great retention of students, our academic perceptions, how other schools see us and the small classes," Vice President of Student Advancement William Engelbrecht said. "We have for a number of years ranked at top positions and usually we switch ranks with almost always the same schools."

Some students weren't aware of Bradley's top ranking.

Sophomore electrical engineering major Jim Kirchhoff said he thinks the news is great, but Bradley still has to progress.

"It is surprising to hear that Bradley is ranked sixth among Midwest universities" Kirchhoff said "But I think Bradley still needs to improve its criteria when looking for professors."

To rank colleges, U.S. News first places each school into categories based on whether the school is a research university or liberal arts college. Bradley falls into the same category as schools that offer a range of master's programs and focus on undergraduate education. Universities in this category don't necessarily emphasize liberal arts and are categorized by location.

U.S. News gathers data from and about each school in 15 areas related to academic excellence.

Some students wonder why Bradley is ranked sixth this year as opposed to seventh last year.

"That just proves that whatever Bradley is doing for improvement it is doing a great job," freshman international studies major Veronica Quintero said.

In other words, a school's rank can vary because its performance changes or because the performance of other schools in the same category changes.

Data can be compared on specific indicators from this year and last year to get some idea of the possible reason for the changes.

When new ideas for measuring quality are proposed, U.S. News evaluates them carefully and makes changes to ensure that it provides the best possible rankings.

Indicators used to measure academic quality include peer assessment, retention and graduation of students, student selectivity and financial resources.

The indicators include both "input measures," which reflect the quality of students, faculty and other resources used in education, and "outcome measures," which signal how well the institution educates its student body.

Safety patrol participation low

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

The student safety patrol will probably be in the works by next week, University Police Chief Dave Baer said.

The patrol is ready "on paper," he said.

Baer said he hoped to begin training the patrol by Thursday, but he wasn't sure the department would be prepared yet.

"We're a little apprehensive because we've only had a few people sign up," he said.

Three students have signed up, but the patrol needs eight to ten students.

"We'd like to have somewhere around [eight to 10] in case people are sick," Baer said. "But we're going to initiate it. If we don't have student body interest, it's something we'll have to alert the university of."

He said having more students would enable rotation so patrollers wouldn't have to work every weekend.

Patrollers will carry flashlights and radios to remain in constant contact with dispatchers. They will be required to call in frequently and aren't allowed to patrol alone.

"It's just like students walking around now, but they'll have equipment," Baer said. "We don't want them approaching anyone saying 'You're under arrest.'"

He said the concept is similar to the student escort service but instead of sitting in an office waiting for a call, patrollers are constantly moving.

Patrollers will walk campus from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. Each patroller is allowed one 10 minute break per hour and one 30 minute break per shift.

Funding for the patrol program comes from what's left of the student escort fund, Baer said.

Two female students will be the first two patrollers in the program.

Baer said he thinks the girls will be safe during their patrols.

"[Girls] worked as escorts... These girls are ready to go and eager," he said. "I don't anticipate any problem from them."

Sophomore chemistry major Brittney Richardson applied to be a student patroller. She said she was interested in the opportunity to keep students safe.

"We would be the eyes and ears of campus," she said.

Richardson also jumped at the chance to be a patroller because she's learning about forensic science.

"I'm pretty interested in criminal justice," she said. "And the fact that it's an on-campus job is a plus."

Richardson said she probably won't feel unsafe during her patrol because she'll have a partner, but isn't sure.

"It's a new program so I don't really know what to expect," she said. "I am a little nervous about that."

Baer said the patrol will walk around campus and observe what's going on.

"If they see someone beating up somebody, they can call it in," he said. "They'll just be watching."

Senior marketing major Alex Mating said she thinks the student safety patrol could be better than the escort service.

"I think [the patrol] would be good, but I think it's unsafe for girls," she said. "If it goes how it's planned, then I think it will work well."

Senior public relations major Mike Barnes said he thinks campus safety is an important part in recruiting prospective freshmen.

"It's a huge convenience for students, especially girls walking around late at night," Barnes said. "And safety is a major issue we address."

He said he thinks the safety in numbers approach will work well and is glad the university is striving to keep campus safe.

Editorial

Worthy causes don't need to play off sex

It's not everyday we see dozens of breasts while walking to class.

The Association of Residence Halls led Breast Cancer Awareness Week last week – a worthy campaign – but the way in which the organization executed it was aggressive and to some extent, offensive.

Students couldn't get from one building to another without seeing the words "titties," "jugs" and "nipple-licious" accompanied by drawings of breasts complete with areolas and nipples.

If ARH's goal was to get students' attention, it succeeded. But Campus Outreach Chair Erica Hammock said ARH received many complaints from people who thought the sidewalk graffiti was morally wrong.

But morally wrong or not, the phrases and drawings were insensitive. Many people who experience breast cancer lose one or both breasts and would hardly call the experience "nipple-licious." ARH seemed to be mocking these people with tactless words crafted to reach college minds – minds that must only think about breasts and sex – or at least that's what ARH thinks.

ARH needs to realize it shouldn't take explicit drawings to reach college students. Hopefully we're all mature enough by the time we get to college to be sensitive to issues as serious as cancer. And sex shouldn't be used to sell these serious issues. We're adults. We need to act like them, and organizations need to treat us accordingly.

ARH shouldn't abuse its privilege to write whatever it chooses on sidewalks. If organizations continue to offend people with chalk graffiti, surely the right to free sidewalk speech will be revoked just as the right to free bulletin board speech was revoked. Imagine having to get every single message you wanted to write on a sidewalk approved by the Student Activities Office. All flyers have to be approved, so that possibility doesn't seem too unlikely.

Because Bradley is a private university, administrators have the right to limit free speech. So we shouldn't take advantage of that.

While promoting positive campaigns is obviously important in every community – not just on college campuses – organizations shouldn't go overboard or offend people. And ARH has learned that the hard way.

Hammock said next year's sidewalk campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness Week won't include drawings of breasts or crude wording, and she admitted that some people "went a little too far" with this year's campaign.

We should use ARH as an example of what not to chalk on Bradley's sidewalks, but at least these students tried to make a difference by getting their peers' attention. Hopefully we'll find out with next year's toned-down campaign that it doesn't take sex and graphic language to reach students.

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Opinions From Other Campuses

Colbert breathes life into campaign, may reduced student apathy

It's official. Stephen Colbert, host of the renowned Colbert Report, announced his candidacy for president by shouting, "I'm doing it!"

This is big, ladies and gentlemen.

Although some think Colbert's candidacy is a mockery of the system, hasn't the system already made a mockery of itself?

This all began when Colbert published his book "I Am America (And So Can You!)"

Some consider it the "bible" of his presidential campaign. The book lays out many of the issues facing the nation, whether foreign or domestic policy matters.

As is typical with Colbert, he takes the most outlandish position on each issue presented in the book.

Early in October, he made several appearances on television promoting his new book. Colbert received a warm reception on "The Late Show with David Letterman" because both Colbert and Letterman do the same type of job.

They craft humor from national events, but neither presents it as "real news."

Colbert also promoted his book on "Larry King Live" – the elder member of CNN. Colbert mentioned he might run for political office and King is heard saying "no" off camera.

King also said Colbert's decision to run as both a Republican and a Democrat was a "cop out."

Colbert responded that it was courageous because he could lose twice.

Anderson Cooper of CNN and Keith Olbermann of MSNBC have been much more critical of Colbert.

The best interview was this Sunday was on "Meet the Press" with Tim Russert. Russert played tough in the interview.

Russert pulled quotes from Colbert's book and openly challenged him on the assertions made within the text. Bravo to Colbert for his quick thinking and continued humor during his time on the hot seat.

Colbert said God won the war in Iraq but didn't occupy it well, retirement is offensive and Social Security should be abolished. He criticized fathers who don't interact with their kids and blamed mothers having jobs for why we as adults have personal problems.

But none compare to the issue of gay marriage.

"The biggest threat facing America is gay marriage," Colbert says in his book. When Russert raised the topic, Colbert said he got married to taunt gay men because they could not.

From these examples, it does sound like Colbert's campaign is one big joke.

But does it matter?

There are 15 other "real" candidates from the parties to choose from, and there are some on that list are anything but "real."

And did anyone even see the 2004 election? It was a circus.

Colbert plans to run in his home state of South Carolina. He feels that if he can do it, so can any other American.

Historically, our nation has had many unusual candidates. Minnesota had wrestler Jesse Ventura as its governor. California got "The Governator" Arnold Schwarzenegger from the recall, though a porn star was in that race as well.

Texas came close to electing Kinky Friedman.

And – as you may have learned if you've caught any of the Republican presidential debates – an actor named Reagan was president a while ago.

All things considered, there are worse things in American politics than joke candidates.

Several members of Congress are currently sitting behind bars. One got too clingy with the capital pages. Another was implicated in defrauding the public.

Finally, the name Monica Lewinsky has forever engrained in our mind the statement, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman."

Nobody can say the system is "too good" for a comedian.

To the contrary, the system has done more damage to itself than any comedian ever could. Through his wry satire and cartoonish behavior, Colbert may actually speak truth to power in ways not seen in American politics.

Colbert running for president may be what this election cycle needs, particularly as far as students are concerned. He's one of the few candidates that may get students involved in the political process.

Evidence of Colbert's impact on the campaign is already apparent. YouTube.com is full of videos with fans voicing their support.

It appears young people are hungry for a candidate who shares their values and searches for "truthiness." Colbert has answered the call.

Get excited.

This editorial reflects the views of Ben Stinsman of the Oklahoma Daily.

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Apathy helps leaders see potential

Ask any leader on campus to make a list of problems they face within their organizations. In most cases you will find the word apathy somewhere near the top.

All leaders try to rid their organizations of apathy, but seldom succeed. So can we ever completely get rid of it? Probably not, but maybe that's a good thing.

Apathy not only concerns Bradley organizations, but also organizations we hope to work for after graduation – so we might as well learn to deal with it now.

The following example is an extremely hypothetical situation but it gets the point across. Imagine a fraternity that is perfect. Its brothers have 100 percent participation and never get in trouble. They have a great time and actively participate in their community.

Then, one of the members – we'll call him George – applies for a management position after graduation and gets the job.

After his first week on the job, George is concerned that his workers aren't trying as hard as he believes they should. George meets with them and simply tells them they "have to do better." Over time they continue to slip, and George can't quite understand what he's doing wrong. Finally after six months, George gets fired because his team's productivity was down compared to the rest of the company.

So what went wrong?

George never faced adversity while he was an officer in his fraternity and in turn, George didn't know how to properly address unmotivated people because he never had to deal with them in his fraternity.

When I became the president of my fraternity, I thought I would be the one to rid my chapter of the apathy I've always heard about. How hard could it be?

It turned out I wasn't as successful as I hoped, but then I realized nothing is perfect. Having to deal with real-world problems in a college setting was an integral part of my learning experience because I could experiment with different leadership and motivational techniques. I had to try to motivate people to participate in events they didn't want to go to.

Even getting members to complete their duties as officers was sometimes challenging. No matter what happened, I learned valuable lessons that will help me with the rest of my life and career.

If our organizations didn't have some apathy, we wouldn't have a reason to stand up and lead. If we didn't have a reason to lead, we wouldn't have leaders, and if we didn't have leaders, we wouldn't have organizations.

By no means do I condone apathy. Too much can hurt organizations, but I consider myself a realistic optimist. There are many threats to any organization and apathy is clearly one of them.

However, instead of spending countless hours trying to rid an organization of apathy, we have to turn this threat into an opportunity to learn and evolve our leadership characteristics to better deal with it when it arises.

Once we realize that apathy is inherently built into the system, we can then begin to learn tactics to manage and deal with it more efficiently.

Not only will this make the leaders on campus less frustrated with something that's almost impossible to solve, it will allow them to allocate more time to advancing the interests of their society in more constructive ways.

And for those of you who believe you can solve apathy, please don't get rid of it completely. Do your successors a favor and allow them to learn some of the lessons you did while you were in the lead.

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Domestic abuse can go both ways

Know anyone who beats the snot out of her boyfriend?

The case seems highly unlikely, but statistics show it's not only men throwing the punches in relationships.

The American Journal of Public Health published an article in May proving some instances of domestic violence can be inflicted on both genders.

Approximately 11,000 men and women, ages 18 to 28, participated in the national survey. The study conclusions are available at http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/97/5/941.

The survey polled participants as to how often they threaten their partners.

Here are some of the other questions. Think about them to yourself (or out loud if you want to appear as a wife/husband beater to the person next to you).

How often in the past year have you hit your partner?

How about slapped your partner?

Pushed?

Kicked?

Thrown objects at him or her?

And how often has your partner done that to you?

The survey also asks if either partner ever had bruises, sprains, cuts or other injuries resulting from the above.

The study, titled "Differences in Frequency of Violence and Reported Injury Between Relationships With Reciprocal and Nonreciprocal Intimate Partner Violence," reported 28 percent of women and 19 percent of men said there was some violence in their relationships.

Oddly enough, more women – 25 percent – said they perpetrated the violence, and 11 percent of the men agreed.

Fifty percent of both pooled genders said the violence in their relationships was mutual, and "in those cases, the woman was more likely to have been the first to strike," according to the AJPH article.

It must be pointed out the study concluded men were more likely to inflict pain than women.

However, both men and women said women are the violent perpetrators 70 percent of the time in one-sided domestic violence. Additionally, both genders agreed men are more likely to be injured in reciprocally violent relationships (when both partners hit each other) than women are in one-sided violence.

"That means both men and women agreed that men were not more responsible than women for intimate partner violence," according to the AJPH article. Women agreed with men on this point.

The survey didn't concentrate on potentially deadly acts such as choking and burning. The questions didn't involve the use of guns or knives.

It merely pointed out there's some truth to women not automatically being innocent just because they're women.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is an important issue to address. I'm not denying it isn't primarily against women.

According to www.endabuse.org, "Nearly one-third of American women – 31 percent – report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives."

However, it's important to point out that it's not always men against women out there. The sisters are doing their share of domestic damage.

People may think because the majority of men are physically stronger than women, they aren't raped, beaten or abused. And that isn't true.

I searched the Internet for statistics on domestic violence against men and I didn't have any legitimate hits.

We need to accept that domestic violence against men, although less prevalent than against women, is still something that needs to be talked about.

To the guys out there, if this is happening to you, please get out of the violent relationship and get help. You're not any less masculine because of it. Abusers are abusers — gender doesn't matter.

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Halloween should be silly, not skanky

Halloween is my favorite holiday.

Besides the fact that my birthday is about two weeks before, I love it because it's the only night where kids are encouraged to run amuck in strange outfits.

It's socially acceptable for me to dress as Princess Jasmine, Lucille Ball, Wayne Campbell or my personal standby (and favorite animal), a cat.

So I was pumped to start my costume search for this year's All Hallow's Eve.

I visited two of Peoria's finest Halloween costume shops last weekend to find a costume for the upcoming holiday and the plethora of costume parties it will bring. But every time I saw something in my price range (no more than $30, I'm not rich) it was skin-tight, short and skanky. Thigh high slits, fishnets and bra tops were everywhere. Some costumes weren't even costumes, just a low-cut dress with an "Officer Sexy" tag slapped on it to make it a policewoman's uniform.

I was disappointed and even more disgusted, so I left both stores and searched online. But the Internet isn't much better.

A Google search for "women's Halloween costumes" returns mostly Web sites selling "sexy" or "adult" outfits. One costume brand, called "Leg Avenue," clearly states what assets the costumes show off best.

The brand's costumes include "Trophy Wife," "Pirate Vixen," and "Sexy Schoolgirl." One of my personal favorites is a sexy baseball player, uniform number 69 of course.

Most of the costumes, as trashy and tacky as the names suggest, don't offend me. But one particular outfit I noticed shocked me.

The outfit includes a skin-tight black dress with a glitter screenprint of bones on it. The dress's neckline scoops low to reveal cleavage. A ribbon belt cinches the dress's waist to create an hourglass figure. And a removable nametag, reading "Anna Rexia," is included with the costume.

I understand the costume is supposed to be a silly joke, but the lighthearted use of a play on "anorexia" for a revealing costume upsets me.

Halloween is already the only day during the year when girls can look like total sluts and other girls can't say anything about it (thank you, "Mean Girls"). I get the feeling that if my boobs and butt aren't completely exposed, I shouldn't even be at a party on my favorite holiday.

These pressures of looking hot on Halloween, combined with costumes like "Anna Rexia," completely take the fun out of Halloween for me.

I don't want to look hideous on my favorite holiday of the year. I do want to look respectable. Women's costumes manufactured these days make achieving this balance fairly difficult.

I can't think back to when this switch from looking original to looking trashy on Halloween took place. How old is a girl when she decides her costume should be from Lover's Lane?

I remember being thrilled to have a Princess Jasmine costume for Halloween in kindergarten. I couldn't wait to put on my belly-baring outfit and strut my stuff for the neighbors. But the holiday evening was chilly and my mom forced me to wear a pink sweat suit underneath the costume.

My disappointment was evident. I couldn't be Princess Jasmine in a stupid sweat suit!. I got to wear eyeliner for a night but I couldn't even show my stomach? The real Jasmine got to show her belly.

Even at that age, I wanted to show off my body. And my recent stroll through the costume shops showed me young girls are still the same.

Costumes for tweens and teens include "Frisky Witch" and "Countess Vixen" in special junior sizes. Some of the costumes are nearly exact replicas of their "sexy adult" counterparts, complete with short hemlines, thigh-high stockings and platform shoes.

I tried the skanky costume idea last year, making the switch from my normal cat costume (black leggings, black sweater, cat ears) to a "sexy cat" costume (black skirt, low cut black top, stilettos, cat ears). I worried all night about my skirt riding up and showing my butt or my shirt riding down and showing my chest. I couldn't feel comfortable in so little clothing and have fun at the same time.

This year I'm boycotting the slutty costume idea. I'm trying to decide between a crayon and a pumpkin, and I think I'll look sexy in whichever I choose.

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Lauren, you should definitely go as the macaroni-colored crayon. It's a crowd favorite.

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Campus presents parents with weekend events

BY EMILY REGENOLD
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Parents' Weekend kicks off today and includes a wide range of activities for students to enjoy with parents and relatives.

Executive Director of Student Involvement Greg Killoran said the weekend goal is to incorporate parents into their child's university life.

"It is an opportunity to share some of the college atmosphere with their sons and daughters," he said. "The university wants parents to feel that they are a part of the Bradley family."

Killoran said the number of parents who have registered early is high.

"Last year the registered number was 1,516," he said. "Numbers this year appear headed for a higher total."

Sophomore nursing major Melanie Glander said she's excited to see her parents for the first time in a couple weeks.

"We figured there would be more activities to do on campus rather than the usual going out to dinner and shopping," she said.

Activities begin today and last through Sunday afternoon.

Tonight's main event is the men's basketball Red-White Scrimmage and spaghetti supper.

The supper will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and tickets are $5. Entry to the basketball game is free with a student ID, and $2 for those with a Parents' Weekend coupon.

Other events tonight include services and dinner at the Hillel house, "Hairspray" in the Marty Theatre and a dessert reception in the Michel Student Center ballroom from 8 to 10 p.m.

Students host an art festival during Parents Weekend 2007. *photo from Scout archives*

Highlights on the schedule for Saturday include a 5K race at 9 a.m., an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., President's Welcome with University President Joanne Glasser at 11 a.m. and comedy troupe Mission IMPROVable's performance at 7 p.m.

Glander said she thinks the 5K race will be a popular event.

"I know a lot of people doing the 5K race so maybe my dad and I will sign up for that together," she said.

Registration for the race begins at 8 a.m. in Haussler Hall.

Parents will also get the opportunity to watch Bradley athletic teams in action on Saturday.

The volleyball team will face off against Northern Iowa University at 4 p.m. at Robertson Memorial Field House, while soccer will challenge Drake University at 7 p.m. at Shea Stadium.

Sunday's main event is the Parents' Weekend brunch, which will take place in the Student Center ballroom.

The brunch costs $9 for students and $13 for others. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Glander said she enjoyed the brunch last year.

"[The brunch] was really good," she said. "We will probably do that again this year."

A complete schedule of Parents' Weekend events is available at www.bradley.edu/ccd/parentsweekend.

Parents' Weekend Schedule

Today

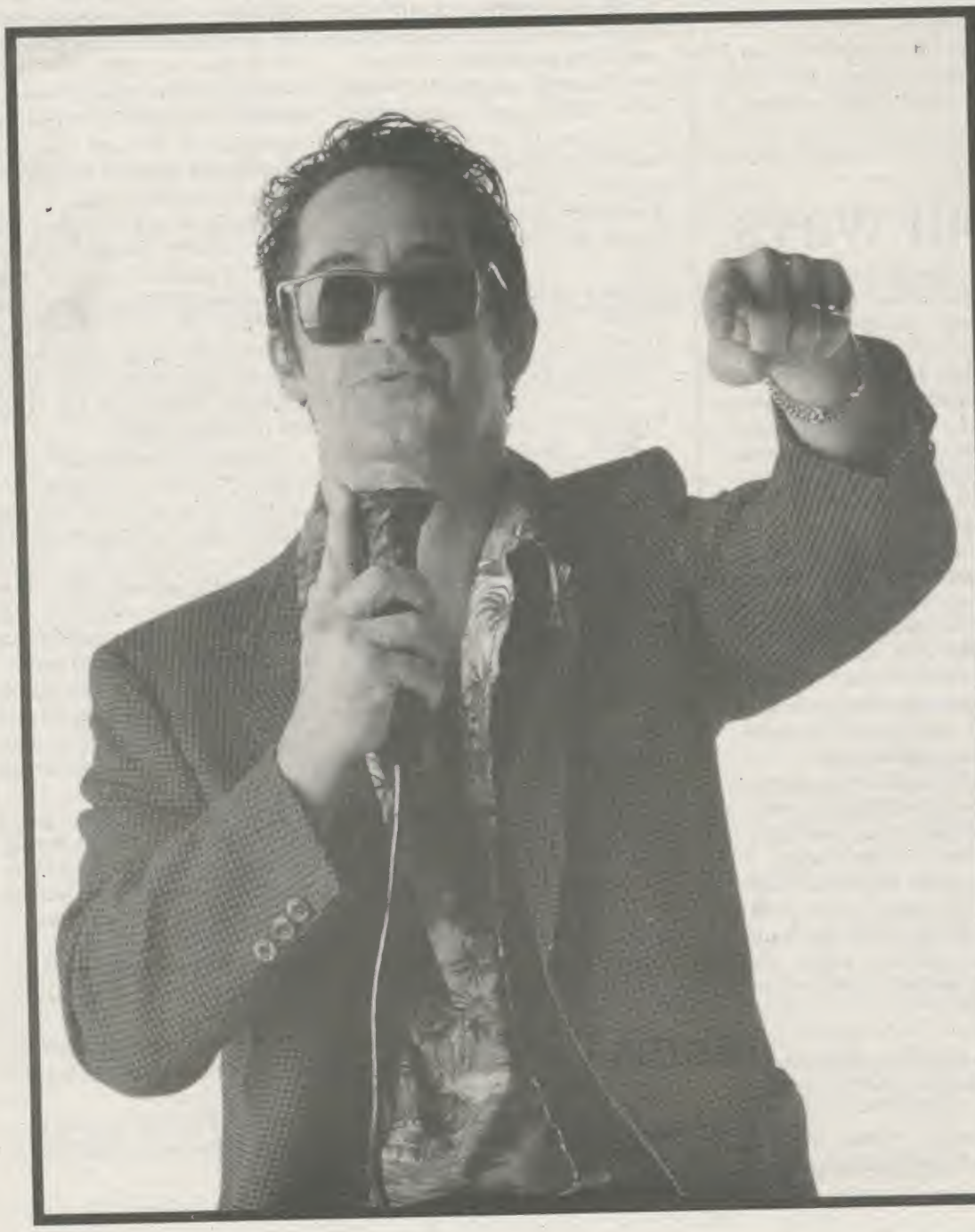
•Spaghetti supper from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Robertson Memorial Field House. Tickets $10 at the door.
•Red-White Scrimmage at 6:30 p.m. at the field house. Tickets free for students and faculty, $2 for others with coupon.
•Dessert reception from 8 to 10 p.m. in Michel Student Center ballroom.

Saturday

•5K race, registration from 8 to 8:45 a.m. in the second floor gym of Haussler Hall. Race begins on Glenwood Avenue at 9 a.m.
•All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. in the University Hall Cafeteria. Tickets $6.
•President's Welcome 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Student Center ballroom.
•Lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Williams and Geisert Cafeterias, $5.
•Mission IMPROVable Comedy Troupe performance 7 and 9 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom. Tickets $1 for students and $2 for others.

Sunday

•Parents' Weekend brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom. Tickets $9 for students and $13 for others.



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Christian outreach speaker visits campus

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Kerby Anderson visited campus to help students answer the question, "Is God distant or personal?"

"God can't be distant if God has been present," the director of Probe Ministries, a Christian outreach group, said. "God can't be out there if God came to dwell among us, and I think ultimately the real answer to that question is not the historical Jesus but the Jesus that can come and live in you."

Anderson, author and radio talk show host of "Point Of View" on USA Radio Network, spoke to an almost full Alumni Dining Room on Wednesday night. The event was sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

The program began with a short lecture by Anderson and then turned into a forum as students asked him questions and talked in small groups.

Anderson, who has two degrees in scientific fields, began his lecture by discussing evidence for God's existence.

"If we look at our own solar system, we see that the earth is in the perfect place," he said. "Some people have even called it the Goldilocks of the world ... If you look at our earth, it is in a perfect condition in our solar system."

He said some may argue against the principle of design and contend that earth may have won the "cosmic lottery."

However, earth would have one chance in 10 to the 304th power to be completely perfect and allow human habitation, considering all the stars and planets in the solar system.

"Really that is the Christian message, that God stepped out of eternity and into the time and came to this planet and actually did reveal to us about the future of our world and about the existence of him," he said. "The Christian message is that Jesus Christ was the son of God and stepped into time."

Anderson said Jesus made some dramatic claims in his day – all of which can be validated by his resurrection

"You have one individual in history who made very definite claims to being God and at the same time fulfilled all those prophecies," he said. "But is that enough? I think the greatest testament to the fact that Jesus Christ is God is that fact that he overcame death."

During the open forum, one student asked how praying affects God's actions.

"Praying does move the hand of God," Anderson said. "I think it is equally true that God is sovereign but it is equally true that we have free will and it is also equally true that God has a plan."

Another student asked how people should differentiate between myths and Bible stories. Anderson said archaeology has backed up a lot of Bible stories, whereas mythology, specifically Greek mythology, tells fanciful stories.

"When we talk about the stories in the Bible, they are not myths but historically verifiable," he said.

Michelle Carlson, a member of CRU, said she decided to attend the event because she had heard about Anderson before and knew his lecture would be insightful.

"I think that I realized there were a lot of things about science or faith that I've never really challenged myself to think about before," she said. "Science and faith do correlate with each other a lot more than people think."

Kerby Anderson spoke to students about God in the Alumni Dining Room.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

Youth benefits from 'bigs'

BY HOPE GRANDON
for the Scout

Shea Stadium will be flooded with siblings Saturday – the majority of them looking nothing alike.

These pairs will be the "bigs" and "littles" of the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

The BBBS local chapter has teamed up with 4-Kicks Soccer Supply Store to provide information to the public, as well as plan a fun filled evening for those already involved.

Current program participants will be able to enter the game for free.

The "littles" will receive a free T-shirt and an opportunity to participate in the half-time events on the field. Tables will be set up with information on mentoring and the organization.

BBBS is a non-for-profit organization that aims to "help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with mentors that have a measurable impact on youth," according to www.bbbs.org.

Statistics show that little brothers and sisters are 47 percent less likely to use illegal drugs and 52 percent less likely to skip school. When Jeff Parmenter became local program director 16 years ago, more than 200 children were on the program's waiting list.

Finding a mentor is an in-depth process that involves matches based on anonymity, compatibility and interview results, Mark Fulara, senior public relations major and one of the three students spearheading the event, said.

Gretchen Oschman and Meredith Gilbertson, also senior public relations majors, helped plan the event as part of the group's senior project.

Today, there are about 100 children between the ages of five and 14 still waiting. The three hope Saturday's event will help decrease that number greatly.

The organization is in "serious need of men for mentors" and BU soccer may be the perfect way to reach them, Fulara said.

Oschman said 4-Kicks owner Carol Goett and the Athletic Department helped the group. Goett contributed to the event by collecting used soccer equipment from Peoria soccer club members for the "littles" and helping make the event T-shirts.

Gilbertson said this project has become much more than an academic one and has touched each member emotionally.

ARH stirs breast cancer support

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Despite the cold, students stood in line outside the Garrett Center at midnight on Oct. 18 during the Midnight Breakfast for Breast Cancer Awareness Week.

Sponsored by the Association of Residents Halls, members prepared pancakes, eggs, bacon and pink lemonade for students to enjoy.

"I hope students had a good time and went away with a full tummy," Erica Hammock, campus outreach chair on the committee for planning Breast Cancer Awareness Week said.

"I was really looking forward to it. It's a fun event and you get to come and eat," she said. "It goes over well and it's very popular with students. I was happy with the turnout."

Though the midnight breakfast is the main event, Hammock said ARH also sponsored minor events. All proceeds from events are sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

A candlelight vigil on Olin Quad honored the men and women suffering from breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society Web site, one in eight women are diagnosed with breast cancer a year while 1,450 men also get breast cancer each year.

Students spoke about losing parents to breast cancer and they observed a moment of silence as students placed hopes and prayers into a vase to support those with cancer.

Five student contestants walked down a runway clad entirely in pink during the fashion show Oct. 17.

Business administration management major Soumya Bandopadhaya won the title of top model.

The week concluded with the Tugs for Jugs. Teams of five members participated in the tug-of-war contest with Team Williams winning.

Winners of the silent action were announced and participants received a Bluetooth device, a gift certificate to University Shop, bookstore donations and Bradley gear.

"We made around $150 to 200 with the auction," Hammock said. "The grand total was a little over $4,500."

Hammock said next year's goals include making more money to donate to the foundation and to better inform the campus about breast cancer.

"I think this is one of those things that brings awareness to campus and students who are not directly affected by cancer," she said. "The week was a good time and had student involvement although next year I'd like to see a bigger turnout at minor events."

ARH Representative of Williams Hall Will Coykendall said the week is an opportunity to fundraise for, donate to and inform students about breast cancer.

"I believe it is a great opportunity to inform students and people around the world about breast cancer and how much impact it has on the world," he said. "It's also a lot of fun and you have a great time letting people participate in the week's worth of events."

NPR host discusses 'Covering the War from Home"

BY JEREMY G. FLEMING
for the Scout

Melissa Block made her way to Peoria this week – nearly six months after she was first scheduled to speak.

"News has a habit of getting in the way," the host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," said.

Block spoke to a packed Neumiller Lecture Hall on Wednesday night. Her lecture, entitled "Covering the War from Home," is part of the Communication Department's Robison Lecture series.

"This is a great turn out," said Department of Communication Chairman Paul Gullifor.

Students who trickled in before the presentation chose to take seats on the floor near the side of the stage.

People fill Neumiller Lecture Hall to hear Melissa Block's lecture on "Covering the War from Home." *photo by Sarah Maddrell*

Senior management and administration major Ben Burleson said he arrived at the lecture just in time.

"I was fortunate enough to get a seat," he said.

Block rescheduled her April appearance after she got a call in North Carolina from her executive producer asking her "Where are you and how long would it take you to drive to Blacksburg?" She was then assigned to report on the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

"Stories tend to bring out the worst in reporters," she said, adding that the media was all over the scene like parasites.

Block started her presentation by playing an interview she did while in Virginia. The interview was with a student who survived the massacre and tells his story of that awful day at Virginia Tech.

"I play the excerpt of that interview for you because to me it points out so clearly the power of radio," she said.

Block also discussed her coverage of the war in Iraq.

"I want to give you a number to think about: 3,835," she said. "That is the number of U.S. military that has died in Iraq. Five and half years through the war and here we are."

Block talked about her visit to a city in Texas whose community had a military presence in Iraq. She said the school hung blue stars around the school to signify students' parents who fought in the war. Gold stars were used to represent those parents who died.

She said an opposing high school football team sent a gift to one of the teams because they had parents who were at war.

NPR correspondant Melissa Block delivers this year's Robison Lecture. *photo by Sarah Maddrell*

Block also talked about visiting military hospitals and her visit with a 19-year-old soldier who was wounded.

"Two days after that story the soldier died," she said. "Staff at the hospitals handle it in different ways."

Block changed the mood of the presentation before opening up the floor for questions, after about 25 minutes of lecture. She played funny interviews and audio from an April Fool's Day show.

"I hate to come all this way to depress you," Block said.

Block answered questions from the audience covering a variety of topics including why she was in radio to how long it takes to produce a story.

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David Stollman addresses the Greek community.
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Above: Students wait in Robertson Memorial Field House to donate blood for Greek Week.
photo by Megan Loos

Right: David Stollman spoke Monday evening in the Michel Student Center Ballroom about breaking greek stereotypes.
photo by Michael Davis

GREEK WEEK
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About 220 greeks participated in the blood drive that took place Monday through Wednesday.

"We're trying to show the Bradley community how philanthropic the greek community can be," Kim Graham, the Panhellenic Council director of activities, said.

All Panhel and Interfraternity Council chapters participated in Greek Week. Some of the National Pan-Hellenic Council chapters participated as well.

Graham said this year's Greek Week theme, Hollywood Through the Decades, is more united and explicit than last year, especially with Pan-Fra-Sing dances and music.

During Thursday's Pan-Fra-Sing, chapters danced to music from an assigned decade. The chapters were then judged and awarded points based on their performances.

On Monday, greeks attended a presentation called "Buy in or Get Out." During the event, David Stollman spoke about greek brotherhood and sisterhood and what greeks can do to break negative stereotypes.

"I was really impressed," Anderson said. "Buy in or get out, that's what I took away from it. I decided to buy in."

Many of the week's activities weren't only open to greeks.

"We like to get all the large campus organizations involved who want to participate," he said.

"It focuses on the positive aspects of brotherhood and sisterhood," he said.

The Boys and Girls Club will bring approximately 20 children to the cookout today at Meinen Field. At the same time, others will make blankets for local shelters. The goal is to make 1,000 blankets.

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Relay for Life gears up with kick-off meeting

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Emily Gunty said she participates in Relay For Life because she lost two grandparents to cancer.

"It's a great opportunity to spread awareness and raise money so people don't have to go through that," the junior Spanish and actuarial science major said.

Relay For Life is a non-profit event hosted by the American Cancer Society. This year's Relay For Life kicked off Tuesday with a registration event in the Michel Student Center.

Ellen Hanson, one of the students in charge of planning the event, said another similar event will take place in November or December.

Those interested in participating can also register online at http://events.cancer.org/rflbradleyuil. Students interested in participating should start forming teams now.

Registration fees are currently $5, but will raise to $10 next semester.

The event occurs throughout the year in various locations.

Bradley will host Relay For Life on April 18.

Relay is an overnight event in which teams of one to 15 members have at least one team member walking from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Although it usually occurs on a track, Bradley will host it on Olin Quad.

It's a time for people to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember those who lost the fight and raise money to eliminate the disease, according to www.relayforlife.org. Hanson said Relay's goal is to have 42 teams participate.

"Lots of fraternities, sororities, clubs, organizations, floormates and housemates participate together," she said. "We're also trying to get a faculty team."

Currently, nine teams are registered.

Gunty and Hanson have set this year's goal at $37,000.

Although Bradley's event has raised more than this in the past, last year it raised $25,000.

Each participant is asked to raise a minimum of $100.

Gunty said there are several approaches to raising this money.

"People do canning at places like Wal-Mart, write letters to parents and parents' friends in Christmas cards," she said. "There's been date auctions before, too."

During the walk, there are bands, games, movies and humorous events to keep participants awake.

"Last year we had a frozen T-shirt contest where you get an old T-shirt wet, ball it up and freeze it for a couple hours, and then see who can break it and put it on fastest," Hanson said.

This year's theme is Star in the Fight Against Cancer.

"We're trying to get teams to decorate their campsites to follow the theme," Hanson said. "We thought teams could easily decorate their campsite around a movie."

Campus organizations join in philanthropies

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Amber Jones plans to change the world.

The senior multimedia major, along with five other members of EHL 381 created "Together We're One, Changing Our World" to do just that.

As part of TWO COW, one representative from each campus organization will get together on a specified day and plan a campus-wide philanthropy that will take place on the 2nd of each month.

Jones calls it a "cross-plan of philanthropies."

TWO COW stemmed from a class assignment to create a concept that would change the world.

She said TWO COW will bridge the gap between greek and non-greek communities and increase attendance at philanthropies.

Jones said if organizations can't participate in the big philanthropy, then they should do a philanthropy of their own on that day.

The group doesn't yet have a set day for planning the philanthropies.

"We hope to use e-mail and set up meeting times that will work for as many people that want to be involved," she said.

Jones said TWO COW encourages organizations that already have established philanthropies to reschedule for the second day of the month.

"It's publicizing the events to make them more successful," Jones said. "We're hoping that people will attend other peoples' philanthropies."

The first event will take place Nov. 2 and is a school-wide food drive. Donation boxes will be in the dorms and greek houses.

The plan already has some proponents.

Tara Metzinger, president of Chi Omega, said she thinks it's a great idea.

"I do think it would be feasible because many small events are just as expensive as a large event would be," Metzinger said.

Metzinger said there are possibilities that her organization could try to change its philanthropy dates to coincide with TWO COW.

"The greek community and everyone else who participates could come together in a different way," she said. "[TWO COW] sounds like something to look forward to."

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es to anyone who felt this year's campaign was inappropriate. She said ARH will likely still use sidewalk promotion next year, but the campaign will be toned down.

"Because there were so many people wondering why there were giant boobs drawn all over campus, we'll probably stay away from drawings," she said.

Resident adviser for Wyckoff Hall Alana Yanagida said she understands why people were offended with the chalking, but she understands ARH's approach.

"This is a college campus, and people tend to use sexual references to get people's attention," she said.

Since her mother is a breast cancer survivor, Yanagida said she whole-heartedly supports the breast cancer awareness campaign.

But she said in the future ARH should draw the traditional pink ribbon symbolizing breast cancer support instead of breasts.

Sophomore construction management major Laith Alkhafaji said he thinks the drawings attracted male attention and ARH should "do whatever it takes to gain support from the student body, as long as it's for a good cause."

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got to the last switch, which is Murphy's Law I guess."

He said the electrical line test between Geisert Hall and the bookstore showed a problem. The group realized the bookstore electrical switch was the cause of the problem at about 1:30 a.m.

Workers opened up a side of the switch and found a dead mouse.

"The mouse got in and was on a lightning arrestor," Doerzaph said. "When it went to jump up on a bar that connected the lightning arrestor to the power bar, the switch short circuited."

The mouse's last moments caused the three fuses to blow.

CILCO and facilities staff worked to clean and repair the switch, eventually regaining power at approximately 4 a.m.

Students in dorms during the power outage were told to remain in their rooms and not move around in the dark, Doerzaph said.

Emergency lighting helped some students find their way through dorms, but didn't last long.

"Emergency lighting only lasts about one to four hours, depending on how fresh the batteries are," Doerzaph said.

He said the best things students could do was to either sit and wait to regain power or leave the building.

In the future, Doerzaph said students will be able to move to the Markin Family Student Recreation Center, which will have emergency power and heat if a similar incident occurs.

Executive Director for Residential Living and Leadership Nathan Thomas said students weren't officially moved to any area with electricity but resident advisers were told to alert students of lighted buildings in case they wanted to leave the dorms.

"Things went as smoothly as they could," Thomas said. "Sometimes freakish things happen, and apparently that is what happened, but I think everything went as we hoped it would go. The response was fantastic."

There were no reported injuries or burglaries during the power outage.

Freshman AEP major Brittany Schallert was getting ready when the power went out.

"I couldn't straighten my hair or anything, so I just went out and left my dorm," she said. "It was scary walking through campus because there were no street lights."

Other students chose to leave campus altogether.

Sophomore advertising major Emily Epich went to a hotel after trying to get into her dorm.

"I came back to campus at 11:20 [after work] and went into the parking garage," she said. "It was completely pitch black and the gate was propped open, so we didn't feel safe. The front door to Williams was unlocked, and our hall director wasn't there. We went on our floor but there were no emergency lights and there were people everywhere but you couldn't see them because it was so pitch black. We just decided to go to a hotel."

Emergency notifications from foreWarn weren't used during the power outage to alert students of buildings with power.

"[The university] made the decision when we decided to use the text messaging alerts that it would be used for potentially life threatening situations," Senior Director of Public Relations Kath Conver said. "I think we're going to be discussing how we'll use the 4000 extension number ... everyone expected the power would be restored sooner than it was. It was just an unusual situation."

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Department of Transportation, and officers are paid overtime to be a part of the task force.

Kennedy said officers have always been undercover, and they used to walk around campus looking for "parties spilling out into the street."

However, he said they don't have to walk much anymore because many people call in noise complaints.

"You can get a couple [underage drinkers] just by driving around, but recently we don't even get a chance to do that before there's a party call," Kennedy said. "[Officers] go out and investigate it and that's how we find them."

Kennedy said the task force's goal is to stop deaths related to alcohol, but students don't see that.

"I think students get the wrong impression that we just want to go out and not let them have a good time," he said. "We'd just like to get underage drinking down to a point where we don't have to worry about it. A lot of kids die from alcohol poisoning or drinking and driving. If we can get underage drinking down, maybe we can stop some of those deaths."

But senior computer science major and member of Sig Ep Jeff Whiteside said task force should target high school parties instead of college parties.

"At college, people are going to drink," he said.

Whiteside said he was outside the Sig Ep house when the task force came.

"As soon as they showed up, everyone's mood changed," he said. "It was really intimidating. That's what everyone there felt."

Whiteside said it's difficult to plan parties around Operation Campus/TAP.

"Every weekend, people say the task force is out, but you never really know, so we just go on with what we're doing," he said.

Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Teniell Trolian said she'll investigate whether Sig Ep and Sigma Chi were responsible for the underage drinking and will deal with each fraternity accordingly.

"It's [the fraternities'] responsibility to make sure underage drinking is not going on in their facility and their events," she said. "But college students often decide they will break the law and drink. There's only so much the chapters can do. They can't be with every member 24 hours a day. At the end of the day it's a personal choice, and you have to understand the consequences."

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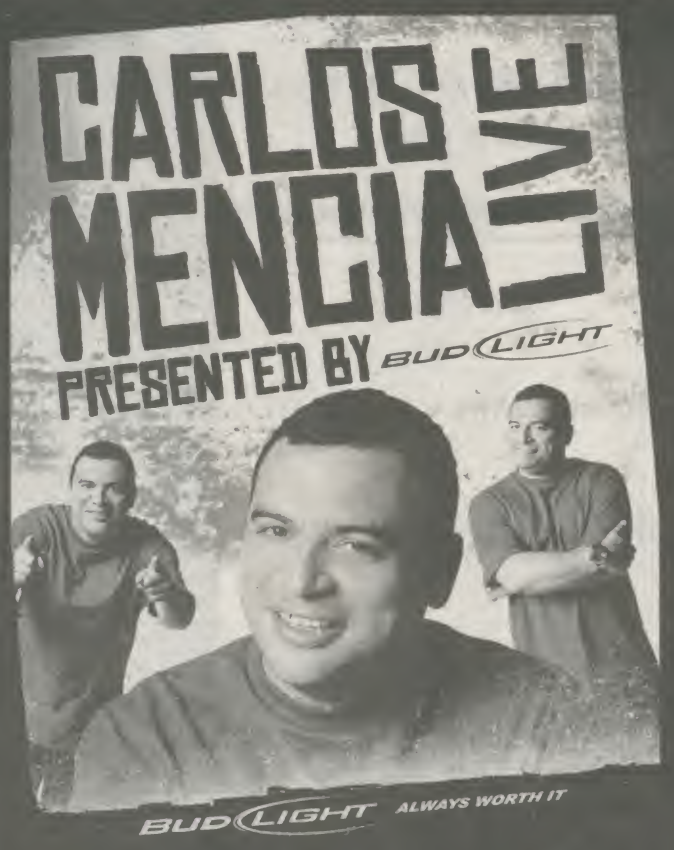

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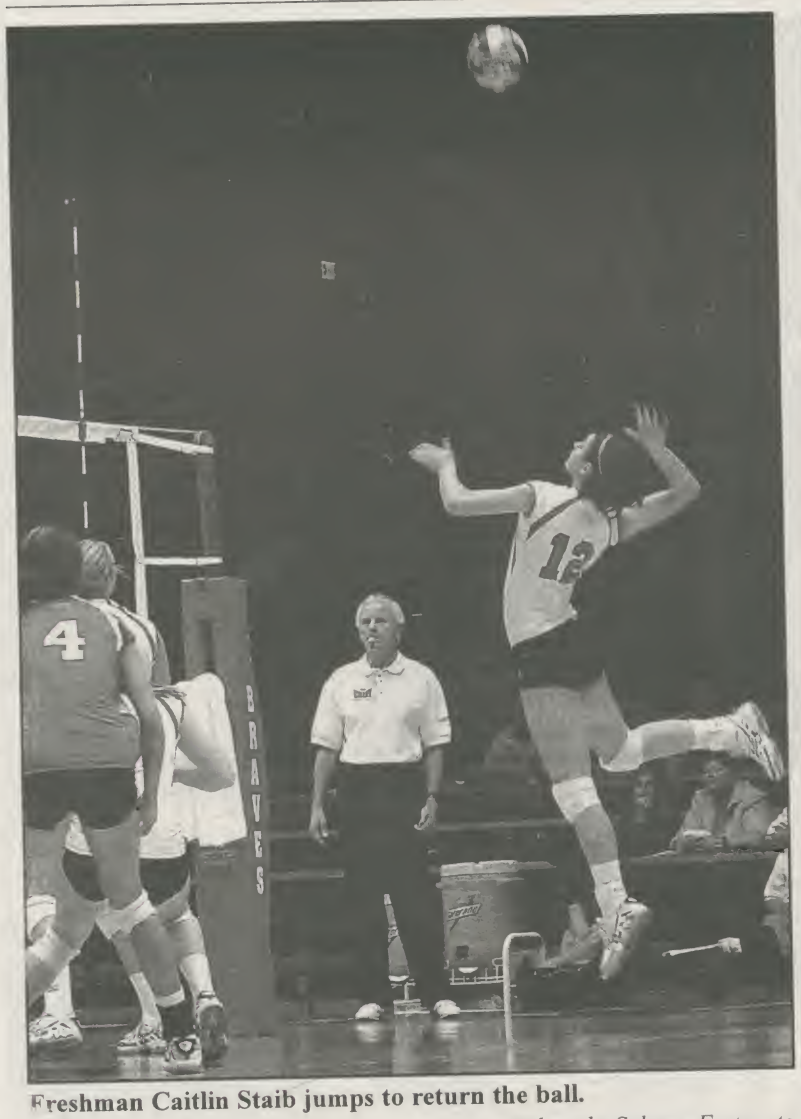

Freshman Caitlin Staib jumps to return the ball.

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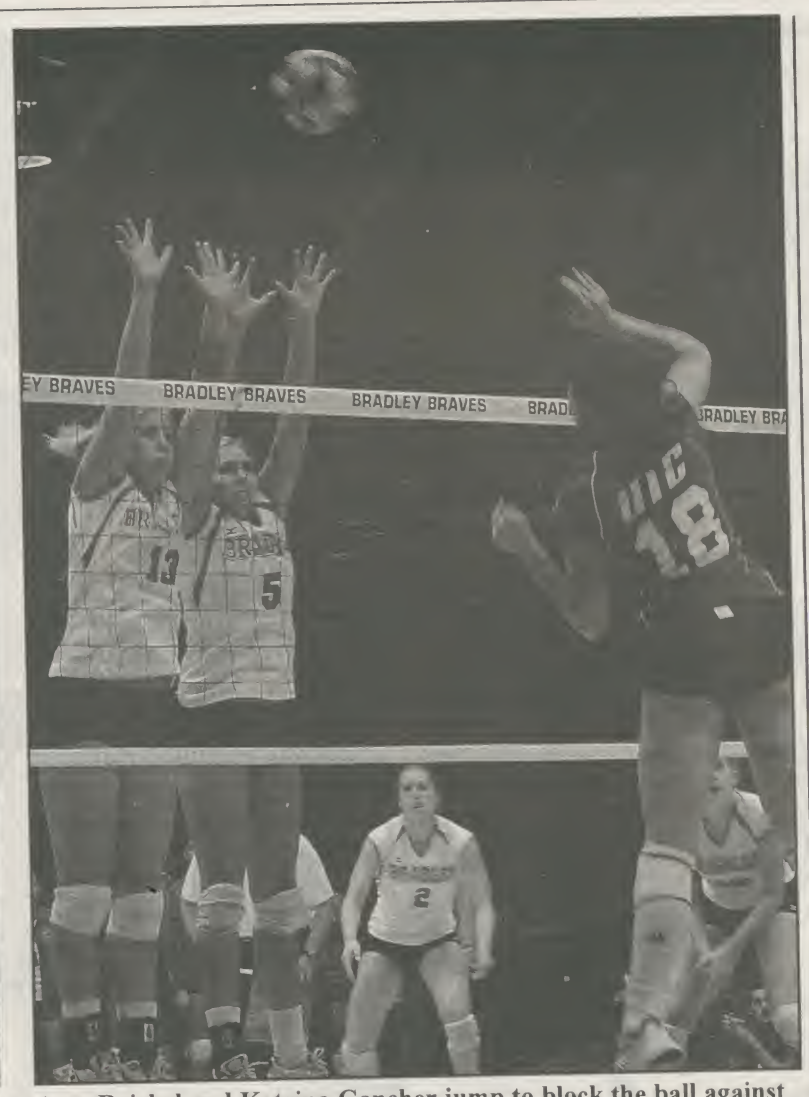

Amy Reichel and Katrina Goncher jump to block the ball against UIC at Monday night's game.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

VOLLEYBALL

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percentage in the second game. They were able to keep the game within reach at 25-23. The Flames then scored the next five points to win the game.

The Braves were in good position *to win in the third match, but eventually fell 30-28.*

After being down 27-23, Bradley rallied to tie the game 28-28. The Braves then lost the momentum and gave up two consecutive points to lose the game.

The Braves had a chance to win the fourth game when they tied the score 26-26, but they couldn't finish and lost the game.

A Bradley service error, two Flames aces and a Bradley attack error allowed the Flames to win the game 30-26.

The Braves managed to out-dig and out-assist the opponent. Sophomore Kaitlyn Comiskey led the team with 28 digs and junior Sam Black tacked on 51 assists. Pierzchala led the team with 22 kills.

"We didn't give up, we were able to fight back more than in games past," Pierzchala said. "We need to get more consistent passing to improve the offense."

Bradley played in two other matches over the weekend.

The Braves lost to the Creighton Blue Jays (14-8) in three games, 30-21, 30-15, 30-23. They also fell to Drake (6-16) in a five game match, 24-30, 30-20, 30-26, 19-30, 15-6.

Bradley's next game is at 7 p.m. Saturday in Robertson Memorial Field House against Northern Iowa. Students attending the game will receive double Red Pride points.

INSIGHT

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"I think this was a great decisior the school made," he said. "Thi will get the students more involvec in Bradley basketball and it wil make going to games that muc more fun."

Junior marketing major Bol Joern is excited to watch th games.

"I'm just excited that we ca watch more of the Braves on th road," Joern said. "I'll probabl get a lot more into the seasor now that I can watch most of th games."

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Women's tennis falls short at ITA Midwest Regionals

Braves unable to win a match in fall season's final event

BY AARON FRIEDMAN
for the Scout

The women's tennis team concluded its fall season last weekend at the ITA Midwest Regionals in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Facing tough competition, Bradley's three representatives failed to record a victory and bowed out of the tournament.

Coach Scott Petersen said each university in the Midwest is automatically allowed to enter one singles player and one doubles team into the tournament.

Through a regional committee meeting, the Braves were able to get a second singles player into the tournament.

Jessica Buterbaugh

Kelly Donohue

Sophomores Jessica Buterbaugh and Emily Regenold dropped both their matches in the qualifying round during singles play on Oct. 18.

Buterbaugh lost her first round qualifying match to Michigan State's Lindsey Lonergan 6-1, 6-1. In a consolation match, Buterbaugh was defeated 6-2, 6-4 by Iowa's Kayla Berry.

Regenold dropped her first round qualifier to Irina Kalashnikova of Drake, 6-4, 6-0. Regenold also lost to Amy Recht of IPFW 6-2, 6-4.

Coach Petersen said the ITA Regionals were a great experience for his team.

"This is the best tournament that we've played in this year and I feel that it's a great opportunity for my players to compete against some of the nation's best," he said. "I think that having this experience allows them to see how it is just a few little things here and there that change the match."

On the second day of the event last friday, Buterbaugh and sophomore Kelly Donohue dropped their first round doubles match.

The tandem was defeated by Iowa's Kayla Berry and Lynda Poggensee-Wei, 8-5. Buterbaugh and Donohue finished with a record of 1-2 on the fall campaign.

Petersen said the tournament created optimism for the spring season.

"I really believe that they came back from the tournament realizing that they are on the right track to have a break out season," he said. "I think every opportunity we have to compete is going to be helpful for the spring."

The tournament was the final event for Bradley this fall.

The Braves will return to the court for the start of the spring season Feb. 1 when they host Saint Louis.

Erais taking a swing at the record books

Women's golfer hopes to build on her success and leave her mark at Bradley

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Three tournaments into her junior season, golfer Bari-Lynn Erais has already built an impressive resume.

Along with winning medalist honors at last year's Missouri Valley Conference championship, Erais is also a two-time first-team All-MVC golfer.

The Canadian native has already racked up 12 career top-10 finishes in a little more than two seasons, placing her third on Bradley's all-time list.

Erais has a chance to move to the top of that list before her career at Bradley is over, but Erais said she doesn't focus on where she stands in the record books.

Bari-Lynn Erais

"The statistics mean nothing to me. Playing well for my team and giving us opportunities to win tournaments is what I play for," she said. "Hopefully I just play my game and if it gets me those records it's an added bonus in my career."

Though Erais doesn't pay much attention to the records, her coach has certainly taken notice.

"When they made her they broke the mold," coach Bo Ryan said. "I don't want to sound trite, but there aren't too many players like her around."

Ryan compared Erais to some of his former players, including Meaghan LeBlanc, Kelly Dillon and Laura Patrick, all of whom had solid careers on the Hilltop. However, Ryan said Erais has the ability to be better than all of them.

"She has the potential to be the best player ever to play here at Bradley on the women's side," he said.

Though Ryan isn't shy in his praise, Erais said she isn't sure exactly where she ranks among the school's all-time greats.

"There are so many different things to measure amongst all of us that it's hard to compare just strictly off statistics," she said. "I think I rank among them, but I don't really feel comfortable comparing myself to them."

Erais' success through her first two seasons has carried over into this year. She has yet to finish outside of the top 20 in any of the three events this season.

She has also already been named MVC Golfer of the Week twice this year. Erais said though the awards aren't especially important, she still enjoys receiving them.

"They're just little accomplishments that definitely mean something," she said. "It's nice to have that honor given to you the weeks you get it, especially when there are so many other great girls in the Valley that I play against."

Erais, who began playing golf competitively at age 13, said she hopes to continue her career after she graduates, including playing for the national amateur team and possibly playing professionally after that.

"It's a thought I have," she said. "It's a dream and a goal."

Ryan said he's not only been impressed by Erais' play on the golf course, but also by the way she manages her time. He said she does a great job of balancing her athletic and academic commitments with her social life.

Ryan said he thinks Erais can accomplish any goal she sets, whether it be on the golf course or otherwise.

"She's an outstanding student too," he said. "She's an accounting major and the kind of work that you have to do to be that type of major even puts more feathers in her cap to how she balances her time."

If Erais does choose to pursue a professional career, Ryan said he has no doubt that she'll succeed.

"I think once she can work on this six, seven or eight hours a day like most professional golfers, if that's the way she wants to go I'm sure she can make it," he said. "The sky's the limit."

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Soccer picks up win and tie on two-game road trip

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

A pair of goals in the first six minutes of the game gave the soccer team an early lead it wouldn't relinquish, as the Braves picked up a non-conference road win Monday night against Oral Roberts.

Bradley (8-4-3) got on the board early when senior defender Stephen Brust gathered a loose ball in the box and sent it into the net.

Stephen Brust

The goal came exactly one minute into the contest, marking the fourth-fastest goal in program history.

The Braves didn't wait long to add to their lead, tacking on a second goal in the sixth minute.

Sophomore Thiago Wong, making the first start of his career, sent a cross into the middle and senior Joe Donoho hammered it home for a 2-0 lead.

Coach Jim DeRose said Thiago, who recorded an assist on both goals, provided a boost for the Braves offensively.

"We brought him in and he played well with a good energy level," he said. "That really helped us and sparked us."

Joe Donoho

Oral Roberts (4-9-0) closed the gap early in the second half when the Golden Eagles' *Michael Lind poked* the ball past senior goalkeeper Mike Haynes in the 47th minute.

Following the goal, the Braves defense tightened up.

Bradley held Oral Roberts to only two shots on goal for the remainder of the game and sealed the 2-1 victory.

DeRose said rainy conditions made things difficult, but he was happy to come up with the win.

"It rained for probably 18 straight hours and it was just one of those cold, wet nights," he said. "Fortunately we scored two early."

Thiago Wong

The win over Oral Roberts closed out a two-game road trip for the Braves. The team was also in action Saturday night against Missouri Valley Conference rival Missouri State (4-8-3).

Sophomore Justin Bigelow nailed a shot from five yards out in the 17th minute to give the Braves the early 1-0 advantage, but the team couldn't hold onto the lead.

The Bears' Ryan Hennessey evened the score in the 76th minute when he collected a rebound in front of the goal and fired it into the net.

Justin Bigelow

The goal proved to be all the offense either team would muster for the rest of the game.

Neither team scored again in regulation, and after managing only one shot apiece in two overtime periods, the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Playing at Missouri State's Plaster Field, a facility designed for football, strong winds wreaked havoc on the players for most of the game.

"It's kind of an open-ended end zone so the wind was whipping like 30 mph right down the shoot," DeRose said, "So you either had it at your back or you didn't."

DeRose said the wind had a big impact on the game.

"If you had the wind you could keep the [other] team pinned in and if you didn't it was tough," he said. "Both teams scored with the wind and I think the wind probably had a factor in both goals."

The draw helped extend Bradley's MVC unbeaten streak to six games. The Braves are 4-0-2 during the streak, which is the third longest in school history.

DeRose said picking up a tie on the road was big for the team.

"When you go on the road, especially in conference play, if you can come out with points, it can only help you," he said. "Fortunately for us in the last couple of years we've been able to get points on the road."

DeRose said he was pleased by the team's success on the road trip.

"For us to get the win and the draw, all in all it was a pretty productive weekend," he said.

The Braves return to action Saturday night when they host MVC foe Drake at Shea Stadium.

Bradley Braves Trivia

In what year was former Bradley men's basketball player Hersey Hawkins drafted by the Los Angeles Clippers?

a) 1990 b) 1988
c) 1987 d) 1994

Who holds the Bradley women's tennis record for most career wins?

a) Joie Rolf b) Kim Braun
c) Teri Chan d) Laurie Evans

Answers: b, c

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Time to fix Bradley's fight song

BY ADAM METTRICK

Anyone who has ever attended a Bradley men's basketball game is likely familiar with the Braves' fight song.

The basketball band plays the song at least three times every game and fans are encouraged to stand and clap along. The song, entitled "Charge On," is also accompanied at the end by chants of "B-R-A-D-L-E-Y!" which always seem to get the crowed pumped up.

It's certainly a wonderful fight song and does a great job of encouraging fan participation, but something is missing – lyrics.

There's something a bit awkward about just standing and clapping for one minute while the band plays the catchy tune.

But the fans aren't singing along, and it's not because lyrics don't exist, it's because the words to the song are horribly lame and outdated.

In fact, most fans are unaware the song has corresponding lyrics.

In a highly unscientific survey of Bradley students conducted by yours truly, I found that not one of the approximately 15 students I talked to knew the song had words.

No wonder nobody is singing along. It's pretty difficult to sing a song when you don't know the words and it's impossible if you don't know the words even exist.

I'm not exactly sure when the present lyrics were given the proverbial boot from the collective minds of the fans, but it's probably a good thing they were. Singing the current song out loud in a public place would be awfully embarrassing.

So what's so bad about the lyrics you ask? Take a look for yourself, but be warned, they aren't for the faint of heart or those with weak stomachs.

Charge on, charge on Bradley,
March right down the field,
Foes may press you,
Foes may even stress you,
But we'll never yield.

Fight for Alma Mater,
Plunge right thru to victory.
Fight on, fight on Bradley,
And fight for varsity.

OK, so maybe the lyrics aren't quite bad enough to induce vomiting, but if those lyrics don't exactly inspire you to jump out of your seat and scream them at the top of your lungs, you're not alone.

The biggest problem with these lyrics is that they were clearly written about Bradley's football team.

Oops! It might be more than a little embarrassing if we all started singing about a team that hasn't existed in nearly 40 years.

The closest thing Bradley has to a team marching down a field is the soccer team, but the comparison just doesn't work.

The term varsity is also an obvious reference to a something we don't have.

While I suppose all of the athletic squads could be considered varsity teams, I don't see any junior varsity teams competing anywhere on campus, so the distinction is unnecessary.

The song obviously needs to be rewritten, or at least fine-tuned. The music itself is superb, but the lyrics simply have to be fixed.

I'd offer some suggestions, but unfortunately I'm a journalist, not a lyricist. My attempts at writing new lyrics would likely end up reading more like third-grade poetry than the words to a fight song.

Luckily, Bradley's campus is littered with talented individuals who are more than capable of writing some new lyrics for us to belt out completely off-key.

Writing new words for the fight song would make for a great contest, an interesting assignment for a music class or simply a good way for bored students to pass some time or distract them from their homework.

A revamped fight song could do wonders for Bradley. It could encourage greater school pride and increase fan participation at sporting events.

The Athletic Department has been trying to bolster crowd participation for years. A new fight song would be a great way to help accomplish this.

Other schools have been highly successful in using their fight songs to rally crowds around their teams. Why couldn't Bradley do the same?

Who knows, maybe new lyrics might even inspire some of Carver Arena's infamous nonstanders to pry themselves from their seats for a fight song timeout or two. It certainly couldn't hurt.

Just think, 11,000 Bradley fans packed into Carver Arena and singing in unison to support their team. It can't get much better than that.

So, charge on, charge on songwriters and write Bradley a new fight song. It's long overdue.

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One-on-One

What's the greatest sports movie of all time?

Rocky

The original "Rocky" movie is hands down the best sports movie of all time.

It's the classic underdog story of an unknown guy getting a shot at the title and proving he's there for a reason.

In the movie Rocky is a loan collector who boxes on the side but ends up getting a shot at Apollo Creed, the champ, when the number one contender gets hurt.

While the final boxing match is great, the best parts in the movie are seeing Rocky train. Watching him work hard, and hearing the classic "Eye of the Tiger" music in the background can give you goosebumps.

People rushed to theaters to see "Rocky Balboa," the most recent edition to the series. That shows how much fans care about the character.

Rocky is a hero to some people, right up there with the Supermans and Batmans of the world. People look up to Rocky as if he was real.

The movie won the Academy Award for Best Picture, and has had five sequels follow it. The fact that there's a statue of "Rocky" in Philadelphia shows just how important this movie truly is.

- Alex Mayster

Any Given Sunday

The best sports movie of all time is "Any Given Sunday."

This 1999 blockbuster hit was a breath of fresh air for movie fans and it started a new trend in the current era of sports movies.

First of all, this movie is filled with mega Hollywood stars. Al Pacino leads an all-star cast as Tony D'Amato, an aging NFL football coach, who sees his career falling apart as he starts to lose control of his team.

The cast also includes Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, James Woods, Jamie Foxx, LL Cool J, Lauren Holly and Aaron Eckhart.

"Any Given Sunday" does something no other sports movie has matched. It gives an outstanding in-depth perspective on how players and coaches live their lives and how they deal with problems the public doesn't fully know about.

The movie also does a great job of showing how tough it is to work in professional sports.

In this film, viewers see a football team physically and emotionally fall apart from the championship team it once was.

The story of how the team overcomes adversity within the locker room and outside it really makes this film the best sports movie of all time.

- Adam Kagan

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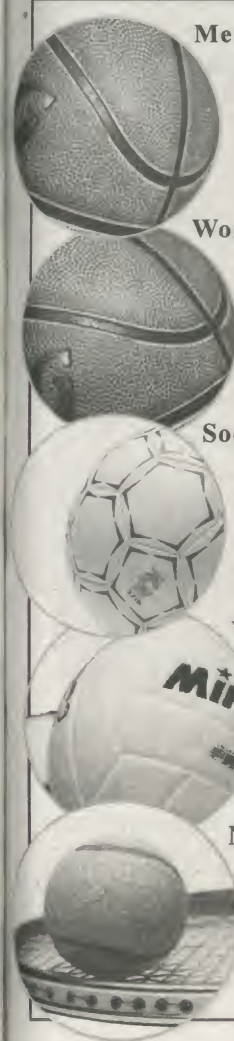

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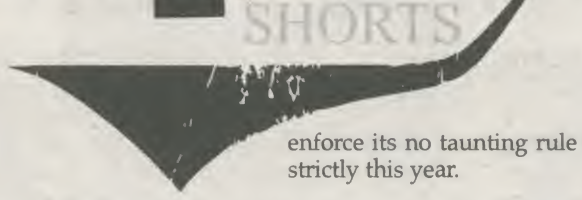

enforce its no taunting rule more strictly this year.

NCAA plans to enforce no swearing rule

The NCAA swears it plans to put new emphasis on the no cursing rule in college basketball this season.

According to the NCAA, coaches who curse on the sidelines will no longer be given warnings for their indiscretions.

Instead, the first swear word will result in an immediate technical foul. A second offense will lead to a second technical foul, which also means ejection from the game.

To encourage officials to comply, the NCAA said it will give preferred assignments to referees who consistently enforce the rule.

The new emphasis on the rule is part of an attempt to increase sportsmanship throughout college sports.

The NCAA also intends to

La Russa to return as Cardinals manager

Tony La Russa will return for another season as the manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.

La Russa agreed Monday to a two-year contract to remain the Cardinals manager after taking a week away from the team to decide if he wanted to return for a 13th season.

"I'm thrilled to be back," La Russa told the Associated Press.

After leading his team to a World Series title in 2006, La Russa watched his team struggle for much of the 2007 season. St. Louis finished the season in third place in the NL Central division with a 78-84 record.

La Russa owns a 1,055-887 record in 12 seasons at the helm of the Cardinals. He ranks third on the all-time wins list with 2,375 career victories.

Soccer successful on two-game road trip
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Sophomore Amy Reichel kneels to bump the ball at Monday night's game at the Robertson Memorial Field House.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

Volleyball burned by Flames in four

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

After coming out strong, the volleyball team fell to the Illinois-Chicago Flames in a four game match Monday night.

Bradley (2-22) played well in the first game, taking a 1-0 lead over UIC (12-12). After winning the first game things went downhill for the Braves as they dropped three consecutive games.

Coach Scott Luster said he was frustrated after the Braves loss, which marked the team's 16th loss in their last 18 games.

"Our setting was poor, there wasn't much offense we were out blocked," he said. "Our setter didn't give us much to work with, we missed big plays at critical times. You can't win when [players] don't play their positions. When push comes to shove [the players] let the team down."

The team wasn't at 100 percent for the game. Senior Jenna Harrison sat out the game with a leg injury, which meant fellow senior Nikki Pierzchala had to play more minutes.

Pierzchala was able to lead the team in the first game, recording eight kills in the match. Her play, along with two aces by junior Katrina Goncher, lead the Braves to a successful start going up 1-0.

After winning the first game, Bradley decided to go with a different lineup for the second game, but the decision didn't pay off.

The Braves had a .000 attack

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Bradley teams up with Insight

Local cable provider to produce and air nine BU men's basketball games

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

Christmas is coming early this year for Bradley basketball fans.

Bradley has agreed to a TV partnership with Insight Communications for the 2007-08 regular season that will broadcast 19 of the 32 games the Braves play this year. That equals the most games televised in a season during the program's history.

The agreement between Bradley and Insight came two weeks after WEEK-TV (Peoria's NBC affiliate) announced it wouldn't be televising the Bradley men's basketball team this season.

Bradley Director of Athletics Ken Kavanagh said he's extremely happy with the agreement and is even more happy fans can watch their team on a more regular basis.

"The bottom line premise is like in the NFL, you show every road game so fans have access to the games," Kavanagh said. "We're not at the point where we have every road game broadcasted, but this is the closest we've come in a long time and we're very happy about it."

Kavanagh said he's optimistic these new televised games will only help the Bradley fan base.

"We have a very large fan base that extends well out of Illinois," said Kavanagh. "With more broadcasted games, Bradley should definitely see an attraction of more fans. Any time you get extra TV exposure, people are going to talk a lot more about you."

Insight's eight-game production package will start with the regular-season opener Nov. 10 at Illinois-Chicago and will also include the four Missouri Valley Conference road games not already designated for broadcast in the Peoria area: Jan. 2 at Missouri State, Jan. 12 at Northern Iowa, Feb. 2 at Evansville and Feb 12. at Indiana State.

Bradley's home game Jan. 23 versus rival *Illinois State will also be aired* and Insight will work with Iowa State's and VCU's broadcast partners on the home games versus the Cyclones (Nov. 14) and Rams (Dec. 22).

Students are already getting excited about the upcoming season.

Junior history major Glenn Sonnenberg said he thinks the extra broadcasted games will have positive results on the university.

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Winning T-shirt design chosen for student section

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The winning T-shirt design has been selected for the new "Red Sea" student section at men's basketball games.

Junior marketing major Derek Oddo, the winning designer, said he worked hard to come up with the right design.

"I started out going through different Web sites to get some ideas," he said. "I wanted something good for students to be able to wear around campus."

The design will be featured on a red T-shirt, which has waves of red outlined in white covering a basketball, along with the words "Red Sea" and "Bradley Basketball" under it.

Assistant Athletic Director for External Affairs John Searby selected the design partly for its simplicity.

"We felt like it best incorporated the name and logo," he said. "The actual waves are red, it is simple and bold. We want the camera to be able to pick up what the T-shirt says."

Oddo's logo was chosen over 10 competing designs submitted by six different people. Oddo submitted three designs himself.

For winning the contest Oddo received two tickets to the Bradley Club room for the Nov. 14 game against Iowa State, and recognition in the team program.

Oddo said he enjoyed the perks of creating the winning design.

"It's pretty cool," he said. "I went to my marketing class and the design was the first slide on the presentation. It kind of tied in to what we were doing, and we talked about it in class."

It took Oddo about an hour to make the original design, but said he later had to go back and make slight changes. Overall he is fond of the design, and students seem to agree.

"It's cool," said sophomore graphic design major Dan Colgan. "The logo portrays the name, it looks fierce."

Junior chemical engineering major Steve Simak liked the design so much he thought it should be used more often.

"Why is it only for one sport," he said. "Bradley has soccer too, which also has a fun student section."

Fans will get their first chance to be part of the "Red Sea" when the Braves play their first game of the season.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL	MVC	OVERALL
MISSOURI STATE	10-1	21-3
WICHITA STATE	10-1	19-4
CREIGHTON	8-3	14-8
NORTHERN IOWA	8-3	14-9
ILLINOIS STATE	6-5	14-8
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	4-6	12-10
EVANSVILLE	4-6	11-10
DRAKE	3-8	6-16
BRADLEY	1-10	2-22
INDIANA STATE	0-11	3-16

SOCCER	MVC	OVERALL
DRAKE	2-0-1	9-3-3
CREIGHTON	2-0-1	8-1-4
EVANSVILLE	2-2-0	8-6-0
BRADLEY	1-0-2	8-4-3
EASTERN ILLINOIS	1-2-1	9-4-3
MISSOURI STATE	0-1-2	4-8-3
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-3-1	2-10-4

On the Record

"We can't win in America; maybe we can win overseas."

— Miami Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor on his team's upcoming trip to play the New York Giants in London

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HALLOWEEN HORROR

AGING CELEB'S EVERYDAY STREETWARE IS SCARY ENOUGH

BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

Some folks just don't need an over-the-top costume to exude scariness during October.

For them, a simple smile will do the trick. After all, nothing progresses the aging process like a few spoonfuls – or decades – of rock 'n' roll decadence.

★GENE SIMMONS★

KISS is one of the most marketed and popular bands in hard rock history. The band's comic book-like face paint and costumes are so concretely planted in '70s nostalgia that music is often secondary to image.

Then in 1983 the band did the unthinkable.

Release a disco album? Close, but that was 1979.

They took off the makeup.

Gene Simmons, the man with the tongue and nearly as many notches in his belt as Wilt Chamberlain must have left his puffy facial features hidden during all those backstage trysts. For KISS members it's perpetual Halloween - don't mess with success.

Simmons' homely mug, only worsened by years of partying, was on full display during last years A&E reality show "Gene Simmons Family Jewels."

Like the others on this list, he doesn't need to spend big bucks on a Halloween costume to scare the living Butterfingers out of eight-year-olds. Just answer the door with a wide smile, Gene.

★PHIL SPECTOR★

By now everyone has seen his famous Art Garfunkel/white dude 'fro. But did you catch his other equally hilarious haircuts and wigs?

One personal favorite was his cross between Brain Wilson's blonde surfer guy and an English pageboy.

'Ello Gov'ner!

If I were a rich and famous record producer, I probably wouldn't do my hairpiece shopping at The Party Tree during October. Maybe I'll send him a map to that "Human Hair" place on Main Street.

The man inadvertently dresses up to trick or treat everyday in court, but if his murder trial ever finishes he'll probably be doing a lot more tricking than treating in the big house.

★KEITH RICHARDS★

As everyone knows, his "look" was used as the model for Johnny Depp's Captain Sparrow character.

"Pirates of the Caribbean" costumes are readily available online.

Why not offer a Keith Richards costume with accessories?

Syringe with needle, coke spoon, bandana, eye shadow kit, pack of cigs and some guitar picks would do nicely.

The man is a walking costume – he no longer resides in a plane of existence bordering on normalcy.

★CHYNA★

Her biceps rival Ahhhnold's, her cromagnum brow out does the Geico cavemen – but it's her faux bipolar mood swings and crying on command during VH1's "Surreal Life" that are most terrifying.

Luckily for fourth graders writing reports about the Great Wall, Googling "China," results in nothing but map pictures.

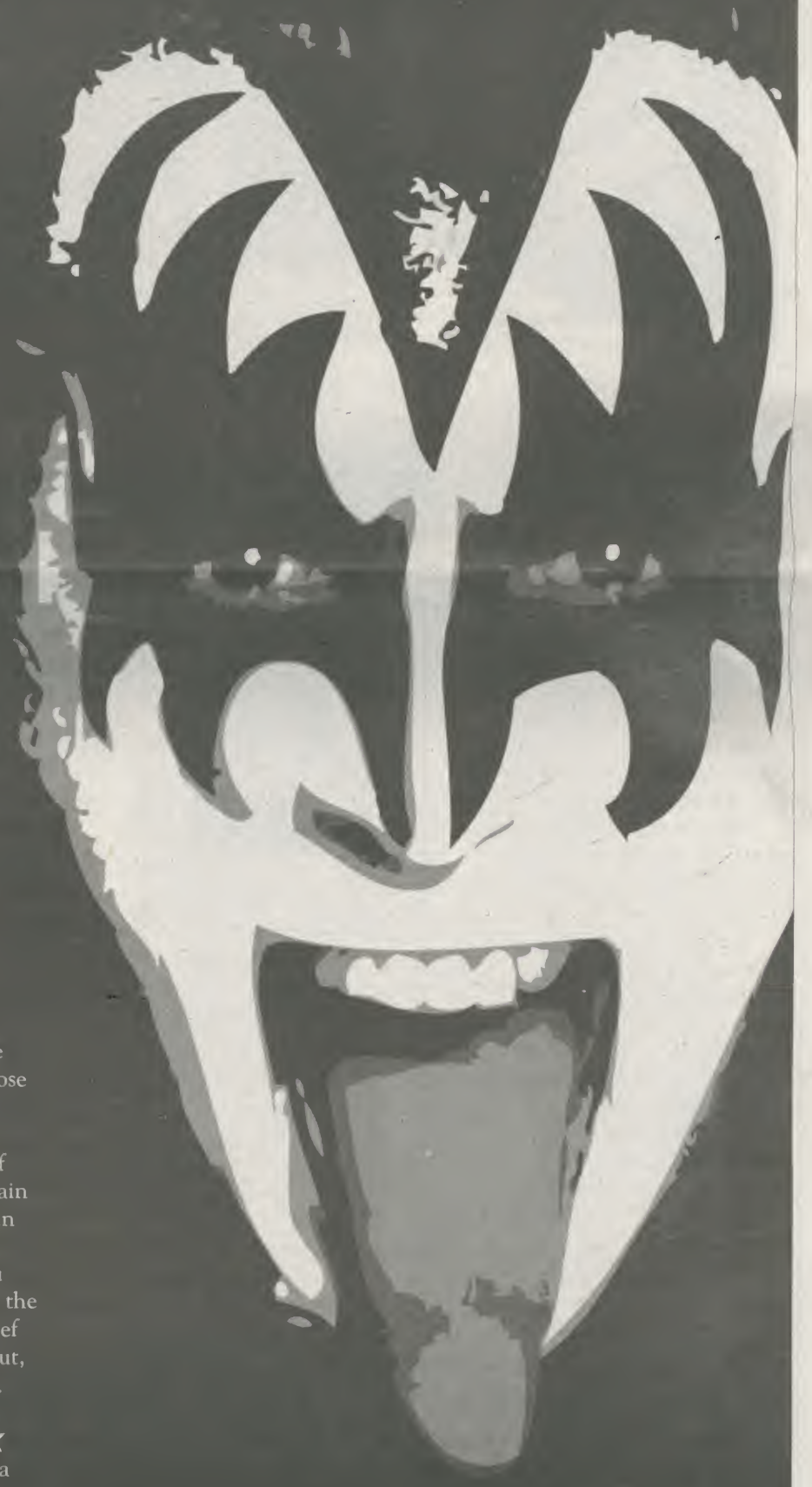
But Googling "Chyna" results in a much scarier picture – especially with the safesearch filters turned off – children, close your eyes.

Anyone tempted to dress as Chyna doesn't need to spend $2 on tiny pieces of cloth. Instead drink five espressos and chain smoke Newports until everything moves in slow-motion.

If haunted houses just don't scare you like they used to, find Chyna shopping at the supermarket, watch her drool over raw beef and chicken, and just scream – let it all out, and then get your apples and razor blades.

★ HONORABLE MENTIONS ★

Ol' Dirty Bastard (rest in peace), Sanjaya from "American Idol," post-kids Britney Spears



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THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

Live at the Five Spot presents **"Halloween: Eat, Drink and Be Scary,"** featuring South Side Cindy and the Slip-Tones at the Contemporary Art Center. Advance tickets $20

Dessert Reception, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Michel Student Center Ballroom

SATURDAY

"Mission Improvable," 7:00 to 9:00 and 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. in the Michel Student Center Ballroom

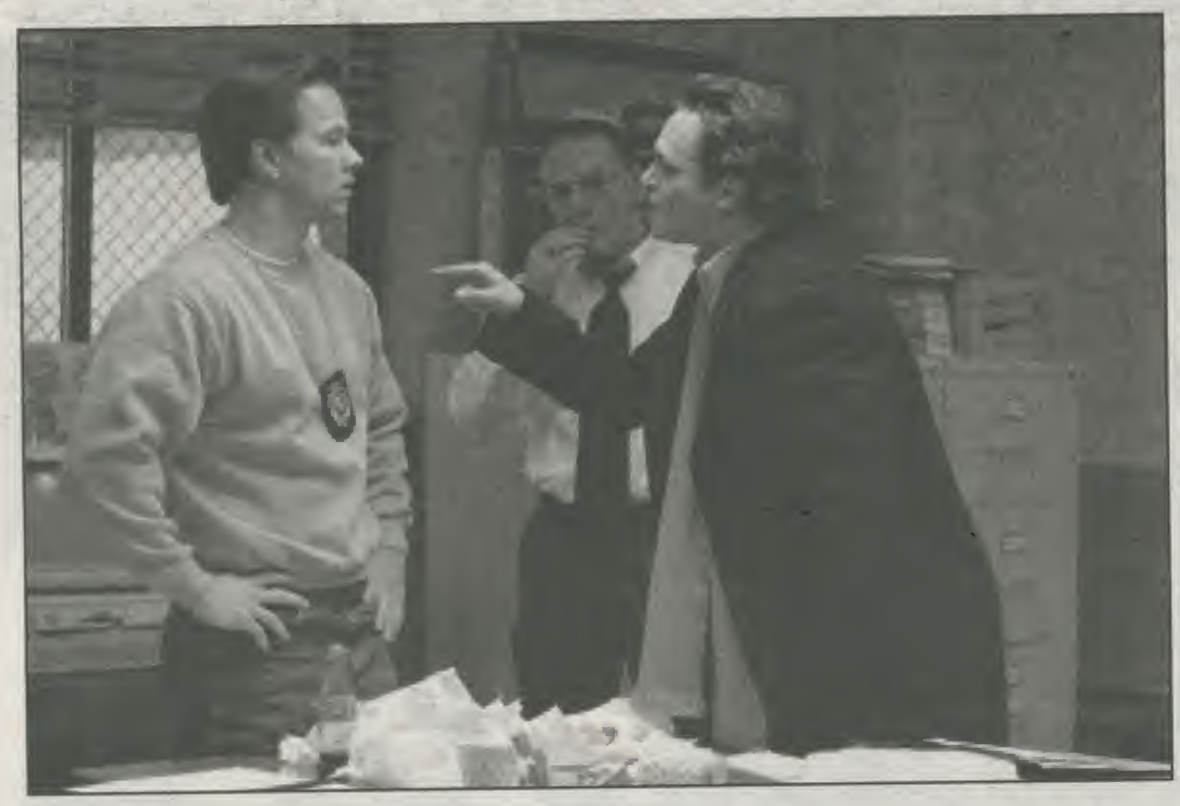
SUNDAY

Bradley Swingers presents **"Halloween Swing Dance,"** 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. in the Marty Theatre

"House on Haunted Northmoor," 7:00 p.m. to midnight at Exposition Gardens, located at 1601 W. Northmoor Road

Love, loyalty shines through the 'Night'

All-star cast drives riviting cop drama



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BY ERIK JOHNSON
for Voice

Every once in a while, a movie comes out that hides its true meaning in a cloak of gunfights and chases – a movie that tells a powerful tale of moving characters.

In "We Own the Night," Joaquin Phoenix ("Walk the Line") and Mark Wahlberg ("The Departed") take the cookie-cutter American police drama and turns it into a true tale of human spirit.

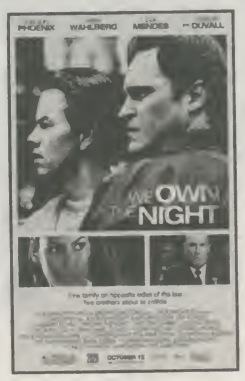
"We Own the Night" uses an all-star cast to create a powerful story supported by truly brilliant acting.

Not only does it star Phoenix and Wahlberg, but also Robert Duvall ("The Godfather") and Eva Mendes ("Training Day").

The first three deliver their characteristically stunning performances. Duvall is an aging police chief with a son on the force (Wahlberg) and another who couldn't be more different (Phoenix).

Phoenix runs a nightclub and a life full of parties, drugs and disco music. Mendes plays Phoenix's girlfriend and, seeing as her last film was "Ghost Rider," delivers what could be called a breakout performance and earns back some credibility as an actress.

These four form a solid



"We Own the Night"

Mark Wahlberg
Joaquin Pheonix
Eva Mendes

Grade: A

core pushing the plot forward powerfully. They hold together the disparate parts of what is a somewhat complicated plot.

True, it's not the rapidly twisting thrill ride that was "The Departed," but it's also a film that leaves you without a headache and lacking a desire to never see another headshot.

In the beginning, our problem child, Bobby Green (Pheonix), and his girlfriend Amada (Mendes), have to go to a benefit in honor of Captain Joe Grusinsky (Wahlberg), Bobby's brother.

After a quick topless shot of Mendes for no apparent reason, the plot commences, and the brothers embark on a roller-coaster ride of emotion.

The film tells a true tale of love and loyalty, and what it means to be a family. As the brothers come together again, we see a very accurate portrayal of the human spirit ending with a stark comment on the nature of humanity itself.

That isn't to say, however, that the director was entirely swayed away from tactical gunfights and a realistic chase scene.

The cinematography of the film also enhances the mood. Through use of handheld cameras, the director puts viewers in the scene, but not in a vomit fest like "The Blair Witch Project." The camera is shaky, but more like someone standing still shifting his weight. It's not like someone standing still holding a camera and dancing to unheard rave music.

Shots taken through windows and mirrors give viewers the feeling of being an outside observer but still keep them "in the film," so to speak.

Use of shadows and light also heightens the mood and transports audiences into the characters' worlds.

"We Own the Night" was a surprising film, full of twists and turns that leave you wondering what in the world the previews had to do with the actual movie.

The director portrays a clever vision of family and loyalty, but doesn't sacrifice gunfights and chase scenes.

It combines a powerful story, skillful cinematography and brilliant acting to weave a moving tale of love, loyalty and the human spirit.

Willow Knolls 14

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4100 West Willow Knolls Drive
309.692.5955
Student Tickets: $6.85

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The Darjeeling Limited R
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Elizabeth: The Golden Age PG-13
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Gone Baby Gone R
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Good Luck Chuck R
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Halloween R
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The Kingdom R
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Mr. Woodcock PG-13
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Rendition R
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Saw IV R
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The Seeker PG
12:00 2:10 4:20
Sydney White PG-13
12:25 2:45 5:05

OPENS TODAY

Grand Prairie 18

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5311 American Prairie
309.282.7300
Student Tickets: $6.50

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The Comebacks PG-13
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Dan In Real Life PG-13
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The Game Plan PG
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Into The Wild R
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The Kingdom R
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Michael Clayton R
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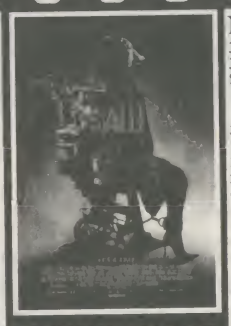

OPENS TODAY

Nova Cinemas

Nova Cinemas
3225 North Dries Lane
309.682.6356
Student Tickets: $5.00

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** Saturday, Sunday Only

30 Days of Night R
12:30** 3:00 7:05 9:35*
Elizabeth: The Golden Age PG-13
2:25 9:20*
Good Luck Chuck R
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Resident Evil: Extinction R
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Sarah Landon PG
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The Heartbreak Kid R
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The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising PG
12:00** 2:35 5:00 7:20 9:20*
Why Did I Get Married? PG-13
12:45** 3:20 7:10 9:40*

SCARY SOUNDS

ALBUMS TO GIVE YOU GOOSEBUMPS

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

There's a time and place for everything, including music.

You wouldn't play Cannibal Corpse for your grandma, and blasting Def Leppard through the 'hood' isn't always a great idea (believe me).

Some music is perfect for the clubs, while other albums are more appropriate for solitary intake late at night.

These don't fall in the latter category. Avoid listening to these in the dark or in creepy situations such as walking or driving home by yourself at night.

Then again, for you thrill seekers bored with repeating "Bloody Mary" in the mirror, this will be the perfect list. Don't say we didn't warn you.

Cursive – "The Ugly Organ"

I learned this one the hard way, during an endless drive home at 3 a.m. last summer. No cars, no pedestrians. Even the 7-Eleven was closed. Five tracks in, "Herald! Frankenstein" had me checking to make sure a killer wasn't hiding in the backseat.

The next track, "Butcher the Song," made me too scared to check again.

Saddle Creek label-mate Bright Eyes might get all the attention, but this Omaha band gets even uglier and more personal on its 2003 disc. Indie rock hasn't sounded this scary since Trent Reznor took us on a trip down the spiral.

Radiohead – "Amnesiac"

Yeah, "OK Computer" went down in history, and the new "In Rainbows" garnered more press (see last week's issue), but this album from Radiohead's laptop-rock phase is creepier than both. After the haunting "Pyramid Song," things get more unsettling.

"Pulk/Pull Revolving Doors" chops up an unused track beyond recognition while singer Thom Yorke recounts types of doors like Bubba from "Forrest Gump" reciting shrimp dishes.

Not scary enough? Nauseous synth washes turn "I Might Be Wrong" into a nightmare you can't wake up from.

Giant Drag – "Hearts and Unicorns"

Don't let the title fool you – this album is about as far from a third grade girl's coloring book as possible.

Singer Annie Hardy is the mastermind here, with an eerie childlike voice drenched in reverb.

The music is all fuzzed-out guitar bliss that college rock freaks will fawn over, and Hardy's vocals take songs like "Pretty Little Neighbor" from the bedroom window to the asylum faster than you can say "obsessive."

Just listen to "Cordial Invitation," where Hardy sings "dream" like a stalker petting your head while you sleep. It's not scary per se, but it's disturbing, uncomfortable and just not quite right – kind of like that "Willy Wonka" remake.

Korn – "Issues"

Remember junior high? I do. If you thought that awkward life stage was mental hell, put on the album that captures the magnified anxiety of those years everyone wants to forget.

It's not just kid's stuff, though. Songs like "Dead" and "Beg for Me," along with interludes like "Am I Going Crazy," drizzle some very adult psychosis on top of soil-your-pants sounds.

Hearing Fieldy's bass strings rattle against the body of his instrument is always a thrill, and singer Jonathan Davis is tortured as ever.

However, it's the way all five dudes work together that makes "Issues" prime haunted house material.

DMX – "Flesh of my Flesh, Blood of my Blood"

Fans of cutesy hip-pop need not apply. This is as real as it gets – and it's downright frightening. "Catch me with a .38, box of shells / in the '98 Lincoln, eatin' pasta shells," spits guest Styles, who adds intimidation to X's blue-collar psycho angle.

Clever lyrics are always a plus, but it's not gun talk, threats or machismo that makes "Flesh" scary – it's what lies beneath.

With muscular drum tracks and horror-flick keyboards, the lean beats on "Bring Your Whole Crew," "We Don't Give A…" and "Heat" play to paranoia and gut-instinct fears. A guest spot from Marilyn Manson on "The Omen" doesn't hurt either.

Hanson – "Middle of Nowhere"

Just hear me out on this one. In a sunny setting like a park or the quad, the debut from these ponytail-sporting choir dorks would sound merely irritating. But play it in your dorm room, engulfed in darkness so a pile of laundry looks like a corpse.

Suddenly Isaac, Taylor and Zach Hanson become the "Children of the Corn," and you've got nowhere to go.

Blue-eyed soul harmonies, forced cliches – the only "Yearbook" these home-schooled kids had was the JC Penny catalogue – and the most annoying chorus of all time ("MMMBop") equals a truly horrific experience.

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'Raising' the dead

Plant and Krauss resurrect old songs

Robert Plant and Alison Krauss

"Raising Sand"
Rounder; 2007

Grade: B-

BY LISA FITCH
for Voice

It's painfully obvious Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant is of a rare breed, being one of the few remaining quintessential rock gods.

Strange as it may sound, what sets the tousled-haired singer apart from the rest of the pack is his continued interest in the world of music, be it in the form of a solo album, collaboration or an upcoming reunion concert with his former bandmates.

Normally, any sort of band comeback signals a musician is in a state of decay, with ticket sales taking precedence over new and original material.

However, Plant has been a unique figure the last couple of years by getting his feet wet in many other genres besides rock and roll. "Raising Sand," his latest venture with bluegrass queen Alison Krauss, shows this musical experimentation.

A collaboration between rock's king of exuberance and America's bluegrass sweetheart seems to be a recipe for disaster, but stranger musical alliances have been forged over the years such as the unlikely partnership between Elton John and Eminem during the 2001 Grammys.

While a harmonious connection between two very different genres can be a difficult task, Plant and Krauss manage to successfully pull it off with the help of T-Bone Burnett, producer of "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

However, those hoping for the return of some classic hard-rocking Zep should look elsewhere, as "Sand" seems far more at home with the band's acoustic pieces, making the album better suited in the genre of bluegrass rather than rock.

While "Sand" may open with a thumping bass line, the album as a whole has a generally relaxed and low-key feel. This comes as no surprise since the entire LP has the two singers covering a collection of lesser known country, folk, blues and roots-rock songs, from Tom Waits, The Everly Brothers, Gene Clark and Sam Phillips. In fact, producer Burnett personally selected each of the album's 13 tracks with input from Plant and Krauss.

Given the source material, today's generation will be generally unfamiliar with most of "Sand's" songs, seeing as the bulk comes from an age where vinyl was the norm.

But one interesting addition to "Sand" is Zep's frontman covering himself with the Page and Plant penned "Please Read the Letter."

More melancholy and double-sided than the original, the album's interpretation of a broken relationship seems stronger and more powerful this time around with the added perspective of Krauss.

However, the most striking part of the album isn't its unique selection of songs, but the singing efforts of Plant and Krauss.

The twosome's distinctive voices blend together beautifully, their harmonizing showing the clear difference between a duet and a duo. The two crooners play off each other well, neither one trying to outshine the other with any vocal acrobatics.

It's this balance that not only helps to hold the album together, but also allows each singer to showcase either their individual or combined talents.

Hardcore fans of classic rock will more than likely shy away from "Sand," wondering why Plant would submit himself to such a project. However, those willing to open their minds to songs that formed the foundation of rock and roll will find much to love.

MUSIC RELEASES
TUESDAY 10/30

Britney Spears - "Blackout"
Backstreet Boys - "Unbreakable"
"I'm Not There: Original Soundtrack"
Avenged Sevenfold - "Avenged Sevenfold"
Josh Turner - "Everything Is Fine"

VIDEO/TUESDAY 10/30 DVD RELEASES

"Spider Man 3"
"Scrubs: The Complete Sixth Season"
"License to Wed"
"Family Guy: Freakin' Party Pack"

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WIDESPREAD SATISFACTION
BAND PLAYS TO LOYAL FOLLOWING IN ST. LOUIS

BY TYLER MARTIN
for Voice

Rabid Spreadheads bury their wallets in the sand and tuck their shirts into their socks before making their way into the Fabulous Fox Theatre in St. Louis for Widespread Panic's Oct. 16 concert.

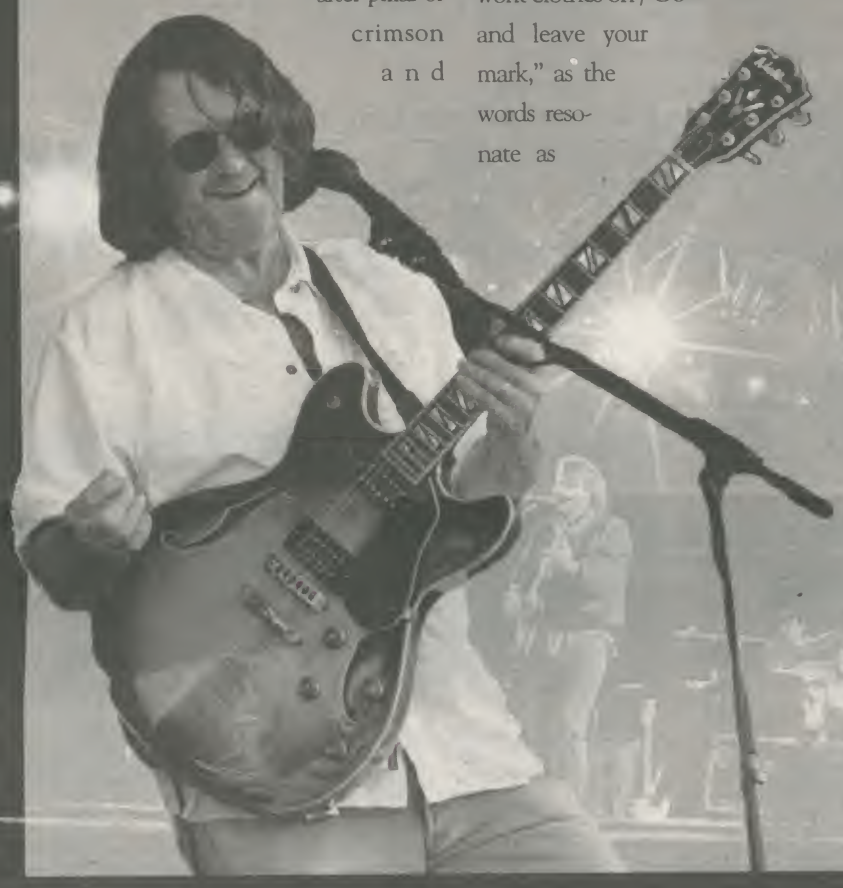
There's a reason the Fabulous Fox Theatre's title is preceded by the adjective – it's absolutely magnificent.

The ushers in black and white attire direct the flow of concert attendees as I stumble in slack-jawed, taking in pillar after pillar of crimson and gold hand-crafted sculptures and intricate architecture.

This building is classy. Panic was invited back after last year's show, kudos. Wookies, mind your manners.

The show opens with "Pleas," and drummer Todd Nance is keeping a tempo so airtight that Greenwich now keeps universal time using sensors sewn into his wristbands.

The devoted sing along, "They say it takes hardship, boy / To let you love the rest / Sometimes underneath the load / Is where I show my best / Go, put your work clothes on / Go and leave your mark," as the words resonate as familiar favorites in Panic's vast lyrical canon.



"Pleas" segues into a cover of J.J. Cale's "Travelin' Light," followed by the single that gave Panic some MTV airplay (circa 1993), "Wondering."

"Wondering" takes off into one of the longer extended improvisations of the evening before "C. Brown."

A song profound in metaphors, "C. Brown" is the third-person narrative of the Charles M. Schulz character on another rough day with Lucy and friends. The band leaves the ending subject to interpretation.

After a pair of newer tunes following "C. Brown," bassist Dave Schools discretely slips in the "Blight" bass line before the preceding "Flicker" had completely finished.

The Vic Chesnutt cover is a heavily sought after gem in the Panic catalog and the Fabulous Fox erupts in anticipation of it.

Following the monstrous "Blight," key tickler/masher extraordinaire JoJo Hermann gears up for a rendition of "Blackout Blues."

The lyrics of which never lose comical appeal – "Woke up on your bed this morning / You were sleeping on the floor / Falling in and out of bars on my own / Pick my head up off the ground."

Percussionist Sunny Ortiz takes the spotlight after "Blackout" and showcases his talent on the skins leading into the Talking Heads' "Papa Legba" thereby closing out this humdinger of a first set.

After intermission, "From the Cradle" and "Imitation Leather Shoes" open the second set.

"Better Off" follows and gets every keister in the theater "groovin' on the baby pigs" when the band turns onto "Impossible" and lead guitarist Jimmy Herring lets loose his onslaught of notes.

Guitarist and lead vocalist John Bell howls over his new black Washburn Series as the band sizzles in its own juices.

What's now an ode to deceased original lead guitarist Michael Houser, "Gimme" serves as the reflective breather of the show and also a fine treat as it's rarely played. Jerry Joseph's "Climb to Safety" stands out as jam of the night, venturing far into uncharted territory.

"Climb" diffuses into a solid "Drums" and another J.J. Cale cover of "Ride Me High" is followed by the sacred "Pilgrims."

Neil Young's gritty "Mr. Soul" closes out the second set in genuine southern rock fashion.

Bell gives a stern thanks before the band disperses for the encore break and upon return, plays the encore "Tell The Truth Into Submission." The song lets Bell clear his throat before the night's closing song "Makes Sense To Me" setting all in attendence into one last dilly.

Photo Poll

What are you dressing as for Halloween?

"Butterfly"
Jamie Olsen
senior
psychology, health science

"Nurse"
Christine Elston
junior
psychology

"German bar girl"
Sam Lemanski
senior
multimedia

"Michael"
Marcus Belin
junior
elementary education

"Lamp"
Brad Bullock
senior
social work, journalism

"Captain Hook"
Jon Hook
sophomore
health science

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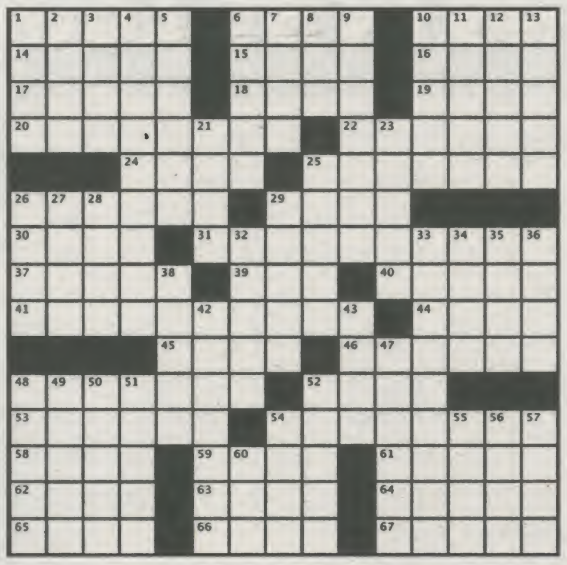

Across
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6- Ornamental fabric
10- Roster used to assign duties
14- Ingenuous
15- Black, in poetry
16- Minerals
17- Wearies
18- Fellas
19- Lubricates
20- Introduce
22- Agile
24- Narrow opening
25- Bass player
26- Oratory
29- Female child
30- Wander
31- Type of tea
37- Surrounded by
39- John in England
40- Like ziti
41- Dishonest
44- Sever with the teeth
45- Ray of light
46- Individual
48- Lichen growing on oak trees
52- Indonesian holiday resort
53- Alarms
54- Uncompromising
58- Fertility goddess of Egypt
59- Mid-month times
61- Like some seals
62- Building wings
63- Belonging to us
64- Rise to one's feet
65- Depend
66- Roman emperor
67- Woman's one-piece undergarment

Down
1- Word that can precede war, biotic and climax
2- Shower
3- Grime
4- Spend more than one can afford
5- Fix, as a shoe
6- On the up-and-up, briefly
7- Adjoin
8- Bashful
9- Trap
10- Chambers
11- Small antelope
12- Informs
13- It's a plus
21- Shape
23- Atoll unit
25- A jewel
26- Stuff
27- Household
28- Mary Kay competitor
29- Brush a horse
32- AKA
33- Make slippery
34- Large wading bird
35- Western pact
36- Small secluded valley
38- Libreville's land
42- Act of ceding
43- Box
47- First-born
48- Bendable twig, usually of a willow tree
49- Passageway
50- Shrimplike crustaceans
51- Unordered
52- Low voice
54- German Mister
55- Toward the mouth
56- Tear apart
57- Whirlpool
60- Owing

Sudoku

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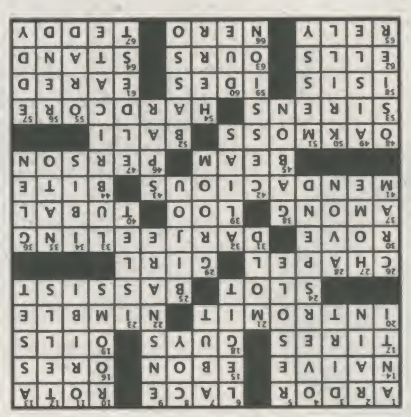

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HOW TO

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MAKE YOUR OWN COSTUME

THE SCOUT'S GUIDE TO BEING A CREATIVE COST-CUTTER THIS HALLOWEEN

Too often, college students rush out to local Halloween stores, malls and Wal-Marts in search of quick, quirky and generic costumes at the last minute. This year, don't be another victim of Halloween humdrum.

Students can make their own costumes. Sure, it sounds like a daunting task, but at least you know you'll be the only one at the party with a costume like yours.

Costume ideas come from your own mind, but there are a few guidelines to follow in order to pull off a successful and memorable Halloween costume.

Use your imagination and be fearless. College students are chock full of original, zany and provocative ideas for costumes. If you have a crazy idea to go as a half drank bottle of Pepto Bismol, then find a way to make that happen.

Tap into your inner childhood fantasies and, on the chance of sounding very Disney, make your wildest dreams come true.

However, most students are afraid to act upon these wishes because they don't know how their friends will receive them.

The thing is, it's Halloween. If there's one time for a person to make a fool of him or herself, Halloween is the prime time to do so. Put aside those notions of being the laughingstock of the party and be yourself. You just might be the trendsetter amongst your friends.

Use what you have around you. If you live off carryout pizza, you are sure to have numerous pizza boxes lying around. Throw them in a big black trash bag, along with yourself, and viola! You're a "dorm room trash can."

OK, so that was really bad, but you get the point. If you have an abundance of something, then use it to your advantage.

Go through your storage boxes and old clothes and use random items to your benefit. For once, being a packrat is not a bad thing.

The Web site www.kidsturncentral.com recommends digging through your closet, finding anything that's fun, crazy or just downright ugly and start with that canvas. Put two and two together and you've got yourself an original <insert name here> costume.

Don't be afraid to thrift shop. Every costume idea is going to come with that one snafu item that you don't have just lying around. Chances are it's a pretty common item that you just seem to have not acquired in your 20 years on Earth. No worries. Thrift stores all over have hundreds of useful costuming items that can be added to virtually any idea.

Salvation Army is a great place to begin this hunt. Whether it's polka dot pants, a shiny shirt or a horrendous hat, odds are that the item you are looking for will find its way into your life. The Great Pumpkin wants you to succeed.

Collaborate. The Web site www.ezinearticles.com recommends using the power of friendship and going as a group. Raid each other's closets and use those teamwork skills that were drilled into us at such a young age.

You can't very well be Bert and Ernie without two people and for all you girls, Charlie's Angels are out of the question unless you have some group work going on.

Working as a group just makes sense because you have x times the amount of "junk" available for you to use and "theme-ing" with your friends might take away from of that anxiety about being different from the norm.

Befriend a theater major. If there's *anyone to help create and implement your* artistic dream, theater people are your best bet. They spend most of their work in costume and some production majors actually study costuming.

Most are willing to share ideas, and while finding time for them to actually make your costume for you will be difficult, it's good to have someone you can go to for help and direction.

If all else fails, find a sheet. A sheet can be made into hundreds of costumes on a moment's notice – a ghost, a toga, an apron, a turban. You'll be one of the lamest people at the party, but hey, at least you'll have a costume that you "created."

The tools for creating your own Halloween costumes are at your fingertips, you just have to be willing to do the grunt work that comes with it.

For all you know, the party's best costume is sitting in your very closet and junk drawer and you just don't know it.

There's no excuse for not dressing up for Halloween. It's that one chance for the adults to be kids for one night – let loose, forget the stresses of life and just be someone you normally aren't. Do it your own way with your own style and own ideas.

Don't become another victim of mindless generic Halloween costuming. Be a supporter of original costuming.

STORY BY JEREMY BEHRENS

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Don't miss this week's basketball preview pullout section.

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Flamingos fill yards for cause

Flocks of flamingos will grace the yards of community members to encourage donations to Make-A-Wish. *photo courtesy of www.getflocked.com*

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

About six families recently awoke to several plastic pink flamingos in their front yards.

And there are more yards splashed with pink plastic still to come.

Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity, is raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

APO places the flamingos in community members' yards and asks for donations to remove them.

The de-flocking fee is $25, but APO will remove the flamingos for free if the resident wishes.

Senior accounting and finance major Brandee Peters is head of APO's Make-A-Wish Foundation committee.

see **FLOCKING** Page A13

Wall of Stereotypes breaks barriers

Alan Galsky helps break down the Wall of Stereotypes. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

BY ANDY PEREZ
for the Scout

Becky Suhr said the Wall of Stereotypes might not reflect only stereotypes, but also truths.

"People are inherently stereotypical, whether you believe it or not," the freshman history major said. "The wall brings awareness, but I don't think it will stop people from stereotyping."

The Wall of Stereotypes, sponsored by Student Senate as part of Multicultural Week, stood on Olin Quad earlier this week. The wall is 20 feet long by six feet tall.

Students could be seen circling the wall reading the different tiles that organizations, races, cultures and individuals created to express what they felt they were stereotyped as.

Senate invited organizations and individuals to pick up tiles and design them the week before the wall was built. Everyone who designed a tile was asked not to hold back their thoughts and address any stereotypes.

See related Multicultural Awareness Week story. Page A10

The wall was torn down during a ceremony Wednesday. A panel discussion took place afterward. Panel members discussed their feelings about the wall and how to continue conversation about stereotypes on campus.

Senate's Diversity Affairs Chairman Ben Koch said tearing down the wall should have symbolic meaning. He said the wall is a catalyst to get people thinking about stereotypes and how they create a wall among students.

Junior early childhood education major Nicole Bruno said, "It's very blunt and could be offensive, but gets a strong point across to many students on campus."

In past years, the wall was called The Wall of Diversity, Koch said.

see **WALL** Page A13

Lighting to get multi-million dollar updates

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

The university recently allocated four million dollars to overhaul the lighting system on campus.

Director of Facilities Management Ron Doerzaph said the university's lighting system needed to be updated because standards have changed since the current system was installed.

The new system will introduce brighter, more intense lights to campus.

The system would increase the number of light poles on campus from 200 to 500, which increases the quality of lighting and safety on campus, Doerzaph said.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said he applauds the university's decision to improve lighting on campus because whenever there's an improvement made safety increases.

The first phase of new lights

see **LIGHTS** Page A13

Teachers diffuse cheating

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

One student said he used to cheat because he could.

"It was in a huge lecture hall with 100 other kids so there's no way the professor could have watched everybody to make sure they were cheating or not," the senior said.

The student, who wished to remain anonymous, said it wasn't difficult to cheat in his MUS 109 class he took in spring 2004.

The class' professor, Blake Duncan, said he thinks the majority of students don't cheat but has implemented several techniques to encourage students to remain honest.

Duncan, who has taught the class for 10 years, said the large class size of about 145 students contribute to students' abilities to cheat.

To hinder cheating, he's created two different test versions and doesn't allow students to have anything except pencils when taking exams.

He said he wants to discourage students from using laptops, iPods or cell phones while taking tests.

"In life, we need to stand on our own two feet and we need to be on top of things," Duncan said. "I don't want, if I end up in the hospital, to have a nurse who cheated on a test."

The class requires students to attend seven concerts throughout the semester, and at the time the student took the class, students had to get their programs stamped before and after concerts.

"I went to all the concerts but I know my friend paid his roommate to go for him because all you had to do was put a stamp on the program," he said.

About two years ago, Duncan implemented a system in which students scan their IDs into a machine that takes their pictures. The machine

see **CHEATING** Page A12

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
62 / 35
Mostly sunny.

Saturday
58 / 38
Mostly sunny.

Sunday
57 / 40
Sunny.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

VOICE

What's in style this season? Voice explores winter fashion.
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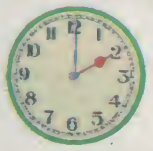
DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME

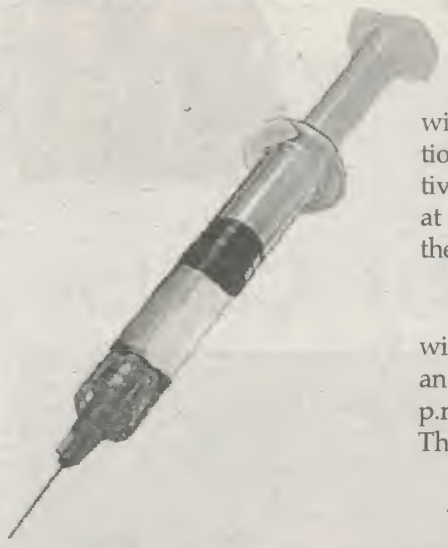


Don't forget to turn your clocks back Sunday at 2 a.m.

Bradley Briefs

•The Association of Residence Halls will host the Suitcase Social at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Michel Student Center ballroom. Two students will be chosen to win a secret trip and others have the chance to win prizes.

•The Health Center will offer a flu shot clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Michel Student Center atrium. Cost is $30. Call the Health Center at x2700 with questions.



•The Smith Career Center will host an employer informational session with representatives from Burns & McDonnell at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Braves Room.

•The Smith Career Center will host a seminar on obtaining an internship from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Marty Theatre.

•The Bradley Theatre Department will present "Night of the Iguana" from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Hartmann Center. Admission is $12 for faculty and $7 for students.

•Poet Brigett Gray will visit campus at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Student Center ballroom. The event is sponsored by the Activities Council.

Around the World

Local mothers upset with police confidentiality

Two South Peoria mothers are outraged with Peoria police for not releasing information on two sexual assaults involving minors.

One girl said she was on her way home Sunday when a man allegedly chased her into an alley and threatened to stab her if she screamed.

In the other Sept. 14 case a Manual High School Student allegedly was forced to perform oral sex on a man while walking to school.

In both cases, the victims' mothers notified media because the police didn't.

Information from www.pjstar.com.

Church sued for picketing funerals of Iraq veterans

A father of a recently deceased Iraq war veteran won nearly $11 million dollars in a lawsuit against a fundamentalist Kansas church.

The Westboro Baptist Church pickets soldiers' funerals, claiming the war in Iraq is punishment for the nation's tolerance of homosexuality.

The church leader and his two daughters were found liable for invasion of privacy and intent to inflict emotional distress. Albert Snyder, the father, claimed the protest intruded on what should have been a private ceremony and ruined his memory of the important event.

The defendants said the Constitution provides protection for all forms of free speech whether people find it offensive or not.

Information from www.cnn.com.

New policy puts veterans on the front lines

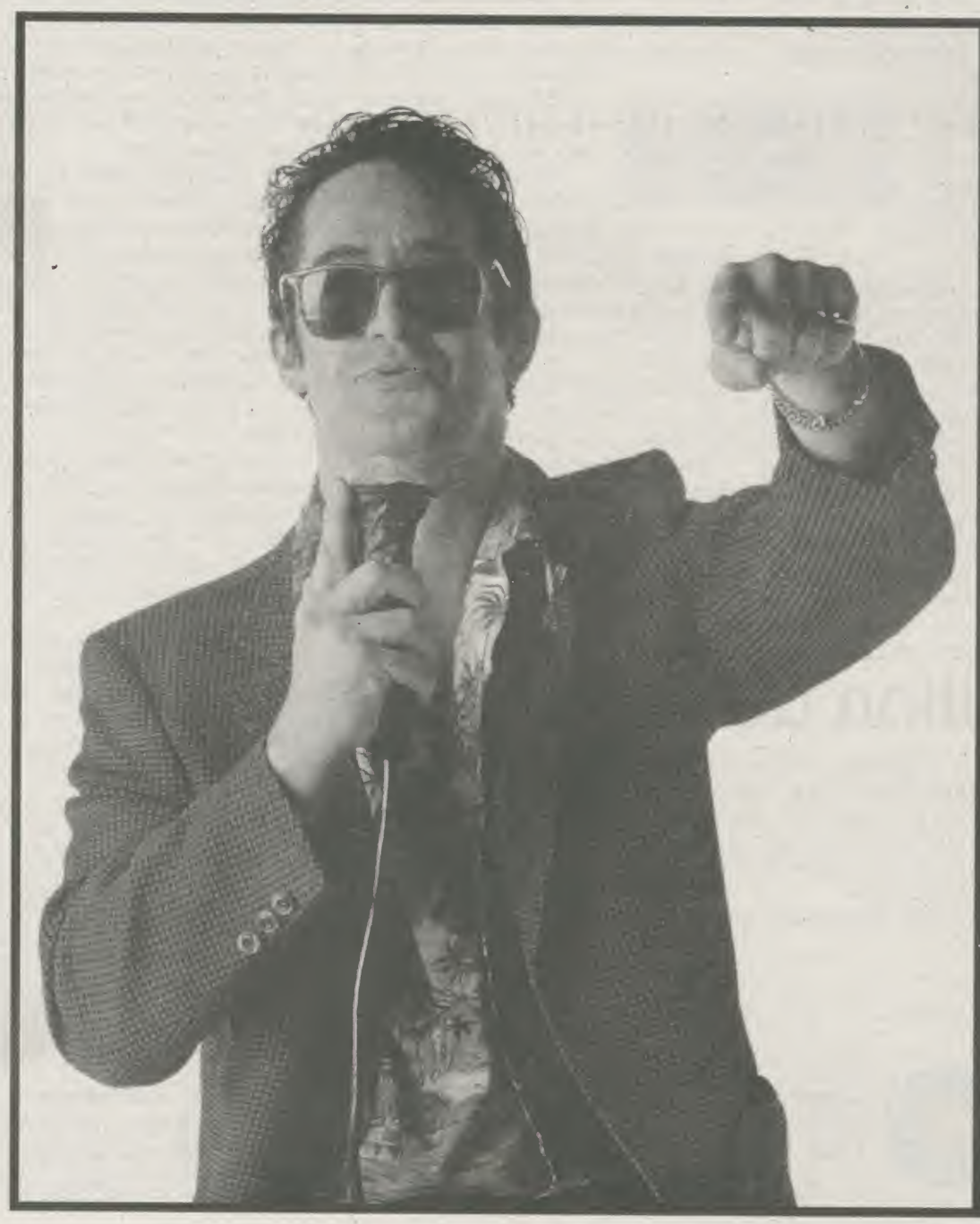
Several hundred U.S. State Department diplomats expressed their distaste in a new policy forcing them to serve in Iraq.

Calling it a potential death sentence, the diplomats asked the State Department why they had to hear it through the media rather than being told by their employer.

One veteran of the foreign service asked how the department could defend the diplomats while missiles are being launched into the green zones.

About 250 diplomats are needed in Iraq. Of that, 200 will be volunteers. Those who are *forced to go will be notified by Thanksgiving* and will have 10 days to report.

Information from www.cnn.com.



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Greeks dance through the decades

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Students crammed Robertson Memorial Field House on Oct. 25 for Greek Week's annual Pan-Fra-Sing contest, cheering on greeks despite a tallying error in the scores.

Pan-Fra-Sing is a contest in which different greek chapters join together to create dance routines complete with props and sets.

This year's Pan-Fra-Sing paralleled the theme of Greek Week, Hollywood Through the Decades. Teams were assigned a specific decade and created dance routines using music from their assigned decades.

Judges scored participants on the quality of the dance, creativity in choreography and music selection, ability to lip-synch the lyrics, energy level and enthusiasm, level of relevance to the team's assigned decade and team participation.

Because of an error in scoring tabulation, the teams that were announced didn't actually win.

Re-tallying the scores revealed first place went to the team consisting of Sigma Kappa, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Theta Epsilon and Delta Sigma Theta. Gamma Phi Beta, Theta Chi, Sigma Chi and Lambda Chi Alpha's team took second place and the team of Sigma Delta Tau, Pi Kappa Alpha, Theta Xi and Zeta Phi Beta took third.

The first place team announced at Pan-Fra-Sing was the group of Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Kappa Alpha. The team taking second place included SK, Delts, Sigma Theta Epsilon and Delta Sigma Theta. The team placing third included Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Sigma.

Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Teniell Trolian said the error occurred because judges tallied their own score sheets and one judge added incorrectly.

Pi Phi and Kappa Delta were disqualified and couldn't win.

"They were disqualified for reasons stated in the rules about leaving props at the field house," Panhellenic Council's Director of Activities Kim Graham said.

Sophomore marketing major Katie Harvey said she was disappointed SK, her sorority, wasn't announced as the winner at the actual event but felt better after scores were re-tallied.

"We had one of the better dances," she said. "I was kind of shocked we placed second because I know the girls in my house and the frats we were with worked really hard for three or four weeks and really wanted first. It's a huge deal to people. But it all worked out in the end."

Sophomore civil engineering major and Pike Greek Week chair Drew Loder said he was also pleased to find out his house placed.

"All the guys who participated were excited to find out they got third and their hard work paid off," he said.

Sophomore social work major and Pi Beta Phi member Katy Risley dances with men from Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Pan-Fra-Sing. *photo by Megan Loos*

Graham said Pan-Fra-Sing was more successful this year than in past years.

"We put a new spin on it with the different themes and different decades," she said. "Attendance was great and we raised more money for the Peoria Food Bank than the past two Greek Weeks."

Junior elementary education major Mallory Kunde participated in Pan-Fra-Sing. She said she also noticed a larger crowd than in years past and she enjoyed the event despite the scoring errors.

"It's stupid because Pi Phi was amazing," she said. "But it was so fun, I loved the decades."

Relations rocky with off-campus landlords

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Landlord-tenant relations are challenging from both sides, and it's no exception for one tenant and Campus Club Rentals.

An anonymous student voiced some complaints about his housing rental company, including the time it took to fix broken items in the house.

"We moved into our house and a bunch of stuff was broken, and the landlord came about three months after and he blamed every single thing on us," he said.

The student said this happened multiple times.

"My roommate was cooking and the shelf above him fell on his head, and the landlord came in and blamed us for knocking the shelf over," he said.

He said the same situation and reaction occurred after a cabinet fell on another roommate.

Merle Huff, president and owner of Campus Club, said on average, it takes about two days for maintenance employees to fix a problem, depending on its severity.

There are nine to 10 maintenance personnel available during the day and a 24-hour maintenance service during closed business hours. If there's an emergency, someone should be there within a couple hours to fix the problem, Huff said.

"We try to determine what caused it and what the problem is," he said. "We've never had a problem we can't take care of."

Another Campus Club tenant, who also chose to remain anonymous, said maintenance has fixed problems within a day or two.

She said her house had minor problems such as loose doorknobs.

"Things that we had them fix should have been fixed before we moved in," she said. "It was a lot of little things that needed to be fixed."

Twelve custodians clean the houses after the old tenants move out in spring. There's usually a week's span between the time the old tenant moves out and the new tenant moves in, Huff said.

The student said she and her roommates had to do a lot of the cleaning after they moved in, including the walls and floors.

"When we moved in, I felt like they didn't clean like they said they would," she said.

She said, however, she didn't have the same experience as the student who was blamed by Campus Club for broken items in the house.

Huff said all houses are inspected before students move in so there aren't discrepancies.

The student said overall, she isn't disappointed with Campus Club.

"It's a great house," she said. "[Though] it could have been taken care of a lot better."

Huff said he's only heard complaints from students about security deposit refunds. He said students may complain when their deposits aren't refunded in full.

The apartment complex at 1109 Underhill St. is one of many properties owned by Campus Club Rentals. Campus Club is getting mixed reviews from Bradley students.

The deposit covers costs of house damage while the tenant lived there.

Huff said sometimes tenants will have parties, things will get broken and the tenant won't understand why he or she is responsible for damages.

"A tenant is responsible for his unit once he gets it," Huff said. "People all the time say, 'We didn't do that, our friends did.' I'm not responsible for their friends."

Huff said only 3 to 4 percent of tenants don't receive their deposits in full.

He said he encourages students to see him if they have problems.

"If they got a complaint, if they call us, we'll talk to them," he said. "We have excellent relations with our students."

Huff said Campus Club has rented to more than 10,000 Bradley students for more than 30 years.

"I try very much," Huff said. "I'm like a dad … [and] sometimes kids away at college don't like dads."

Graduation requirements unclear

One in four students don't graduate in four years.

BY ANNABELLE VANG
for the Scout

Some seniors look forward to graduating at the end of this semester, but not all seniors who planned on graduating may be able to.

More than one-quarter of students don't graduate within four years, Barbara Carraway, the interim executive director of Student Support Services, said.

Bradley requires a minimum of 124 hours to graduate – a number that differs among departments. Some may require up to 150 semester hours. Students have to take about 16 hours a semester to graduate on time.

Carraway said if students don't take 16 hours each semester, "then they should expect to take more classes during January interim or during the summer."

She said the number of hours needed is based on accrediting association standards.

Assistant Registrar Angela Butler said she thinks 124 hours is standard for all universities.

"Some majors require more time than others, such as international business or engineering," she said. "Students should meet with their advisers more often to know what classes they need and plan their courses well."

Butler said she also advises students to keep track of which classes they need to take by checking their degree audit reports on Webster.

Carraway said she thinks students fall short of the average 16 hours per semester because they don't want to take on large workloads, have other commitments, drop courses or have too many sicknesses or absences.

Freshman biology major Liz Baney said she didn't know she had to take 16 hours each semester when she chose her classes for her first semester.

"My adviser told me exactly what classes to take," she said. "I was told that I could only have 12 hours, otherwise I'd be overwhelmed. Now I have to make up for it during the summer, which is really unfair. I wish that I had known that I needed to take 16 hours."

But others make up for it with Advanced Placement credit from high school or community college classes.

Senior public relations major Joslyn LaMon is in her fifth year at Bradley and plans to graduate at the semester.

"I think that the reason that I'm behind is that I took a second minor and never took any summer classes," said LaMon. "Looking back, I would have taken those classes. It would have been a smart idea."

Senior entrepreneurship major Aaron Hutnick said he agrees.

"This is my fifth year at Bradley because I changed my major in the middle of my sophomore year," he said. "I didn't plan on staying longer than four years, but when I changed my major I knew that I would. Plus, I haven't taken any J-term or summer classes, but if I had then I might have made it out in four years."

But Hutnick said he doesn't regret changing majors.

"It can be difficult choosing what you want to do when you're only 17 or 18," he said. "And my parents are happy that I switched to something that interests me even if it may take a little longer."

Bradley Hall pumpkins missed by some

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

It seems the Great Pumpkin won't be sprouting on Bradley's campus this fall.

The mysterious pumpkin vines that appeared last year in front of Bradley Hall are missing this year, leaving some to wonder where they went.

Sophomore graphic design major Amanda Ragusa said she has noticed the absence on many occasions.

"I always think to myself, 'Where are the pumpkins?,'" she said. "I couldn't wait for the pumpkins to start growing because I was thinking about fall coming."

Grounds Supervisor Stan Glazier said what happened last year was a fluke.

"The pumpkin seeds came in with the compost in the mulch that we spread," he said. "Most seeds are mashed up in the processing of the compost but those slipped through and took seed in Bradley Hall's flower bed."

But because of the way the plants and pumpkins were treated last year, there were no seeds left for the pumpkins to sprout from.

"People came by and picked the pumpkins and the blossoms off of the vines, leaving nothing for more seeds to be fertilized," Glazier said.

He said he hoped something would eventually grow this year, but nothing did.

Pumpkin vines grow in front of Bradley Hall last fall.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

Sophomore dietetics major Megan Bowen said the pumpkins were something that made Bradley unique.

"The pumpkins in front of Bradley Hall just added something to the campus," she said. "It was fun to just have something that odd on campus with no one really knowing about it at first."

Glazier said he has received comments about the fact that there aren't pumpkins in front of Bradley Hall, but they are casual comments.

"We wish they could be there again this year," Glazier said, "It's something that doesn't happen often, but it was a fun surprise for all of us."

Students have mixed feelings on midterm grades

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

Bradley gives out midterm grades because students requested them three years ago, Kathie Beaty said.

University registrar Beaty said after being petitioned, Student Senate passed a resolution requesting teachers to provide midterm grades.

The Registrar's Office made providing midterm grades a policy after the resolution passed.

Beaty said nearly all teachers turn in midterms even though they aren't required to, but she said she encourages them to do so.

If teachers don't turn in midterm grades, they provide students with grades via Blackboard or tell students in class, Beaty said.

She also said Blackboard grades are up to date, so some teachers prefer to use that method so students can access their grades anytime.

Sophomore elementary education and early childhood major Kelly Zibton said if more instructors posted grades on Blackboard, midterms wouldn't be necessary.

Sophomore nursing major Jessica Bieschke said because midterm grades don't appear on transcripts, they aren't necessary.

"They don't really mean anything because it's not your real grade," she said.

Sophomore advertising major Courtney Pavesich also said midterm grades aren't useful.

"I personally don't like them because teachers don't always give accurate midterm grades," she said. "They either give everyone in the class the same grade, or only include certain things in the midterms."

Zibton said midterm grades are rarely accurate.

"Teachers should add in extra credit and anything else that influences a student's grade at midterm," she said.

Beaty said midterms are given to help students judge their performances in classes.

The grades are made available only to students and their advisers.

Freshman AEP major Lauren Curatolo said she agrees with the students from three years ago who requested the implementation of midterm grades.

"I think they are good because they give you a point to see if you have to work harder or if you are working hard enough," she said.

Zibton said she thinks midterms are important because they give students an idea of how they're doing in a class.

"They're useful so students have a benchmark, otherwise a lot of teachers don't tell you your grades until the end of the semester," she said.

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Many students unhappy with part-time job fair

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Eighty-four employers were represented at the 2007 Part-time Employment Expo, but for freshmen not eligible for work study it may be slim pickings for on-campus jobs.

Although less students were eligible for work study because of governmental cut backs this year, the majority of on-campus jobs represented at the expo were looking to hire work study students, Jane Linnenburger, the director of the Smith Career Center, said.

Thirteen percent of the jobs represented at the fair were on-campus employers seeking non-work study students. The number of work study students has decreased 10 to 12 percent, Dave Pardieck, the director of Financial Assistance, said.

In a September survey, 12 percent of freshmen taking EHS 120 ranked the expo as excellent.

"If they leave with a job, yes, they're going to say it's excellent," Linnenburger said. "If they compete and there aren't as many jobs and they don't have work study, there aren't factors that necessarily say it's a bad fair except for them."

Linnenburger also said at the time when freshmen completed the survey, they hadn't gotten jobs yet and were still interviewing.

She also said the number of employers that attended the expo was "traditional" and it's hard to gauge how many jobs were available because several employers hired many students.

Dawn Koeltzow, the assistant director of the SCC, said part of the problem freshmen encounter when looking for jobs may be that even though there's a decline in the number of work study students from this year to last, there's still the same amount of work study jobs.

Freshman marketing major Fred Jordan said he attended the expo to look for a flexible on-campus job that didn't require its employees to have work study.

"I was just mad that you have to have work study because I don't have a car and I can't get to other places," he said. "I felt disappointed and I felt broke."

He said he knows other freshmen who found jobs at the expo, but they are all part of the work study program.

Koeltzow said 42 percent of students who attended the expo were freshmen and they may have to compete for jobs. The majority of jobs represented at the expo were off-campus.

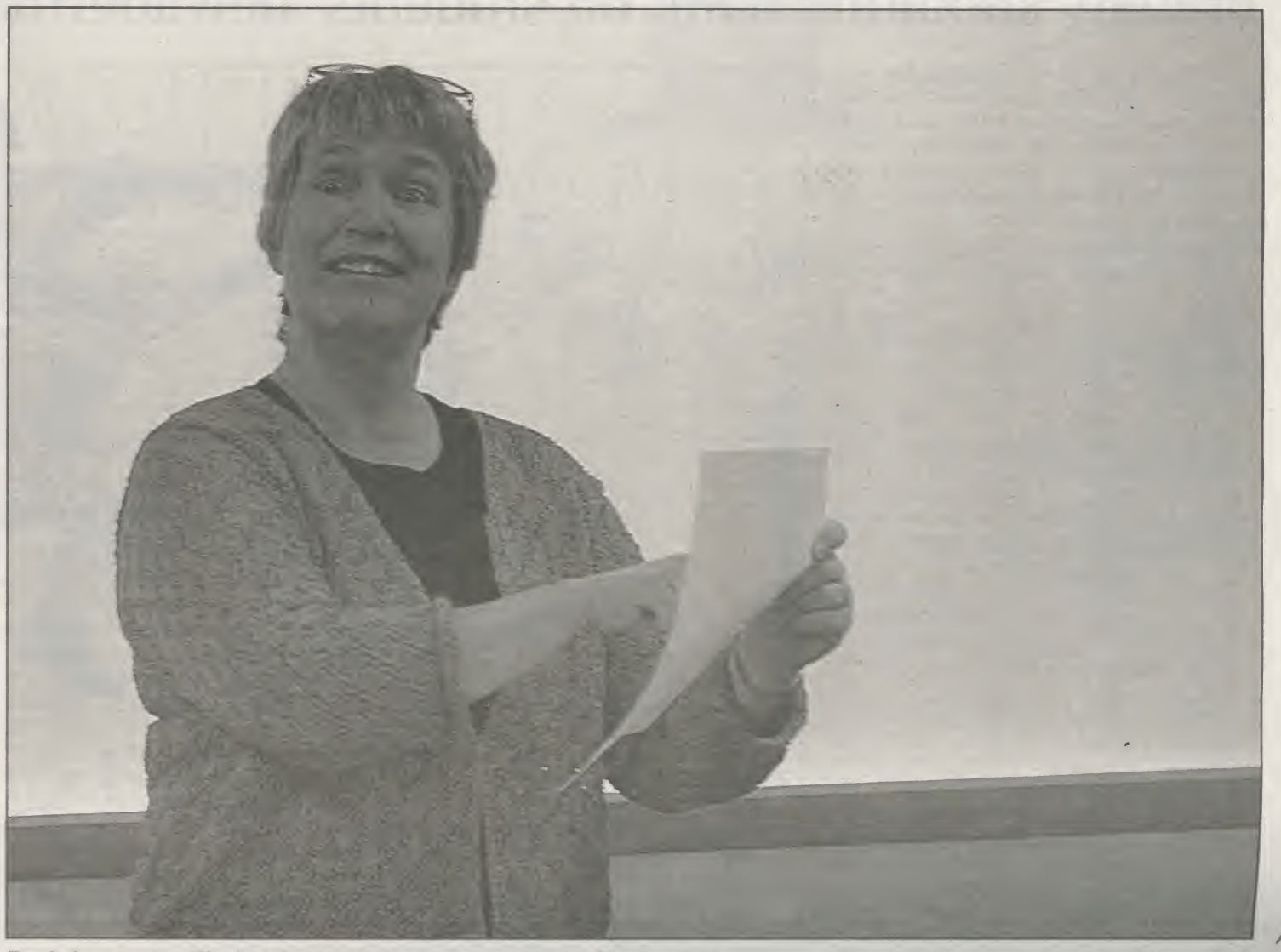
"The off-campus employers – their struggle is they're encountering a lot of students without cars," she said. "You exhaust the walkable employees."

Koeltzow said a City Link representative attended the expo and the expo boasted jobs students can easily travel to by bus.

Freshman graphic design major Brent Taylor also attended the expo and was unable to get a job. He said he was looking for a job specific to his major but only found one or two on-campus jobs that fit what he was looking for.

Faculty members' student attendance policies vary

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout



Psychology teacher Wendy Schweigert takes attendance in one of her small classes. *photo by Megan Loos*

Jessica Buterbaugh said one of her grades dropped a full letter because she missed one class.

"One of my teachers did pop vocab quizzes orally," the sophomore accounting major said. "If you missed class the day you were chosen [to speak] you automatically got a zero out of 50, and the class was only out of 500 points."

Attendance policies vary across campus.

Although none of the five academic colleges have set attendance policies, many teachers do.

Assistant to the Dean of Undergraduate Programs for the Foster College of Business and Administration Douglas Crowe said some teachers choose to have attendance policies, while others don't.

"[It's] the academic freedom of the professor to run his or her class the way they want to," he said. "Most do not [have an attendance policy], but some do. I would say about 30 percent have an attendance policy or give quizzes that are unannounced and cannot be made up."

Although Buterbaugh said she understands where attendance policies come from, she thinks it's unfair her grade dropped so much for missing a single class.

"I had to miss class for a university sponsored event and I had told my teacher ahead of time," she said.

She said her instructor offered extra credit, but there wasn't enough time *left* in class to raise her grade.

"I attended every class except for the one that my name was called in, so I didn't think I should have to do any extra credit," she said.

Buterbaugh said she isn't against attendance policies.

"We're old enough to make our own decisions," she said. "But students who do go to class should get participation points."

Crowe, who was once also a professor, said he thinks students are old enough to make their own decisions, but students can't learn if they're not in class.

"Faculty have attendance policies because they are being evaluated on student learning," he said. "Faculty are not willing to lower standards because of poor performance of students that have not been attending class."

Dean of Education and Health Sciences Joan Sattler said she thinks students benefit from attending class.

"I believe it is extremely important for students to attend classes and practicum experiences to truly engage and be involved in the learning process and to gain the most of the learning experience and what BU has to offer," she said.

Sattler said teachers make different policies because each class is unique.

"Attendance and points for attendance are determined by each faculty member per each of their classes since they determine the evaluation for the course," she said.

Buterbaugh said she thinks it's necessary for attendance policies to be decided by the teacher rather than the university or department.

"It's fine if a teacher does have a regular mandatory attendance policy," she said. "But every student should be treated fairly. I think it should be mandatory that professors accept the excuse of university-sponsored events."

Two students to get surprise vacation

BY CLARIBEL ROCHA
for the Scout

Last year's Suitcase Social winners were whisked off to New York where they visited Central Park, Little Italy and China Town.

"We left the night we won," Brittney Novak, one of last year's winners, said. "Neither of us thought we'd win so we didn't pack anything. Our parents luckily met us at the airport with some clothes from home."

This year's Suitcase Social, hosted by Association of Residence Halls, will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Michel Student Center Ballroom.

The winners receive an all-expense paid weekend trip with a friend to an undisclosed location.

Students can pack one bag and aren't allowed to return to their rooms before the departure.

Although the destination isn't revealed until the winners are announced, past winners went to Santa Monica, Calif., and New York City.

Students have until the end of today to sign up outside the cafeterias.

Novak, a sophomore dietetics major, and her guest, sophomore marketing major Martha Scheler, won the trip to New York City.

The $40 activity fee students paid at the beginning of the year cover the trip's cost.

The winners receive a limo ride to the airport, airfare, hotel stay and a $500 allowance for meals and transportation.

The two winners this year will leave Nov. 9 and return Nov. 12.

Scheler said she was also unprepared for the trip.

> "When we won I was in shock, which later turned into a panic, because we would be in New York City in just hours and I had no clothes." **-Martha Scheler, Suitcase Social winner**

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Williams Hall Resident Adviser Kelly Habich said Suitcase Social is fun for students.

"Even if you don't win the trip, you should go to the Suitcase Social," she said. "There will be other raffles, great prizes and food."

Scheler said the event is exciting and different every year.

"The fact that they switch up the trip destination every year makes it a really exciting event with all the clues to figure out where the winners are going," said Scheler.

Participants receive clues featuring odd facts and laws about the destination at the social.

Freshman psychology major Justine Janis said she thinks the Suitcase Social is a good idea.

"It's great that they give two students the chance to get away when we need it the most," she said.

Editorial

Bradley shouldn't bank on students' bewilderment

As seniors are now registering for next semester – what they hoped would be their last – many are realizing they won't get to strut across the stage, diploma in hand, come May.

Even fifth-year seniors who planned to graduate in December won't get to don caps and gowns just yet.

While sitting in class or walking around campus, it's difficult to ignore students groaning about graduation. Some complain about required classes not being offered; others don't even know what classes they need. And it's easy to sympathize.

Ask most students about graduation requirements and they will scratch their heads and stare blankly back. That's because many Bradley advisers don't go out of their way to inform us about what exactly we need to graduate, nor do they prepare us to finish college in four years.

On one hand, it's our responsibility to know our individual graduation requirements. On the other hand, we don't pay to walk through a bewildering curriculum on our own.

Most freshmen only take 12 to 14 credits their first year because their advisers tell them not to overload on classes. But it takes 124 credits to graduate, which means we have to take about 16 credits each semester to finish in four years. And Barbara Carraway, the interim executive director of Student Support Services, said one in four Bradley students don't graduate in four years.

She also said students "should expect to take more classes during January interim or during the summer" if they don't take 16 credits every semester.

And that means more money for Bradley, because January and May interim classes aren't cheap at $580 a semester hour.

If students don't take enough credits their first year and opt to not take Winter Break or summer classes, that means they either have to load up on classes other semesters or come back for a fifth year. Either way, Bradley is making yet more money.

Also, if students want to work internships for university credit, they have to pay the same amount they would pay to take interim classes. This seems backwards. Many students don't even get paid for internships. It doesn't make sense that students should have to pay the university to get credit for working.

Enrolling in more than 16 credits a semester costs $540 extra for each credit. And coming back for a ninth semester costs at least $10,500 for full-time tuition or $580 to $700 per credit for part-time tuition.

Bradley is also unaccommodating when it comes to course offerings. Many classes are available only one semester instead of both. Some required classes conflict with other required classes, and others only have one section and fill up before the first day of registration ends. Seniors literally have to beg and cry to get into the classes they need to take to graduate on time.

It shouldn't take tears to get a solid four-year education. And it shouldn't drain bank accounts either.

It's our duty to deliberate over our homework and exams, but we shouldn't have to use the same amount of brainpower to decipher class schedules and graduation requirements.

Scout editorial refelects the views of the editor-in-chief.

Opinions From Other Campuses

Free speech applies to school libraries

Recently schools in Bedford County, Va., have pulled two books from school library because of complaints from parents about inappropriate material.

A book about a gay teenage boy titled "Totally Joe" was pulled from one elementary school, and a book titled "The Making of Doctor True Love" was pulled from a high school library.

The parents complained that the books included too heavy of material and extremely sexual wording, respectively.

Both books are not in circulation in any Bedford County school library or public library.

Only a few books are pulled from shelves a year. Bedford County's process for pulling books begins when a parent complains about a book's content.

Then a media specialist reads the book to determine if the complaint is a substantial claim and if the book should or should not be pulled from the shelves. If the media specialist decides the book should stay in the library, then the parent may write a formal request for a committee to review the book.

In a world where people hold infinite opinions and viewpoints, it seems a little extreme to pull a book because of one parent's opinion. Each book received only one complaint before it was pulled from the shelves.

For every parent who doesn't think material concerning homosexuality is appropriate for elementary school children, there is a parent who is comfortable with his or her child reading "Totally Joe."

Likewise, for every parent who finds the content in "The Making of Doctor True Love" too graphic for high schoolers, there is a parent who thinks teenagers have the right to read what they want.

It seems that the school boards are too quick to please one parent without considering the parent community as a whole. Instead of making a decision based on one complaint, perhaps the issue should go to the Parent-Teacher Association where parents and teachers who are in direct contact with the students can vote on what would be in the children's best interest.

It seems that the parents and teachers could make a better decision than someone who is labeled a "media specialist." What exactly are the qualifications for someone to become a media specialist, and why is he or she more capable of making the correct decision regarding a book's appropriateness?

While the de-shelving process needs work, the parent who complained about "Totally Joe" in the elementary school has a point. A book about homosexuality may be too mature for a seven-year-old.

However, what material is too graphic for a highly sexual teenage generation? Teenagers who are old enough to drive and have jobs are old enough to read a book maturely and make their own decisions on whether or not they want to read such a book as "The Making of Doctor True Love."

There are legitimate arguments that can be made against books being available in school libraries. If such an argument is made, then it should not be the responsibility of one person, or a committee not directly connected to the students affected, to decide whether or not a book should stay in the library for students to read.

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Domestic abuse a gender problem

Imagine a woman beating her husband with a baseball bat, shooting him with a handgun or pushing him down stairs.

The cases seem highly unlikely – and they are.

Last week, a Scout staff reporter wrote a column stating domestic violence isn't always initiated by men, but instances of reciprocity exist. In a survey conducted by the American Journal of Public Health, more women than men admitted to perpetuating violence in relationships.

The survey didn't mention, however, what forms of abuse were taking place, whether there was self-defense involved or who was injured more as a result of the abuse.

While the violence in the relationship may be reciprocal, it's not necessarily equal.

In 1999, Richard Gelles published an article called "The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence; Male Victims" that claimed just as many women abuse men as men abuse women.

The work was met with astounding criticism that continues today. The problem with Gelles' research is its content. The research was scientifically sound and reliable, but domestic abuse isn't something that can be analyzed narrowly.

There are factors accompanying abuse that are significant when forming research conclusions. Gelles' research didn't take into account if the women were defending themselves. He gave a woman's act of self-defense the same weight as a man striking his partner.

The AJPH survey also stated that men and women both said women are the violent perpetrators 70 percent of the time. Also, it concluded that men are more likely to be injured in reciprocally violent relationships than women are in one-sided violence.

Because men are typically larger and stronger than women, I don't understand how a woman could injure a man more than he could injure her.

According to Co-director of women's studies at the University of Pennsylvania Demie Kurz's article, "Social Science Perspectives on Wife Abuse: Current Debates and Future Directions," Gelles' research is also flawed because it doesn't realize women are more likely than men to report the extent of their violent acts.

Women are also seven to 14 times more likely than men to report suffering severe assaults from a husband or boyfriend, according to www.endabuse.org.

A significant factor Gelles' research didn't point out is that men are more likely to use weapons to abuse their wives and girlfriends than women.

In 1998, for every one woman who used a gun to kill her husband or boyfriend, 83 men used guns to kill their wives or girlfriends, according to the Family Violence Prevention Fund.

And domestic violence is only increasing. In 2001, women accounted for 85 percent of victims in intimate partner relationships.

Violence is about power. Many times, men abuse their wives and girlfriends so they can control them. Men may feel like they need to assert their masculinity and use violence as a means of frightening women into submission.

And violence may work as a means of instilling fear in wives and girlfriends. Domestic abuse is a cycle – many times men will apologize for abusing women, and the women will believe they've changed.

When you state or even infer women abuse men nearly as often as men abuse women, you detract from the fact that women die at the hands of their abusers. They feel trapped and helpless in their relationships and are constantly scared.

Domestic abuse is a gender problem.

It starts when men feel the need to control the women in their lives and may end with a woman getting killed.

Women never deserve to be punished for actions they've never taken or things they've never said.

Gelles' research, and any findings that yield similar results, don't deserve as much attention as they're getting. When research like Gelles' is published, it gives male abusers an excuse to abuse their wives or girlfriends.

They may think it's OK to do it if women are doing it too.

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Stressful lives can be beneficial

This semester seems like one of the most stressful of my college career, and I have heard the same from many others.

Taking an overload of courses, being involved in multiple campus organizations, keeping in touch with family and friends and a hundred other things can be overwhelming. I know we all experience it at some time or other.

Sometimes I feel like there is no way I can handle everything being thrown at me without losing my sanity. But then I realize I shouldn't complain because Bradley has given me more than I could ask for. Currently, I am involved in college life as the President of Association of Residence Halls, a resident adviser in Harper Hall, a member of Women's Choir and a tutor at Whittier Primary. All of these activities require a large time commitment, but it seems worth it to me.

From what I can see, the members of ARH make the most of their time here by being some of the most involved people on Bradley's campus. For all of us, balancing time can be difficult, but it is an essential skill if we are to prevent a breakdown from sheer overload.

Strangely enough, I have found this intense commitment of time can ultimately be a stress reliever. Staying active keeps me motivated every day. By helping to better other residents' experience at Bradley, I better my own.

I think we all need to step back and look at why we joined the student activities we did and what they have done for us. ARH provides all residents on campus with an opportunity to be involved in an activity. They can take on a leadership role by being on the ARH executive board or on a hall council executive board within their building.

Residents can also attend hall council meetings every Sunday night, attend ARH programs or have their voices heard on the good and bad aspects of our residence halls. ARH is an organization that allows everyone to participate and be involved in any capacity they want.

Personally, I have gained a lot through my involvements over my years here. Specifically, being on ARH has helped me grow as a leader, friend and role model for others. To be honest to myself, in spite of my complaints and feelings of angst, I truly appreciate this stressful life of mine.

I hope all of you campus leaders can consider your personal commitment and view it in the same way. The stress can occasionally seem too much to bear, but as humans, we cannot live without it.

At the same time, we cannot let it control us. To quote Kim in "The Last Kiss,"…We don't ever stop to breathe anymore. You gotta remember to breathe or you'll die."

As students, remember to slow down at times and appreciate what you have and what you have accomplished. Then maybe you'll think twice before complaining about your stress.

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'America's mayor' not fit to be America's president

There's something incredibly terrifying on the horizon for the United States.

No, it's not the looming threat of war with Iran or even the potential to be fighting in Iraq for the next 20 years.

It's the fact that the next President of the United States could be Rudolph Giuliani.

I won't be able to put everything that's so very wrong with Mr. Giuliani in this relatively short column, so I'll include only the topic he's based his campaign on: Sept. 11.

Giuliani was coined "America's mayor" by Oprah following that fateful day. Many feel it was his leadership in New York that brought this country together back in September 2001.

However, many people blame him for many of the problems experienced on 9/11.

For one, he decided to put New York City's Office of Emergency Management in World Trade Center Seven. He was warned against this because it was potentially dangerous because it was a terrorist target.

It turned out the World Trade Center was a terrorist target, and the office of emergency management was in shambles when it needed to be running operations at Ground Zero.

The office stored large tanks of diesel fuel in the basement of the building for emergency power, and those tanks were later found to be the cause of the intense fires that eventually brought the 47-story building down.

When questioned in May 2007 about his decision to put the office in the WTC complex, Giuliani laughed and claimed Jerome Hauer, who worked under him at that time, made the decision to locate the office there.

The journalist who interviewed Giuliani then produced a copy of a letter Hauer wrote telling Giuliani to put the office of emergency management in a Brooklyn building because it was safer and more discreet.

Another major problem the first responders experienced that day was ineffective radio communication.

In the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, firefighters complained the radios they were using were ineffective.

The city had purchased new radios in 2001, but they were recalled in March of that year because firefighters couldn't hear each other. So they were stuck with the old ineffective ones from 1993.

The problem is the city granted a no-bid contract for the radios to Motorola. Maybe if the city had explored other manufacturers, more lives would have been saved on 9/11.

Giuliani supporters claim his leadership helped the city progress forward after 9/11.

However, many influential people don't agree.

To quote "the Reverend" Al Sharpton, "[Giuliani] didn't bring us together; our pain brought us together and our decency brought us together. We would have come together if Bozo was mayor."

Many of the firefighters, police officers and other emergency workers also feel Giuliani made himself seem like a hero to advance himself politically.

In fact, Giuliani has benefited significantly from 9/11. He was paid millions from speaking fees in the years following the attacks.

Many of those first responders also blame Giuliani and his administration for the negative health effects they, and others who went back to work in Manhattan, have been experiencing.

Giuliani claimed the air around Ground Zero was safe and allowed Wall Street to reopen six days after the attacks.

While Giuliani was making those claims, the United States Geological Survey found hundreds of areas contaminated with asbestos from the fallen buildings.

By the end of September, the USGS found the toxins in the air were comparable to the toxins found in drain cleaner. Not only were the emergency workers breathing in those toxins, but so were many who worked in Manhattan.

The city was in no way involved in testing private buildings and passed that burden onto the building owners.

After the attacks, Giuliani took control out of the hands of federal agencies such as Federal Emergency Management Agency, and put the city's Department of Design and Construction in charge of recovery and cleanup.

What in the world does a department of design and construction do you ask? According to New York City's Web site, the department basically runs construction projects that would be considered environmental or other various unusual projects.

While 9/11 is unusual, why was the department that helps regulate the sewage system given the authority to run the operations at Ground Zero?

Maybe FEMA proved they weren't all that capable during Katrina, but I would think they were more qualified to supervise rescue attempts than a city department of design and construction.

The department also didn't enforce the federal government's requirement that all workers wear respirators at Ground Zero.

Former Environmental Protection Agency Director Christie Whitman claimed she tried to enforce the regulation, but was blocked by the Giuliani administration.

Some Giuliani supporters will say those rescue workers were told to wear the respirators but chose not to. Don't blame the workers for not wearing the respirators while their fearless leader was telling the world the air was safe to breathe.

Rudy Giuliani likes to brag about the role he played in the aftermath of 9/11. I guess my point is there's nothing to brag about.

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Students spend eventful weekend with parents

BY NAFIA KHAN
for the Scout

Erin Subar's mom came from California to spend last weekend with her.

The senior religious studies major said she hadn't seen her mom since school started.

"It was nice for her to come in and talk with the parents she's friendly with," Subar said.

Subar and other students spent time with their parents during Parents Weekend, and many organizations hosted events to keep families busy.

Subar and her mother attended the comedy troupe Mission IMPROVable's performance Saturday night.

"My mom and I thought it was hilarious," she said. "We were basically in tears from laughing so hard."

Senior early childhood education major Sarah Maflan celebrated Parents Weekend by attending Hillel events.

"I had a good time even though my parents weren't there on Friday night," Maflan said.

Executive Director of Student Involvement Greg Killoran said he thought Parents Weekend was a success.

"The events were better attended this year than most," he said. "The feedback I got from parents was positive."

Junior health science major Michelle Kosner, a member of Lewis J. Burger Bradley Fellows, helped coordinate the Parents Weekend pancake breakfast.

"This year we did things a little bit differently," she said. "We attracted more people this year with the chocolate chip pancakes, bacon and sausage."

All proceeds from the breakfast went to Easter Seals.

Junior administration of criminal justice major Sarah Fischer and her mother went to see "Hairspray" in the Marty Theatre. Fischer said she thinks the variety of events made it a fun-filled weekend.

"My mom went to the dessert reception," she said. "She really enjoyed that."

Other Parents' Weekend events included a spaghetti supper and men's basketball scrimmage, a 5K race, a purse sale, a men's soccer game and several breakfasts and buffets, among others.

Bradley hosts a Parents Weekend each semester. The next one will take place April 4 to 6.

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Top left: Retail merchandising majors Alyson Martinez and Danielle Auth get ready for a fashion show Saturday. Top right: Freshman public relations major Brett Hendricks attends the Parents Weekend brunch with his parents Ron and Nancy. Bottom left: Junior political science major Emily Gesing looks at different purses with her mother and sister at the purse sale hosted by Dance Marathon in the University Hall cafeteria. Bottom right: Senior health science major Jennifer Nevers and her parents get some breakfast at the Parents' Weekend brunch Sunday in the Michel Student Center Ballroom.

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Students to swap spaces, redesign strangers' rooms

BY BRITLYNN LONERGAN
for the Scout

Swapping Spaces, Bradley's replica of TV's Trading Spaces, is back for the fourth year in a row.

The Activities Council picked two teams at random to swap spaces. For two days they will redesign and redecorate each other's rooms anyway they want.

The two teams won't be able to sleep in their rooms or the rooms they're working on and they aren't allowed to visit their own rooms until the revealing on the second night.

The event, which was supposed to take place this weekend, has been rescheduled because the designers who will help decorate the rooms have conflicting commitments. It will take place either Nov. 17 or 30 depending on designers' and participants' availability, ACBU Swapping Spaces Coordinator Kathleen McGing said.

The designers are usually students or faculty.

ACBU President Liz Wenger is involved in organizing the event.

"The teams are chosen at random," she said. "They pay a 10 dollar application fee, and the applications are placed into a bin and two applications are randomly chosen from the bin."

Members from the chosen teams must be present or they may not participate.

"Anyone can apply," Wenger said. "We've done sorority houses, fraternity houses, offices and dorms."

There were only eight applications this year, but in the past the event has drawn a much larger crowd, and has generally always had a great student response, Director of Student Activities Michelle Whited said.

This year, the participants are residents of St. James Apartment Complex and Heitz Hall.

Senior journalism major Aaron Frey is one of the contestants this year, and his apartment in St. James is being swapped.

"I'm excited because our room's boring," Frey said. "Hopefully it will have a new look after this."

He said he hasn't thought about the design yet.

"I will just leave it up to the designers," he said.

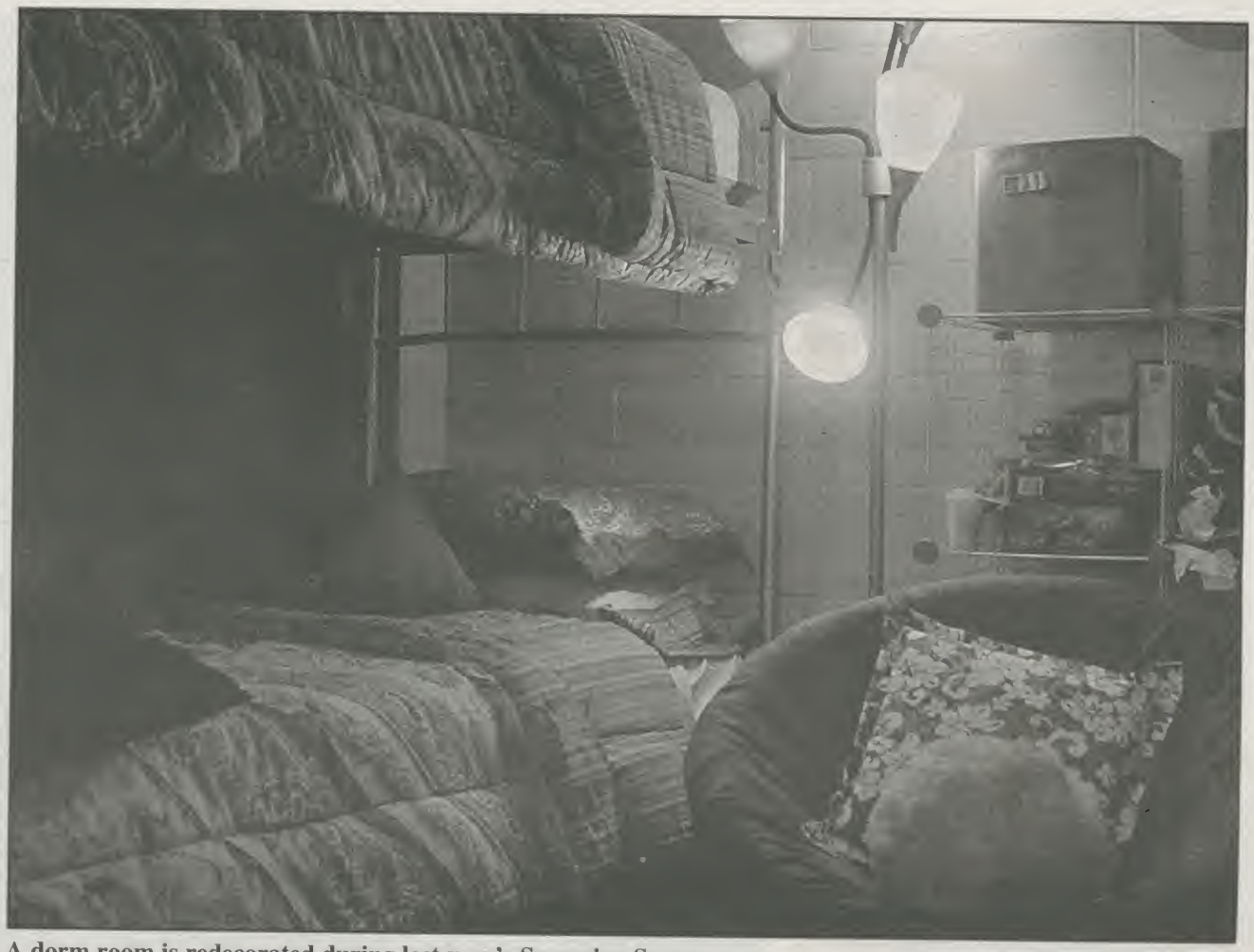
The designers come up with the theme for the room and help the students decide what supplies are needed.

Each year the participants react differently to the results, but generally the participants are satisfied with their new spaces.

"The teams usually get about $500 for supplies and decorations, depending on who the sponsors are," Wenger said.

Some local businesses donate food and drinks and other supplies for participants.

ACBU sees Swapping Spaces as a great way for students to get involved in something fun, Wenger said.



A dorm room is redecorated during last year's Swapping Spaces. *photo courtesy of Scout archives*

Males soon may have new contraceptive options

BY HANNAH KOKJOHN
of the Oklahoma Daily (U. Oklahoma)

UNIVERSITY WIRE - No condom, no sex.

Maybe not.

Almost five decades since the female birth control pill hit the market, men may soon have more reliable contraceptive options than condoms or blind trust, according to the Male Contraceptive Information Project, a nonprofit organization.

Even though male contraception has been reported as "coming soon" for years, ScienceDaily Magazine announced at a recent conference that new findings show reversible male contraceptives may soon be a reality.

Presentations at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's Future of Male Contraception Conference in September showed successful results of a variety of contraceptive drugs.

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin found that a progestin shot combined with a testosterone gel completely blocked sperm production in 90 percent of men.

The Shepherd Medical Company's first U.S. study of men found the Intra Vas Device, a set of tiny implants that block the flow of sperm, blocked sperm in 92 percent of men tested, but successful reversibility of the implants has only been tested on mice.

Researchers at Columbia University have found that extremely low levels of Vitamin A create infertility in men. They have found a drug that interferes with Vitamin A receptors in the testes.

After testing the drug on mice, no harmful side effects were found.

According to ScienceDaily, the key factor holding back additional research is a lack of funding.

Prior to the conference, Chemistry World reported that big pharmaceutical companies were pulling funds because of concerns that the product would be technically unfeasible and too inconvenient to market.

But some students said they would purchase a male contraceptive drug if it existed.

Brady King, a criminology senior who is married, said he finds an equal sharing of contraception appealing.

"My wife takes birth control," King said. "I would consider taking it to take some of that responsibility from her."

Joshua Dawes, film and video studies senior, said with a male contraceptive, there would be less room for error caused by faulty condoms.

"I think it'd be easier, and I think it would take a little of the artificiality out of lovemaking," he said.

Craig Bross, Spanish senior, said he would consider using a new option of contraception six to 12 months after it hits the market.

"Men won't have to wear condoms and it will make sex better," Bross said.

According to ScienceDaily, concerns about reversibility and side effects on humans seem to be the main research left to tackle. Unplanned side effects, including the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, might still exist.

"I think it might open up the doors to more sexual promiscuity," King said. "I think that if men are taking birth control or women think they are, they might be less likely to use a condom and there might be a rise in STDs."

Dawes said there will be irresponsible men who say they're on the pill while they're really not.

Women have their doubts on male contraceptives as well.

"You can see a condom and you know," Katie Wheeler, an Oklahoma student said. "If he wanted to take it that would be fine, but I would be on birth control pills myself."

Trisha Tompkins, criminology junior, said she also wouldn't be comfortable trusting someone else completely with taking the pill.

"I wouldn't trust every guy to take it," Tompkins said. "But I would hope most would take it seriously and be responsible about it."

Even though Wheeler would be wary, she said that reversible contraceptives would give men more control in their reproductive lives.

"I'm sure [men] have the same problems trusting girls to have birth control," Wheeler said. "It could give them more peace of mind instead of having to trust someone else."

With the FDA reporting an 11 percent failure rate for condoms, researchers are motivated to have a product approved and on the market as soon as possible.

"I think a lot of guys would be open to it," King said. "I don't think it's fair for girls to have to be completely responsible."

Tompkins said she thinks male birth control is a great idea, despite doubts.

"It shows that people are starting to realize it shouldn't just be a woman's responsibility to make sure unwanted pregnancy doesn't happen," she said.

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Student organizations celebrate culture on campus

BY LAUREN REES AND PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

Melanie Pagan said Multicultural Unity Week is a good way for the Bradley community to grow and unite.

"We have a lot of things to address as a community," the Association of Latin American Students social chair said. "We aren't ignorant, but we aren't educated about each other. Everyone here is so different, and I think that in Unity Week we come together."

Throughout the week, students can experience diverse cultures through activities and events. The week began Oct. 28 and will run until Saturday.

The week began with a Multicultural Art Festival featuring artwork from various cultures.

Assistant Director of Multicultural Student Services Isaiah Collier said festival attendance was higher than expected.

"This is the first year, and I think it's been pretty good so far," he said. "[Saturday's event] kicked off the week and 100 to 150 people came."

Common Ground participated in the week by providing popcorn and drinks for a screening of "The Matthew Shepard Story."

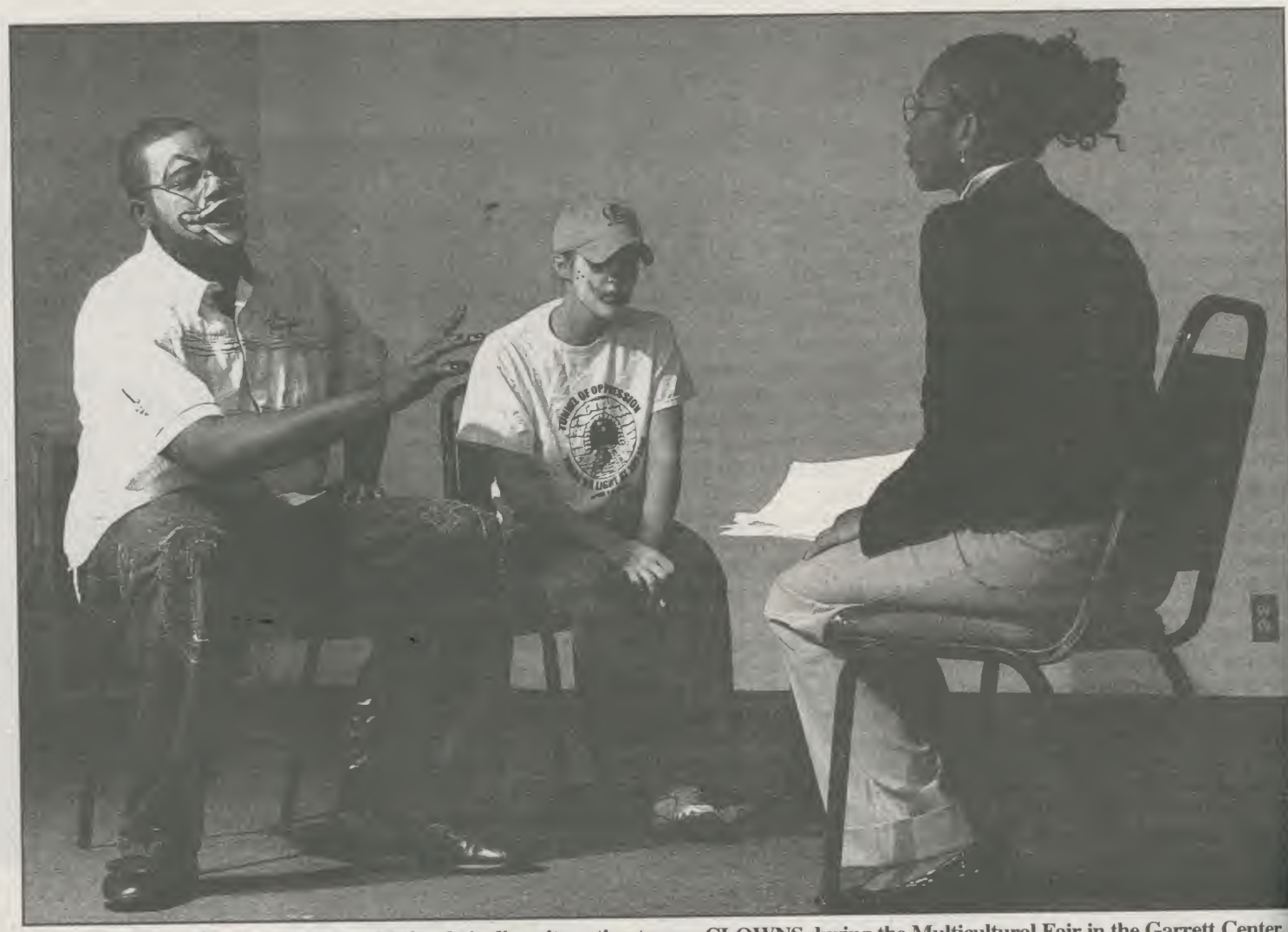
A forum discussing the Jena 6 Racism incident will take place at 6 p.m. today in Neumiller Hall. The event is sponsored by the NAACP and the Black Student Alliance.

El Dia de Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, was an event sponsored by ALAS. Students were able to experience the Latin American tradition of honoring their dead relatives and friends.

Vanessa Mendiola, the vice president of ALAS, said the event is important.

"It's the one time of year that you can really honor those who have passed away in your life," she said.

BSA will sponsor a Halloween Party at 9 p.m. tonight in the Garrett Center.



Members of Harambee performed a skit for their diversity acting troupe CLOWNS during the Multicultural Fair in the Garrett Center.
photo by Saleena Fortunato

Collier said the week is beneficial for students and will plan another week.

"I think Unity Week brings together organizations as a whole and helps them to collaborate together," he said. "It puts out different programs for students to attend and also promotes diversity awareness."

Students can attend the ABC party at 10 p.m. Saturday in Haussler Hall. The theme relates to the collaboration of 12 organizations.

Mendiola said she hopes the Wall of Stereotypes, which stood on Olin Quad, Monday through Wednesday, will help students become more aware of the stereotypes they use everyday.

"I think the week is very important because in a lot of universities it seems that because they're so big they can't be united," she said. "And that's what makes Bradley so unique."

Credit for internships vary among Bradley's colleges

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Students from individual colleges at Bradley earn a varying amount of credit from internships.

"Each college has different criteria for the number of internship hours offered," Director of Experiential Education Sharon St. Germain said. "The hours are determined by the college and its faculty. It's based on the industry, the major's field and what the faculty feel is important."

The administration of each individual college determines the number of credit hours received. Total hours can range from zero to an amount the administration feels necessary for its students to complete, she said.

St. Germain also said the number of hours students get credit for are based on the number of hours worked and the type of internship, which should contribute to the students' career building experience.

"It's very important to have internships when they are career related," she said. "Employers may use them as the pipeline for fulltime employment."

Though an engineering or technology major receives zero credited internship hours, a communications student can earn six hours of credit, St. Germain said. However, she said she encourages students not to become discouraged.

"Internships are good for every student regardless of major," St. Germain said. "Internships expose students to the working environment and conditions in the office. They show how many different types of opportunities are available."

She also said she encourages students to register their internships whether given credit or zero hours because the internship becomes a permanent part of the transcript as part of a student's academic record.

"If students can get some experience and introduction to their future working environment it's very valuable," she said. "It can help determine if students are in the right field and area of concentration they want to pursue."

St. Germain also said credited or unaccredited internships earn recognition among other students competing for careers.

"There might be a couple students with the same GPA or leadership skills and experience," she said. "But a student with career-related internships could be set apart from the other students and earn the position."

Senior accounting major Marc Wasserman has worked both full-time and part-time internship positions and said he thinks internships are an important part of an academic experience.

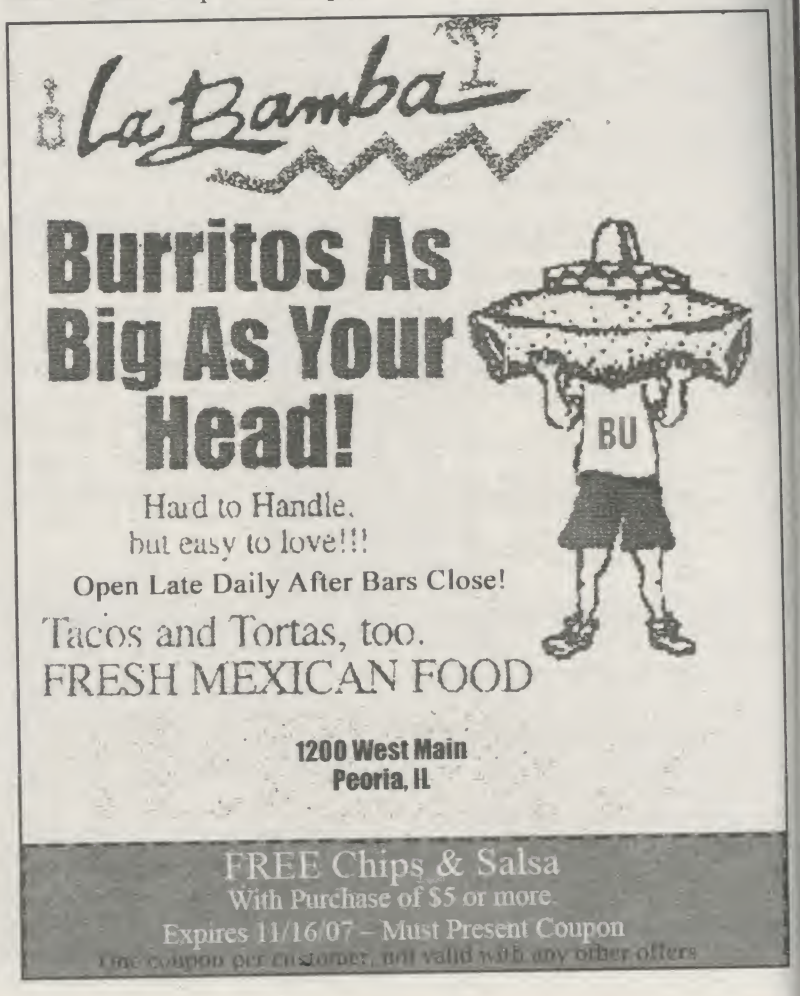
"I definitely feel that internships are beneficial because they help to expose college students, who are typically insulated from the 'real world,' to the realities that exist outside the classroom," he said. "Participating in an internship during college should help to alleviate some of the anxiety associated with graduation and full-time employment, and it will better prepare college students to become contributing members of society."

Wasserman also said he thinks each student should decide what's in his or her best interest when participating in internships.

"Every major is unique, so I understand that there will be some distinct differences in major requirements," he said. "Therefore internships may or may not be emphasized or encouraged."

Senior English major Bailey said she agrees internships are an opportunity to create loyalty with a company and increase job prospects after graduation, but the benefits should be credited to every student.

"I wish I could have had an opportunity to internship with a publishing company," she said. "Internships are important for the internee and the company because they get the opportunity to train someone still in college and the student gets to learn about the corporate world firsthand."



Senate to conduct survey on cafeteria hours

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Students finding their stomachs growling late at night may soon find what's needed to satisfy their hunger.

Student Senate will conduct a survey to discover if students want longer cafeteria hours.

Campus Affairs Chairwoman Maggie Hammar said although Senate has received a lot of complaints about current hours, the members want to survey the entire student population.

"We want to make sure this is a campus-wide problem and not just a few of the same people complaining every week," she said. "Right now, we're just asking the students what they want and need before we make any changes."

Hammar said it's possible for hours to begin earlier or extend later into the night and Center Court.

However, cafeterias won't be able to be open whenever students want them to be.

"We simply don't have the money or the student population that schools like U of I have," Hammar said. "We can't have 24-hour cafeterias or McDonald's in our cafeterias."

Cafeteria hours would most likely not be extended until next year because this year's budget hasn't allocated any money for it, Director of Campus Dining Services Ron Gibson said.

Sophomore communications major Shantay Wonzer said she avoids the crowded cafeterias but doesn't have an opinion about cafeteria hours.

"People will still probably eat at the same times because they're convenient with class schedules," she said.

Monday through Friday, Geisert and Williams Halls cafeterias are open from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

Geisert is open from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. for dinner, and Williams is open from 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Williams is also open from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for breakfast.

Center Court is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. However, it closes at 2 p.m. on Fridays.

Wonzer said she thinks Center Court hours pose a problem for many students.

"I'd like to see Center Court open longer on Fridays and possibly on weekends so we don't only have to eat chicken and Blimpie's [in Cafe Bradley]," she said.

Hammar said it's also possible for Food Services to offer more options on the weekends.

"Looking particularly at freshmen who can't get off campus, we realize there's only a few places around here," she said. "Avanti's and McDonald's get old really quick."

Senate is working with the Association of Residence Halls and Food Services to try to get every student to participate in the survey.

Once the survey results are compiled, Senate may survey students again, Hammar said.

"We may survey them again to see what kind of food they want there because we won't know if they'll want a full meal or just cereal and a salad bar," she said.

The cafeteria survey will be online within the next couple of days. Students may take it at www.bradley.edu/campusorg/senate/.

Senate

- A first reading was given for an amendment to revise the curriculum for biology/pre-professional majors. If passed, it would add human anatomy as an elective course for the majors.
- Princeton Review's rating for Bradley as having one of the nation's worst libraries was based on a voluntary one-question survey.
- Emergency lights are designed to help students out of buildings when the power goes out. They last two to three hours.
- Fundraising has begun for the student memorial garden.

Study tracks redheads back to Neanderthals

BY ALEXANDRA PERLOFF-GILES
of the Harvard Crimson

UNIVERSITY WIRE - The Neanderthal man may have a new nickname: "Ginger."

Some Neanderthals had red hair and pale skin, according to recent research conducted by Holger Rompler, a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Evolutionary and Organismic Biology, and a host of international colleagues.

Romper and his collaborators extracted DNA from the bones of two Neanderthals, a 43,000-year-old Neanderthal from El Sidrón, Spain, and a 50,000-year-old from Monti Lessini, Italy.

Looking at the cells of the Neanderthal bones, the researchers discovered a specific DNA mutation which could lead to red hair and pale skin.

"It took me almost two months to convince myself I found the first Neanderthal-specific variant at the first attempt in the first gene I selected for," wrote one researcher, Carles Lalueza-Fox of the University of Barcelona, in an e-mail.

Romper, who splits his time between Harvard and the University of Leipzig, could not be reached for comment.

While anthropologists already suspected that Neanderthals may have had red hair and pale skin, the recent scientific discovery provides the first concrete evidence to support this hypothesis.

"Some paleoanthropologists have guessed that in Neanderthals it could be the same," Lalueza-Fox said. "But of course, the beauty of our study is that we prove it directly from the genes, a kind of color under the skin approach,"

While Neanderthals followed a different evolutionary path to their redheaded appearance than modern humans, their pale skin and red hair provided certain advantages comparable to that of northern Europeans today.

At high altitudes, where there is less UV radiation, homo sapiens have light skin to help absorb sufficient Vitamin D for healthy bones.

Red hair has no apparent evolutionary advantage, although some have suggested that it could be useful for sex selection, according to Lalueza-Fox.

"From experience, the Darwinian fitness of redheads is exceptionally high," redhead Harvard junior Scott M. McKinney joked. "Red hair for humans is like the peacock's train. Let's just say, being a redhead hasn't hurt."

Police Reports

At about 12:45 a.m. on Oct. 23, officers responded to a report of two males possibly burglarizing a vehicle on the 1000 block of Glenwood Avenue. Officers located two males in the alley and turned on the car lights. One male fled east between houses and the other male, Darrell Hightower, was ordered to the ground and handcuffed. Witnesses said they saw the two males near a vehicle several houses away. One man appeared to be watching the alley while the other behaved suspiciously near the driver's side door. One witness said his vehicle was recently burglarized and believed the two men were burglarizing the car. Hightower was issued a ticket for disorderly conduct and released after being banned from university property. When Hightower was asked why the other male, ran he said the friend may have a warrant.

At about 1 a.m. Saturday an officer met with a victim in the rear lot of 828 Underhill St. The victim's vehicle's windshield was broken. She said she parked the vehicle at 6 p.m. Oct. 26 and returned at 10 a.m. Saturday to find the damage. The officer couldn't locate any object near the vehicle that may have caused the damage. There are no suspects at this time. Damage was estimated at $400.

At about 10 p.m. Saturday at about 10 p.m. officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Bradley Avenue to meet with a victim about damage to his car. The victim said he parked his car on the street in front of 1511 W. Bradley Ave. at about 5:30 p.m. and returned at about 7:45 p.m. to find his driver's side mirror broken loose from the car. Officers noticed a mirror from an unknown vehicle laying near the victim's vehicle but couldn't find other damaged vehicles in the area. There are no suspects at this time. Damage was estimated at $350.

At 2 a.m. Monday officers responded to a single vehicle accident at the 4200 block of Sterling Avenue. Upon arrival, a student, Nora Doty, was being treated for injuries. Officers smelled a strong odor of alcohol on her breath and noticed she had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. Officers asked Doty if she had been drinking, and she said she had six beers. The victim became irate, yelling at medics and attempting to remove her neck brace. Doty was transported to OSF St. Francis. Officers offered a preliminary breath test and she agreed to take it, blowing a BAC of .207. She was placed under arrest for DUI, treated and released from the hospital and transferred to Peoria County Jail.

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requires three staff members to operate.

Duncan also gives quizzes randomly to gauge attendance in his classes.

The student said he used to have his friends take and hand in quizzes for him. Students were allowed to take as many as they wanted. Duncan now stands at the front of the class to make sure students only hand in one quiz.

"It's part of the philosophy," Duncan said. "It's, 'If I can cheat on this, I can cheat on that.' It has to do with personal integrity."

Junior art major Beth Fruehan, who's taking MUS 109, said it's difficult to cheat with the system Duncan has in place. She said she thinks cheating isn't worth the risk.

"If you were going to find someone to get their program from them or the material that you need to turn in to show you were going to the concert, that's a lot harder than actually going," she said.

However, she said if students want to cheat, they will find a way.

Religion and philosophy professor Robert Fuller created CFA 100, a class requiring students to go to 13 events on campus. He said he has found students to be honest.

"In 24 semesters of running the program, I only remember one heated problem with a students who just got livid at me when we caught him cheating on the system," he said.

Fuller, who used to teach a class of 90 to 110 students, said the class was large and students sat on desks situated on a slant so it was easy for students to see others' papers.

However, Fuller said he thinks students don't usually deliberately cheat.

"It was just looking across the room, and some rooms are situated that you almost can't help but see another paper if you look anywhere up and around," he said. "And I have a lot of students who do this. They're trying to think of the answer to something and they just move their head a little bit and the minute they move their head other tests come into the sight

Speaker endorses concealed weapons at Virginia Tech event

BY CAROLINE BLACK
of the The Collegiate Times (Virginia Tech)

UNIVERSITY WIRE - While the audience milled around in the entryway with exposed guns hanging from holsters in their khakis, Philip Van Cleave took the stage at Virginia Tech Monday night to speak on behalf of the rights of gun owners to carry their weapons concealed on campus.

Van Cleave is the president of the Virginia Citizen's Defense League and his lecture, Higher Education and Lawful Concealed Carry: How Much is Your Life Worth?, was hosted Monday night by the Libertarians at Virginia Tech.

Concealed carry is a legal authorization for anyone eligible to own a handgun or other weapon to be able to carry that weapon in a concealed, non-visible manner. Currently, it is against the university policy for anyone to carry a concealed weapon on campus.

Van Cleave opened his presentation last night in front of a giant screen on which was projected a PowerPoint opening with the words, "When seconds count between living or dying, the police are only minutes away."

That sentiment seemed to be echoed throughout his presentation, as Van Cleave made several more allusions and references that highlighted his apparent dissatisfaction with the performance of the police when it comes to providing safety to citizens. He summed up his thoughts on police protection with the phrase, "I'm responsible for my safety, the police will be my backup, but I'll protect myself."

Making his first specific reference to Tech, Van Cleave asked "How many students are here? How many police, how many square miles? It may be too late, and that is the significance of being able to defend yourself."

He took issue with university police, calling the concept a "conflict of interest" because with the administration as their bosses, university police can be told to try and keep crime statistics quiet by the people who "sign their paychecks."

Van Cleave governed his speech last night around a PowerPoint presentation that made an explosive metaphor of his views of gun control.

Modeling gun control as a "bomb," the bureaucratic mindset as the "fuse," and the criminal mindset as the "flame" he speculated that when all of those elements come together, that's when bad situations occur, and the right to carry concealed weapons on campus isn't the real problem.

He argued that students were being labeled as unstable or unreliable, and that gun control advocates don't believe that students are mature enough to handle the right to carry concealed weapons on campus.

However, Van Cleave explained, students over 21 who are able to drive, drink, vote and serve their country shouldn't be considered incapable of handling the responsibility of a concealed weapon.

Of the alert systems, Van Cleave said, "Basically, [by restricting the right to concealed carry on campus] the government is telling me that if these things fail, I'll die."

He was also of the opinion that being able to carry guns, even concealed, is actually a deterrent to crime, saying that there's a certain look or attitude that comes with carrying a concealed weapon that can alert potential attackers or criminals to the fact that someone they may be targeting can defend themselves, and they will be less likely to commit an act of aggression.

His presentation was peppered with personal stories and anecdotes in which the presence of guns have prevented dangerous crimes, including a friend who was in a bank openly carrying a gun in a holster when a man entered wearing a ski mask, noticed the friend's exposed weapon, and hurriedly left the bank.

During a question and answer session in which the audience could write their questions on index cards, which were filtered by organizers, most questions seemed to be about gun rights that are already established.

One question was asked about whether or not Tech students had the right to carry weapons in a visible manner, to which one audience member loudly responded, "Only once!" to open laughter.

Van Cleave summarized his opinion that the right to conceal carry guns on campus would benefit students with one of his closing statements.

"[Seung-Hui] Cho had planned to kill himself when police showed up. If someone else had displayed force, would he have done the same thing? I believe he would."

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"Basically, we pick [someone] from the community that would be willing to donate for Make-A-Wish.," she said. "We put flamingos in their yard in the evening and the next morning, there is a note on their door."

The note has Peters' phone number to call for further instructions.

The flocking continues, and the most recent flocked resident may choose the next recipient, otherwise APO has a list of homes that may be flocked.

This is Bradley's second flocking. The first was about four years ago.

Former APO member Rachel Laird developed the event in 2004. APO raised more than $5,000 for the cause. She also developed APO's spring Mardi Gras Extravaganza benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation, but Laird passed away one day before the event occurred.

Peters said APO brought the idea back to raise more money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

APO raised about $1,000 in previous years. This year its goal is $5,000, matching the first Flocking total.

"We were hoping to improve our donations from previous years," Peters said. "This worked well before, so we wanted to bring it back."

She said the group has already raised $100 to $200 from flocking.

The team of four begins flocking around 11 p.m. and takes 15 minutes to complete the job.

Peters said she always hopes the police don't stop by inquiring what the team is doing.

"It's exhilarating when we go out," she said. "It's a rush."

She said no residents have complained so far.

"People have responded well," Peters said. "We've had a good response from the community."

APO plans to flock homes for a couple more weeks.

In November, the service fraternity will begin "Faculty Flocking," meaning students will place flamingos in faculty offices.

"We are going to give the professors a heads up [and] get them to get 'Flocking Insurance,'" Peters said.

This insurance would be a suggested donation of $25.

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This year the name was changed because "it provides a different field and creates dialogue among students," he said.

The wall attempts to challenge people. Some people laugh at what they read, while others may be appalled, he said.

Junior psychology major Douglas Bahnick said Multicultural Week is a time for the Bradley community to celebrate diversity.

"It's an opportunity for different walks of life to showcase their backgrounds and beliefs," he said.

The Wall of Stereotypes isn't the only thing going on during Multicultural Week. Senate planned many events for students including a Halloween party and an Anything But Clothes party.

LIGHTS
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will be installed in the parking lots between Fredonia and Bradley Avenues and on Bradley Avenue.

However, Doerzaph said there won't be any lights installed on Fredonia Avenue because it's a city-owned street, but this may change in the next few years if the university acquires it.

In the second phase, the new lights will be installed from Elmwood Avenue to the s-curve on University Street.

Finally, in the third phase, lights will be installed from Elmwood Avenue to Glenwood Avenue, including Olin Quad.

The plan is to have all the lights installed in three years.

Freshman sociology major Nora Rader said she thinks the new lighting system is too expensive.

"I go on walks almost every night and have never had a hard time seeing," Rader said. "The current lights that Bradley has throughout campus do not need to be changed. They put off more than enough light. Four million dollars could be put to much better use elsewhere."

Freshman psychology major Hayley Braatz said she agrees.

"Sure, the lights on campus are a little dim, especially for someone who takes a walk every night," Braatz said. "But I think four million dollars is too much money."

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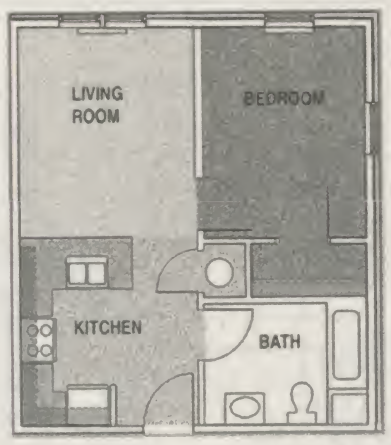

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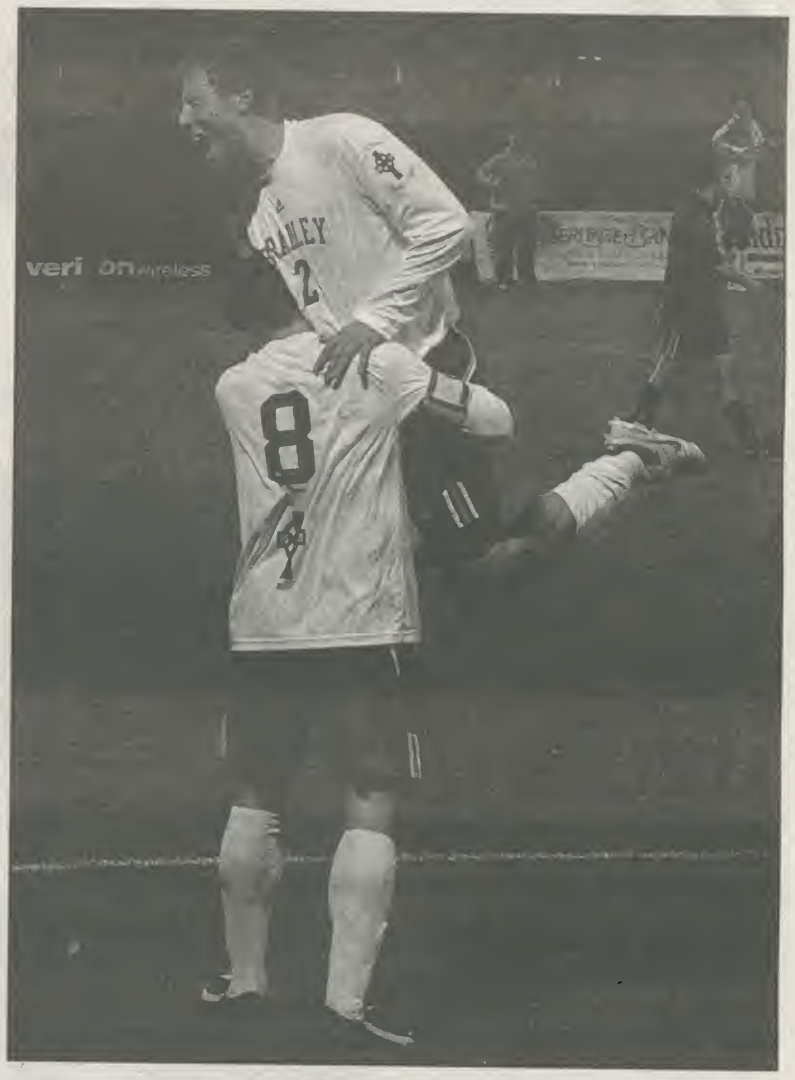
Senior Stephen Brust jumps to trap the ball. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*



Sophomore Graham Stockdale (top) congratulates senior Drew DeGurian after scoring his sixth goal of the season at Saturday's game against Drake University. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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with a couple of saves at the end for them."

After being limited offensively for much of the game, the Bulldogs turned up the pressure late, but Haynes was up to the task. The Bradley keeper turned away two shots in the game's final three minutes to preserve the shutout.

Mike Haynes

"At the end I was not really trying to catch anything," Haynes said. "I was just trying to push it away so I didn't give up any close rebounds or drops."

With the win, the Braves moved past the Bulldogs into second place in the MVC standings. Bradley now has eight points, two behind MVC leader Creighton.

Coach Jim DeRose said it was a big win for the program.

"They're a very good team. I think they're a team that's going to have a lot to say about who wins this championship," he said. "They'd only been shut out once this year, and we had our hands full tonight."

Brian Lock

Bradley was in action again Monday night, downing Central Arkansas (6-8-0) for its second straight 1-0 win.

The Braves' lone goal came in the 62nd minute when sophomore Brian Lock sent a header past the Central Arkansas goalkeeper.

Lock, who had entered the game seconds earlier, was still running into position when freshman Rudy Garcia sent a corner kick sailing into the box. Lock ran directly into the ball, which bounced off his head and into the net.

Bradley had several other chances to score during the contest, including breakaways by sophomores Chris Cutshaw and Justin Bigelow, but came up empty on each.

The Braves return to action Saturday night when they begin a two-game road trip with a game against MVC rival Eastern Illinois.

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The Panthers .400 attack percentage in the third game cost Bradley the game and the match. Northern Iowa used a 9-1 run and 24 kills in the game to put the Braves away.

Bradley will have some changes to its line-up to end the season due to injuries.

"Nikki [Pierzchala] may be done for the year. Her knee is just not responding," Luster said. "We are going to go back to a 6-2. All three freshmen will play quite a bit and Lyndi [Senkpiel] could go in to play libero."

The Braves look to end their losing streak when they play Indiana State today at 7 p.m. at the Field House.

After that match the Braves play three consecutive road games against Illinois State, Southern Illinois and Evansville. They then close out the regular season at home against Missouri State and Wichita State.

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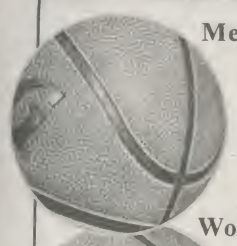

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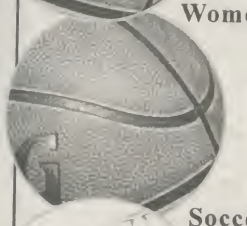

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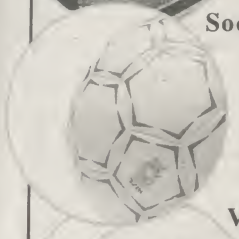
at Robertson Memorial Field House



Soccer

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at 2 p.m.
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at Charleston

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at Dallas

Volleyball

Friday
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vs. Indiana State
at Robertson Memorial Field House

Saturday
at 7 p.m.
vs. Illinois State
at Normal

Tennis

Not in action this week

Sport SHORTS

Men's tennis picks up wins to close out fall

The men's tennis team closed out its fall season last weekend, picking up several individual wins at the Vredevelt Invitational.

The first day of action saw the Braves pick up a pair of doubles victories, and the team carried its success into the second day.

Freshman Milos Romic picked up the first singles win for the Braves, downing his opponent from DePaul in three sets, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Sophomore Richard Robertson picked up Bradley's other Day Two win, besting Alex Allon of Michigan State, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

The Braves picked up three more wins on the event's final day. Romic and Robertson each tallied their second wins of the tournament with straight set victories over their respective opponents.

Freshman Vuk Bolic notched Bradley's third win of the day, also defeating his opponent in straight sets.

Cross country competes at MVC Championship

The men's and women's cross country teams took a run at the Missouri Valley Conference Championship last Saturday, but both teams came up short.

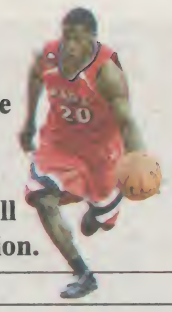
Both squads failed to place any runners in the top 10, and each had to settle for an eighth place finish.

Senior Chris George was the top performer on the men's side, finishing in 17th place. Junior Katie Nowak led the way for the women, taking 19th.

The Braves return to action Nov. 10, when they host the NCAA Midwest Regional at Newman Golf Course.

Sports

Get a first look at the men's and women's basketball squads in our annual basketball preview pullout section.



Soccer posts pair of shutouts

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

After missing three games with a staph infection, senior Drew DeGurian made his return to the lineup count.

DeGurian scored the game-winning goal for the Braves (10-4-3) in the 54th minute, leading the soccer team to a 1-0 victory over Missouri Valley Conference rival Drake Saturday night at Shea Stadium.

DeGurian's goal, his team-leading sixth of the year, came with the help of two second-half substitutions.

Sophomore Graham Stockdale, making his Bradley debut, forced a Drake player to make an errant pass, which senior Ken Hickman gathered in and passed to DeGurian at the top of the penalty area. DeGurian then beat the Bulldogs' goalkeeper with a shot inside the left post for the game's lone goal.

"Graham did a great job of digging it out and when the ball popped loose to Kenny, he found me," DeGurian said. "I was fortunate enough to make the most of my opportunity and score the goal."

The Bulldogs (9-4-3) entered the game on a hot streak, going unbeaten in their previous seven contests.

They also came in as one of the top scoring teams in the Valley, averaging 2.2 goals per game. But the Bulldogs offensive prowess was no match for the Braves' defense in the game.

Sophomore Grant Campbell keeps the ball away from a Drake opponent at Saturday's game at Shea Stadium. Braves won 1-0. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Bradley held Drake without a shot on goal in the first half. Despite allowing five shots on goal in the second half, the team managed to keep the Bulldogs off the board.

Senior goalkeeper Mike Haynes recorded five saves in the game, including three diving stops, but deflected credit for the shutout to the team's defenders.

"The backline has been playing great. We've got a lot of senior leadership back there," Haynes said. "They played really well and I was glad to show up

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Volleyball falls to Northern Iowa in three

Tough loss extends Braves' losing streak to seven, overall record to 2-23

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

Northern Iowa's sweep of the women's volleyball team at Robertson Memorial Field House this weekend extended Bradley's losing streak to seven games.

The Panthers (15-9) used their .376 attack percentage to put the Braves (2-23) away quickly and didn't allow Bradley to score over 20 points in any game of the match.

"They were the preseason pick to win it all," coach Scott Luster said. "They're playing really well right now. They took it to us, we were pretty average and they took us in three"

The Braves had to take out two key players due to injury problems during the game.

"I took Nikki [Pierzchala] out because of her knee, and Katrina [Goncher] because she has a really bad toe," Luster said. "They weren't playing well because of injuries."

Melissa Collins

Kaitlyn Comiskey

The Braves weren't able to match the offensive explosion of Northern Iowa and their .110 attack percentage didn't put them in a position to win. The Panthers defeated Bradley 30-20, 30-15, 30-18. The win for Northern Iowa marked the preseason favorite's sixth win in a row.

Freshman Melissa Collins recorded nine digs for the Braves, and sophomore Kaitlyn Comiskey led the team in digs with nine.

The Panthers played well as a team and had four players with over 10 kills in the match.

Sophomore Shannon Aschoff had a strong match for Northern Iowa. She totaled seven digs and one service ace to go along with her match leading 14 kills.

Northern Iowa took an early lead and never looked back in the first game.

An 8-1 Panther run made the score 22-14, and Northern Iowa's five blocks led them to victory.

Bradley hit .143 in the game compared to Northen Iowa's .382. The Braves also had five kills blocked by the Panthers.

Northern Iowa used a 10-0 run to take control in the second game. Bradley's .022 attack percentage wasn't enough and the Braves lost the second game.

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Women's golf takes 7th to close out fall

BY LUKE MROZINSKI
for the Scout

The women's golf team finished seventh out of 11 teams at the Pat Bradley Invitational in Fort Myers, Fla., on Monday and Tuesday, bringing an end to the fall schedule.

The invitational was mainly dominated by southern schools, with Southern Illinois being the only other Missouri Valley Conference school to take part in the tourney.

The Braves started off in eighth place after Monday but moved up a place on the final day spurred by freshman Breanne Neufeld's low score of 77.

On the first day of the tourney, senior Rikki Sobel shot a season-best 75 in the second round to pace the Braves. Sobel finished the day at 16th overall with a score of 152 after 36 holes.

Junior Bari-Lynn Erais shot a solid two over par at 74 in the first round but had a difficult time regaining form in the second round, carding an 82. She ended the day with a score of 156.

Erais tied for 27th place with fellow teammate, senior Whitney Cox, who also shot a 156.

After the first two rounds Bradley found itself in 8th place and in need of a spark. The Braves got that spark on the second day in the form of Neufeld, who finished the day with a 77.

Coach Bo Ryan said he expected the team to play better at the event.

"I was a little disappointed the way things turned out," he said. "It kind of mirrored our fall season so far. Our consistency is not where it needs to be."

Sobel was the Braves top finisher in the event at 231 and tying for 18th.

Bradley couldn't pass up rival Southern Illinois on the event's final day, finishing eight strokes behind the Salukis at 934 to take seventh place overall.

Ryan said he was disappointed with the play of his seniors at the invite.

"My seniors could have done better," he said. "It's a really difficult time of the year to concentrate on golf."

South Florida took reigns on the team title, finishing first and dominating on its home course.

The invite wrapped up the fall season for the Braves. The Braves' balance of experienced and young golfers should benefit them as the season continues in the spring.

Bradley encounters a lengthy intermission before returning to action Feb. 11 and 12 at the Baja Invitational in Ensenada, Mexico.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

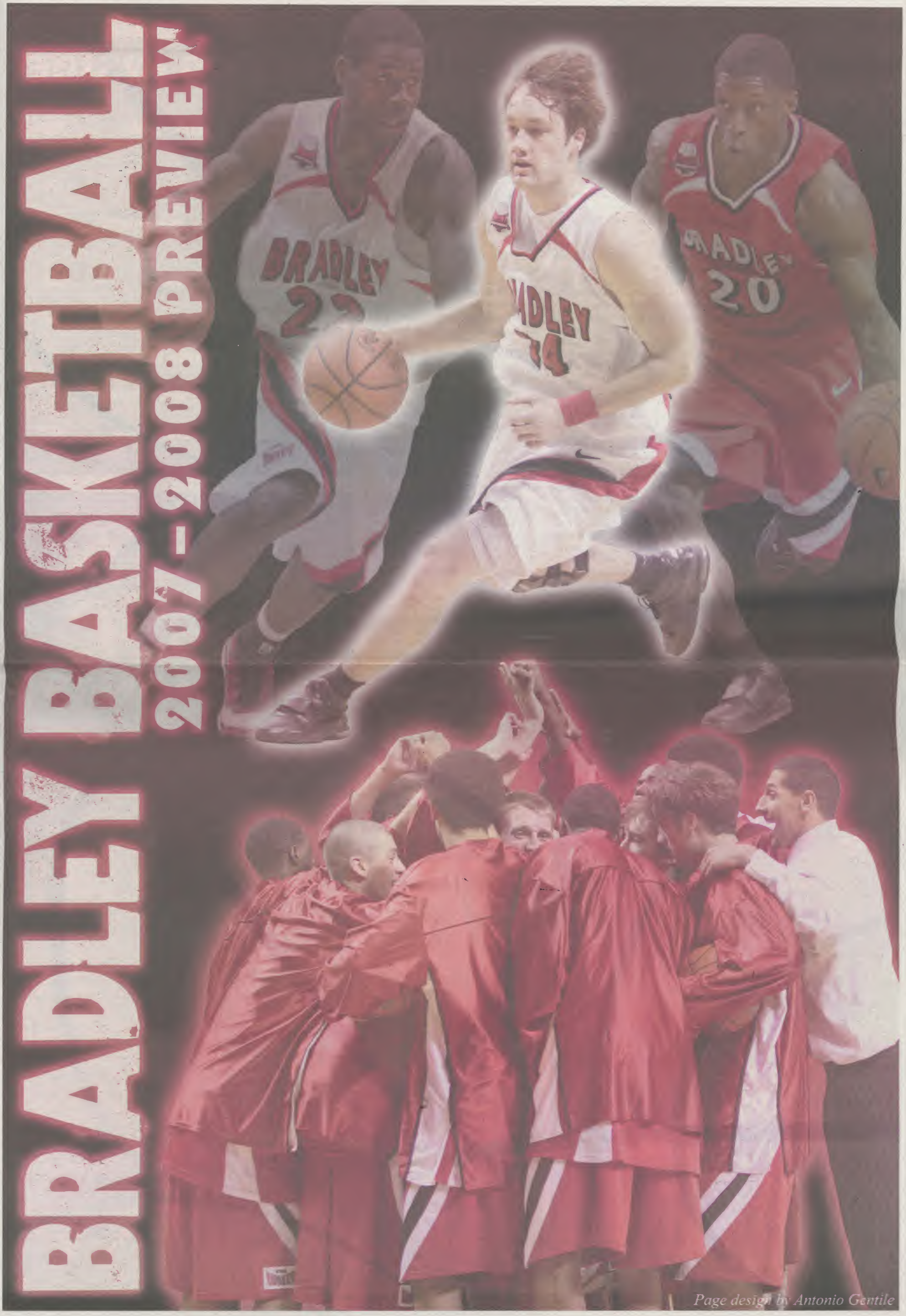
VOLLEYBALL	MVC	OVERALL
MISSOURI STATE	12-1	23-3
WICHITA STATE	12-1	21-4
CREIGHTON	10-3	16-8
NORTHERN IOWA	9-3	15-9
ILLINOIS STATE	7-6	15-9
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	4-8	12-12
EVANSVILLE	4-8	11-12
DRAKE	4-9	7-17
BRADLEY	1-11	2-23
INDIANA STATE	0-13	3-18

SOCCER	MVC	OVERALL
CREIGHTON	3-0-1	9-1-4
BRADLEY	2-0-2	10-4-3
DRAKE	2-1-1	9-4-3
EVANSVILLE	2-2-0	8-7-0
EASTERN ILLINOIS	2-2-1	10-4-3
MISSOURI STATE	0-2-2	4-9-3
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-4-1	2-11-4

On the Record

"I thought if we went out and worked really hard trying to kick the ball into Lake Michigan and make sure it floats to the bottom."

— Lions coach Rob Marinelli botching a joke about not kicking the ball to the Bears' returner Devin Hester



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Men's basketball preview

Braves hope to build on success of past two seasons

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Coming off back-to-back 22-win seasons, expectations for the men's basketball team couldn't be much higher this season.

The Braves find themselves near the top of every Missouri Valley Conference preview. They were picked to finish second by the annual MVC preseason poll, and most of the experts seem to agree.

Bradley even received votes in the ESPN/USA Today preseason coaches' top-25 poll, something that hasn't happened in several years.

Sixth-year coach Jim Les has lead his team to the postseason each of the past two seasons, but with only three returning seniors and seven new scholarship players, Les will have to work hard to get his team back to the postseason again this year.

Senior guards Daniel Ruffin and Jeremy Crouch, the league's top two returning scorers, return to lead the team again this year.

Both players averaged 13.8 points per game last season and figure to carry the bulk of the scoring load again this year.

Along with the pair of guards, Bradley's third senior, forward Matt Salley, is also expected to be a big-time contributor this season.

Les said he's been impressed by what Salley has done in the first weeks of practice.

"What he's doing is being a dominant interior presence for us day in and day out," he said. "Last year he showed us flashes of doing that, but it wasn't as consistent as I've seen it [this year]."

Salley, who averaged 7.1 points and 4.8 rebounds per game last year, added 10 pounds of muscle during the offseason.

Salley said he added the weight in hopes of improving his inside game and noted that the extra weight is already paying dividends.

"I feel like I post up a little bit stronger and I don't get pushed around as much as I did last year," he said. "I see a big difference."

Joining the seniors this season is a seven-man recruiting class ranked in the top 25 nationally by several recruiting services.

That recruiting class includes four junior college transfers (Rashad Austin, Tyrone Cole-Scott, David Collins and Theron Wilson) and three freshmen (Will Egolf, Sam Maniscalco and Anthony Thompson).

If the team hopes to compete, some of those new players will have to step into important roles right away.

Egolf, a sweet-shooting 6-foot-9 forward from Juneau, Alaska, is one of the players who could contribute quickly. He said he's ready to do whatever the team needs him to do to win, regardless of how much playing time he receives.

"If it's my role to give someone a rest and do my best while I'm in there, then that's fine," he said. "That's a freshman job. I'm not sure what kind of impact I'll have this year, but I'm looking forward to whatever I get and working hard."

The incoming players aren't the only new faces to Bradley basketball this year. The team also features two new assistant coaches, Steve Merfeld and Alvin Brooks.

Merfeld, who was the head coach at MVC rival Evansville for the past five years, said he's enjoyed his move to Bradley so far.

"It's been a great transition for me and very refreshing for me to be around this program and these guys," he said. "I just love being around the game. I love being around guys that want to work and get better."

Merfeld said he hasn't thought much about facing his former team later this year but maintained that there would be no conflict of interest.

"I'm wearing red now," he said. "Obviously I have some great relationships with players there, but when that ball goes up, it's about the Bradley Braves."

With so many new faces, questions have arisen as to whether the team will be able to gel together, but Salley said he isn't worried. He said the team is already coming together.

"I think the chemistry is really good. I don't think we took a step backwards. If anything I think we moved forward," he said. "We all get along on and off the floor."

Several of the new players said the adjustment to playing at a Div. I school has taken time, but both Salley and Les said they think the new guys are fitting in nicely.

"The first week, they have so many things thrown at them, and they're asked to bring an intensity level and maintain it that they've never had to do before. That's the biggest adjustment," Les said. "But I think they've all responded to the coaching and the intensity level of our practices very well."

The Braves haven't yet announced who will be in the starting lineup come opening day, though Ruffin, Crouch and Salley appear likely to fill three of the spots.

Les said he has an idea of who he'll play, but hasn't made a final determination yet.

"I'm going to play the five best players who are going to give us the best chance to win," he said. "Once those guys present themselves, that's who we're going to play. I've never gotten caught up with numbers and size."

Bradley won't have much time to figure out who the best five players are, as it will face a difficult schedule early on.

The Braves open the regular season Nov. 10 with a road game against Illinois-Chicago, and three of their first nine opponents hail from power conferences.

Bradley's biggest challenge will likely come Dec. 4 when preseason No. 8 Michigan State makes its first ever visit to Carver Arena. The Braves are 0-2 in all-time series against the Spartans.

With so much pressure and such high expectations, some might expect the team to fold or crack, but after the first weeks of practice, the team has looked calm, collected and supremely confident.

Salley said he thinks the team is continuously improving and looks forward to the start of the season.

"Practice has been really good," Salley said. "It's starting to get more physical and we're just trying to get better and better everyday. It's looking good so far."

Senior forward Matt Salley goes for a layup during the Red-White Scrimmage on Oct. 26. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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2007-08 MVC men's basketball preview

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

One of the most successful mid-major conferences in recent years, the Missouri Valley Conference looks to continue its run of success this season.

At least four Valley teams have earned postseason bids in each of the last two years, including three (Wichita State and Bradley in 2006 and Southern Illinois in 2007) that advanced as far as the Sweet 16.

With several talented teams in the league again this season, 2007-08 should be another exciting year for MVC basketball fans.

Southern Illinois Salukis
(2006-07 record: 29-7 overall, 15-3 MVC)

After leading his team to the Sweet 16 last season, fourth-year coach Chris Lowery will be looking to duplicate that success again this year.

The Salukis enter the season ranked at No. 23 in the coaches' preseason poll and a unanimous choice to repeat as MVC champions.

SIU will have to find a way to repeat that success without two of its top players from last season. MVC Player of the Year Jamaal Tatum and All-MVC defensive player Tony Young are both gone.

The Salukis aren't hurting for talent, however, as they return two other players who earned all-defensive honors last year.

Randal Falker and Bryan Mullins both return to anchor a defense that ranked third nationally last year and is sure to be strong again this season.

Falker, who was named MVC preseason Player of the Year, will also be expected to lead the team on the offensive side. The 6-foot-7 senior averaged 12.3 points per game last year.

With Tatum and Young gone, Falker's production will likely increase this season.

Falker appears to be up to the task and it should be another strong season for the Salukis.

Creighton Bluejays
(22-11 overall, 13-5 MVC)

The Bluejays begin the 2007-08 season with a much different look from last year.

Creighton lost four of last year's starters to graduation or transfers, including leading scorer Nate Funk and leading rebounder Anthony Tolliver.

The Bluejays almost suffered an even more devastating blow earlier this year when long-time coach Dana Altman bolted for a job at Arkansas. Altman changed his mind just days later, however, and is back to lead the squad for a 14th season.

To make up for the losses, Altman will turn to P'Allen Stinnett. The highly touted freshman guard averaged 19.9 points, 4.7 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.8 steals per game as a high school senior, and after spending last year at prep school, is expected to contribute immediately.

The Bluejays will also look for Dane Watts, the lone returning starter, to increase his production this year. The senior forward averaged 9.9 points and 6.4 rebounds a year ago but will need to do more this season if the 'Jays hope to make an 11th straight postseason appearance.

Missouri State Bears
(22-11 overall, 12-6 MVC)

After narrowly missing the NCAA tournament each of the past three seasons, the Bears look to move to the next level this year.

Missouri State loses three starters from last season, including Blake Ahearn, who averaged 15.4 ppg last year and finished his career as the most accurate free throw shooter in NCAA history.

The Bears will turn to five returning seniors to lead the team this year. Deven Mitchell, a 6-foot-5 forward, will be counted on to bear the bulk of the load.

Mitchell averaged 10.8 ppg last season while battling nagging injuries but will need to increase that production if Missouri State hopes to make the jump to the big dance this year.

Bradley Braves
(22-13 overall, 10-8 MVC)

The Braves look to return to the postseason for a third consecutive year and appear to have the firepower to get the job done.

Senior guards Daniel Ruffin and Jeremy Crouch, the MVC's top returning scorers at 13.8 ppg, return to lead the team. Ruffin, a dynamic playmaker, is the nation's active leader in assists, while Crouch led the country in 3-point field goal percentage last season.

That duo will be joined this year by a seven-man recruiting class, which was ranked in the top 25 nationally by numerous recruiting services.

Sixth-year coach Jim Les will have the challenge of meshing those new faces with the returning players to form a cohesive unit, but should he succeed, the Braves will likely find themselves near the top of the Valley again this year.

Northern Iowa Panthers
(18-13 overall, 9-9 MVC)

After a disappointing 2006-07 campaign that saw them miss the postseason for the first time in three years, the Panthers will try to return to the top of the Valley standings this season.

Northern Iowa returns three starters from last year's squad, with senior Eric Coleman leading the way.

The bulky 6-foot-6, 240-pound center averaged 13.1 points and 9.1 rebounds per game last year. He will likely have to continue to produce if his team is going to win a significant number of games this year.

The Panthers will also look to senior guard Jared Josten to increase his production from a year ago. Josten averaged only 7.8 ppg last year, but was lethal from long-range, making 47.9 percent of his 3-point shots.

Wichita State Shockers
(17-14 overall, 8-10 MVC)

One of five Valley schools with a new head coach this season, Wichita State is a team in transition.

Former coach Mark Turgeon bolted for Texas A&M in April, but the Shockers replaced him with former Winthrop coach Gregg Marshall, who led his old team to seven NCAA tournament bids in nine years.

Marshall takes over a team with only five returning players from last year's squad. The Shockers lost three seniors to graduation and three more players to transfers.

With so much turnover from last year, Wichita State will be forced to count on several new players this season, but the team still has one familiar face left to help ease the transition.

Senior P.J. Couisnard is expected to lead the team after averaging 11.8 ppg last year. A member of last year's MVC all-defensive team, Couisnard will need to put together another solid season if the Shockers hope to outperform their sixth place prediction.

Drake Bulldogs
(17-15 overall, 6-12 MVC)

With a new coach and only one starter returning from last year's team, 2007-08 could prove to be a trying year for Drake.

Keno Davis takes the program's reigns after serving as an assistant under his father, former coach Tom Davis, for four seasons.

Davis will have his work cut out for him with sophomore Josh Young as his only returning starter.

Young averaged 10.7 ppg last year but will need to increase his scoring this year if the Bulldogs want to avoid the MVC cellar.

Young will get help from sharpshooting senior forward Klayton Korver, but it may not be enough to help the Bulldogs compete this season.

Illinois State Redbirds
(15-16 overall, 6-12 MVC)

Another team with a new coach for the upcoming season, Illinois State looks to take a step forward this year.

New coach Tim Jankovich takes over a squad which hasn't made the postseason since 2001, but expectations are high for the Redbirds this season.

Picked to finish fifth in the Valley, ISU returns four starters from last year's team. Senior center Levi Dyer is the team's top returning scorer at 12.1 ppg a year ago and will be expected to lead the team again in 2007-08.

Evansville Purple Aces
(14-17 overall, 6-12 MVC)

New coach Marty Simmons returns to Evansville to coach his alma mater after spending five years as the head man at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

Simmons served as an assistant coach for the Purple Aces for 11 seasons before taking over at SIU-E, but his return to Evansville might not be a pleasant one.

The Aces return only two starters from last year's squad and are predicted to finish dead last in the conference this year.

Indiana State Sycamores
(13-18 overall, 5-13 MVC)

The fifth MVC team with a new coach, Kevin McKenna takes the helm at Indiana State with hopes of turning around a struggling program.

McKenna comes to Indiana State after nine seasons as an assistant at Creighton.

The Bluejays made six postseason appearances during McKenna's time there, and he will look to instill those winning ways in his new team.

The Sycamores return four starters from a team that showed flashes of promise last season.

Senior guard Gabe Moore returns to lead the team again this season after averaging 11.5 ppg last year.

He's joined by fellow returning starters Cole Holmstrom, Marico Stinson and Jay Tunnell, who look to help turn the Sycamores' fortunes around.

Despite those returning starters, it will likely be another difficult year for the Sycamores

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NAME	POINTS
BARI ERAIS	12
ERICA CLARNO	12
ROSE FREEMAN	12
JENNY VAN KIRK	11
JOSHUA M. HENRY	11
KEVIN FARNEY	11
RENEE FRERICKS	11
WHITNEY COX	11
CASEY STARK	10
MICHAEL KOTTWITZ	10
STEPH RAMSEY	10
TRISHA KOWALEWSKI	10

Women's basketball preview

Braves look to prove low preseason prediction wrong

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's basketball team has a lot to prove this year after losing four of its top five leading scorers from last year's team.

The Braves were picked to finish last in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll.

Coach Paula Buscher will work to add to the Braves' strong finish last season when they went 7-6 and won their first game in the MVC tournament.

"Our goal is to do as well as we can in our non-conference games," Buscher said. "Obviously you would like to go undefeated, but we will do the best we can. We will take things piece by piece and try to improve every day."

She's entering her eighth season at Bradley and is 84-114 as the Braves coach. Her 84 wins put her second all-time on the coaches wins list behind Lisa Boyer's 124 wins.

This is the team's last season playing at Robertson Memorial Field House. They are 200-163 at the field house and will play its first home game Nov. 13 against Butler.

On Nov. 20 the team will travel to Anchorage, Alaska to compete in the Great Alaska Shootout.

Bradley opens conference play Jan. 3 when it visits Indiana State. The Braves then come home to open up a three-game homestand starting with rival Illinois State, then Wichita State and Missouri State. They then close out the conference schedule against Northern Iowa.

The MVC Tournament starts March 13 and will take place on a neutral court for the first time. The games will be played at Family Arena in St. Charles, Mo., this year.

The team has been working hard in practice, and has a good mix of older experienced players and younger players ready to learn.

"I've been pleased with practice overall. There was only one day I wasn't happy," Buscher said. "We have been as aggressive as possible, it's been up tempo."

The team returns two starters from last year, senior Devyn Flanagan and junior Kelly Krumwiede.

Flanagan is the top returning scorer and the team's active scoring leader. The 5-foot-9 guard is currently 28th all time in points at Bradley. With 753 points, she stands just 247 away from reaching the 1,000 point club.

Flanagan averaged 10.6 points per game, 4.3 rebounds per game and dished out 90 assists last year and will be looked to for leadership this year.

Krumwiede led the team in rebounds as a sophomore with 6.2 per game, and had a 46.7 field goal percentage, which led the team.

Buscher said Krumwiede is capable of getting a double-double every time out and she expects to see her offensive numbers pick up this season.

Senior guard Rachel Merriman was a junior college All-American at Illinois Central College and served as a back-up to point guard Jen Brown last season. She and sophomore gaurd Skye Johnson should split time at the point guard spot this season.

Johnson returns to the team this year after sitting out last season with an injury. She played well her freshman year, scoring 15 points in the second game of her career, and ranked third on the team in steals for the season.

She also impressed in the Red-White Scrimmage game going 4-for-4 from the field and 2-for-2 from the free-throw line.

Senior Felicia Nekmouche and freshman Caitlin Deeken will also provide solid play from the guard spots.

Deeken was recruited to play golf but will also play basketball.

She owns the California high school state record for most 3-pointers in a game with eight. She can be considered a scoring threat from behind the arc.

Sophomore Renee Frericks, junior Aseer Itiavkase and freshman Raisa Taylor will also provide depth at the guard position. Taylor led the Red-White game with 18 points.

Forward Monica Rogers is expected to play well after sitting out last year because of transfer rules. Buscher expects her to have the biggest impact of all the new additions to the team.

Senior center Chasity Cotton will compete for a starting spot this year. She came off the bench last year to provide the team with quality defense. She's a strong, active player who brings a lot to the table defensively.

Sophomore Jenny Van Kirk, junior Megan Klinger and freshman Sonya Harris will see time in the frontcourt this year also.

Van Kirk played in 19 games her freshman year and played well in the Red-White game, scoring 16 points.

Harris averaged 15 ppg, 13 rpg, 4.8 assists per game and 3.6 blocks per game her senior year of high school. She could challenge Cotton for playing time.

The team will play its final exhibition game at 4:05 p.m. Saturday at the field house, and open regular season play Nov. 9 at Northern Illinois.

Chasity Cotton goes up for a fadeaway Oct. 26 in the Red-White Scrimmage at Robertson Memorial Field House. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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2007-08 MVC women's basketball preview

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

As fans pack into Robertson Memorial Field House to see the women's basketball team this season, some may wonder what to expect from the Braves, along with their opponents.

Below is a Missouri Valley Conference preview, listed in order of the teams' overall record from last season:

Southern Illinois Salukis (2006-07 record: 21-11 overall, 16-2 MVC)

Last year's MVC regular season champions lost leading scorer Carlai Moore to graduation, but return three starters in their quest to repeat this year.

MVC Coach of the Year Dana Eikenberg will look to find a way to replace those players and put a successful team on the court. Southern Illinois was picked to finish fifth in the conference and got one first place vote.

Senior Jayme Sweere is one of the team's returning starters. She was a second-team All-MVC selection and was named to the all-defensive team. She contributed all around with 11.7 points, 5.3 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game.

Seniors Erika Smith and Debbie Burris return from the starting lineup and are joined by six new freshmen.

Coming off of a conference championship, the Salukis have a tough road ahead of them to win their second consecutive title.

Illinois State Redbirds (22-11 overall, 13-5 MVC)

The Redbirds are coming off a 22-win season and were picked to finish second in the MVC this year.

One big reason for the 20-plus win year was the play of junior Kristi Cirone. She received the Jackie Stiles Player of the Year award, which is given to the best player in the conference.

Cirone led the MVC in scoring with 19.3 ppg in conference games and assists with 5.58 per game.

Senior Tiffany Hudson will join Cirone in the Redbirds' MVC title quest. Hudson finished last year with career highs in points with 6.5 ppg, assists with 84 and steals with 20.

Illinois State has size on its side. Six-foot-2 senior Lashawn Johnson and 6-foot-5 sophomore Nicolle Lewis combined for 80 blocks last year. Both players return to the post to add to their totals this year.

Illinois State came six points short of being picked to win the conference and has a team that will be highly competitive.

Indiana State Sycamores (19-11 overall, 12-6 MVC)

Indiana State welcomes back four of the five starters from last year.

All MVC preseason selection senior Laura Rudolphi will lead the team picked to finish third in the preseason poll.

Rudolphi averaged 14.7 ppg last year in addition to the seven rebounds she pulled down per game.

Senior Angela Phillips returns to help lead the team. She finished last year with 159 assists, along with 9.6 ppg.

The Sycamores will truly be tested this year with their tough schedule.

They will square off against Michigan State and Vanderbilt at home and go on the road to face Ball State and Marquette. They'll also battle Butler on a neutral court.

Indiana State's challenging schedule and experience could put it in a position to do some damage this year.

Evansville Purple Aces (19-12 overall, 11-7 MVC)

The Purple Aces were selected to finish fourth in the conference this year, just one point behind Indiana State for third place. Evansville also received a first-place vote.

The team returns all five starters from last year and look to improve on its 11-7 Valley record from last season.

Senior Rebekah Parker lead the Purple Aces in scoring last year with 15.3 ppg, in rebounds with 5.6 per game and had 119 assists for the year. She was voted to the preseason all MVC team.

Senior Courtney Felke is another returning starter who figures to play a big role in the team's success this year. She averaged 10 ppg last year and dished out 97 assists.

The team has eight upperclassmen on the roster and has one of the top players in the conference in Parker.

Northern Iowa Panthers (17-13 overall, 11-7 MVC)

The Panthers enter the 2007-08 season with a new head coach. Tanya Warren starts her career as the Northern Iowa coach with a team picked to finish eighth in the conference.

The Panthers come in with a young team, having only two seniors and one junior.

Senior Megan Keefe started every game last year, and was third on the team in scoring with 9.2 ppg and had 4.1 rpg.

Senior Traci Ollendieck came off the bench to average 6.4 points and 4.2 apg.

Those two are the only players on the team with more than a year of playing experience.

With a young team and a new coach, the Panthers need to show what their team is all about.

Creighton Bluejays (13-19 overall, 8-10 MVC)

Creighton will have a team with no shortage of experience this year.

The Bluejays return their top-10 leading scorers and only lost only one player from last year's team.

Seniors Sara Cain and Abby Thrall tied for the team lead in scoring last year with 10.6 ppg, and will help lead the Bluejays to success this season.

The team was picked to finish sixth in the preseason poll, and received one first place vote.

MVC Newcomer of the Year sophomore Megan Neuvrith looks to add to her 7.8 ppg and 6.7 apg last year and help lead the team. Sophomore Sam Schuett was an MVC all-freshmen team honoree with her 8.3 ppg and 5.9 apg last year.

The Creighton team is a young one with only two seniors and four juniors, but it carries a lot of experience.

Bradley Braves (12-19 overall, 7-11 MVC)

The Braves will have something to prove this year after being selected to finish last in the MVC preseason women's basketball poll. The team lost four of its top five leading scorers, including Erika Nelson.

This year's squad has four seniors, two of which averaged more than 15 minutes a game last year.

The Braves will likely look for leadership from senior Devyn Flanagan who started 30 of 31 games last year and was second in scoring with 10.6 ppg.

Junior Kelly Krumwiede led the team in rebounds per game last year with 6.2 a game and should improve on her strong sophomore season.

Sophomore guard Skye Johnson returns to the team after sitting out all of last year with an injury. Johnson appeared in every game her freshman year.

Coach Paula Buscher expects big things from junior Monica Rogers who had to sit out last season after transferring from Hampton.

Drake Bulldogs (14-19 overall, 5-13 MVC)

Drake was selected to win the MVC, finishing first place in the voting and receiving 24 first place votes.

The team is coming off a MVC tournament championship and reached the NCAA tournament last year for the 10th time.

The Bulldogs have four returning players who have shown they can contribute.

Senior Brand Dahier averaged more than 17 ppg last year and was voted to the preseason all-conference team.

Fellow senior Lindsay Whorton figures to play a big role in the offense as well as she looks to improve on her 14.3 ppg last year.

The return of sophomore Jordann Plummer and senior Jill Martin should be an added boost to the team.

Plummer showed promise early in her career, averaging over six points and three rebounds and two assists as a point guard.

Martin has played well throughout her career and was named first team All-MVC after her junior season. Her return will add experience to a team with high expectations.

Wichita State Shockers (9-20 overall, 4-14 MVC)

The Shockers have a leg up on the rest of the conference. The team went to British Columbia during Labor Day weekend and participated in a basketball tournament.

Time will tell if the trip paid off, but the MVC preseason poll picked Wichita State to finish ninth in the conference this year.

The team lost two of its top three scorers from last season, but returns three starters from last year.

Senior Kiki Stephens returns after leading the team with 13 ppg last year. Fellow senior Taylor Steve and junior Daria Frazier also return from last year's starting line-up.

The Shockers hope the time they spent in Canada can help their team come together and be successful this season.

Missouri State Bears (7-21 overall, 3-15 MVC)

Nyla Mileson is the new women's head basketball coach at Missouri State.

The Bears have nowhere to go but up after finishing last in the conference last year, winning only seven games.

Seniors Tahnee Balerio and Tiff Terwelp both return after being co-captains on last year's team.

Balerio was selected to the preseason all-conference team after leading the conference in scoring with 18.5 ppg last year and making first team all-conference.

Terwelp played a big role on last year's team. She averaged 10.6 ppg and her 8.6 rpg was good for second in the conference.

The Bears and their new coaching staff will attempt to improve the team and move up in the conference standings.

The Bears face a tough opponent in the non-conference portion of their schedule when they go up against the Texas Longhorns.

Sophomore Renee Frericks drives past defender Caitlin Deeken during the Oct. 26 Red-White Scrimmage at Robertson Memorial Field House. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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Men's team plays to packed house at annual Red-White Scrimmage

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Fans attending the annual Red-White Scrimmage last Friday night came expecting a show, and Daniel Ruffin made sure they didn't walk away disappointed.

The senior point-guard put on a show in the Braves' 2007-08 public debut, scoring a game-high 14 points.

"My whole thing is doing what I need to do to help my team win," Ruffin said. "If it's scoring, then I have to score. If it's dishing it off to people who can score, that's what I have to do. I'm just a team player and I like to win."

Ruffin also recorded three steals and two assists in the contest.

The 20-minute scrimmage was the first chance for fans to see the seven newcomers to Bradley's roster in action.

Freshman guard Sam Maniscalco scored seven points and tallied four assists and junior college transfer David Collins pulled in a game-high nine rebounds.

Coach Jim Les said he liked what he saw from the newcomers.

"They showed me flashes of who I think they are, and that's an athletic, gifted group that brings a number of different skills to the table," he said.

Junior center Sam Singh also turned in a solid performance, with nine points and seven rebounds in only nine minutes of play.

The rest of the Braves struggled offensively as tough pressure defense prevailed throughout the scrimmage.

The team shot 37 percent from the floor and was especially cold from behind the arc, making just 5-of-24 (20.8 percent) 3-point attempts.

Senior guard Jeremy Crouch, who led the nation in 3-point field goal percentage last year at 50 percent, shot just 2-for-7 from long-range.

Les said the team has been shooting well in practice and expects the Braves' shooting to be much better their next time out.

"They're just getting their game legs and they're expending so much energy trying to do some of the things that we do, running the floor and pressuring the ball," he said. "[So] that doesn't surprise me, nor does it worry me."

A crowd of 3,782 packed Robertson Memorial Field House to witness the contest, the largest turnout for the scrimmage in at least the last 20 years.

Both Les and the players said they were impressed by the turnout.

"It's great. I can't say enough about our fans and the enthusiasm, energy and excitement they have for our program," he said. "We want to continue to reward them with good solid play and give them lots to cheer about."

Prior to the game, fans were treated to a special surprise when Les took to the floor dressed as "Soulja Brave." Decked out in a black hat, sunglasses and a baggy shirt, Les performed the "Soulja Boy" dance with the Bradley Cheerleaders.

"(Wisconsin coach) Bo Ryan did the dance so the guys were on me about whether I could dance better than Bo Ryan," he said. "Then a couple of the guys told me their professors told them they'd get extra credit if they could get me to dance. So it was all in the name of bettering the education of my players to embarrass myself in public like that."

The entertainment didn't stop with the dancing. Following the scrimmage, the Braves also participated in a series of three situational drills, a 3-point shootout and a slam dunk contest.

Freshman Will Egolf and juniors Tyrone Cole-Scott and Theron Wilson took part in the dunk contest, with Wilson winning over the crowd on a pair of high-flying throwdowns.

Overall, Les said the night was about having fun, but noted he saw some things the team needs to work on in order to be ready for the start of the season.

"I saw some good things on both ends of the floor at given times," he said. "[But] we're not at a level of consistency that we need to be at yet."

The Braves were slated to play their first exhibition contest of the year Thursday against St. Ambrose. Results weren't available at press time.

The team will wrap up its exhibition schedule at 2:05 p.m. on Sunday when it hosts Quincy at Carver Arena.

Women's team uses scrimmage to warm up for 2007-08 season

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's basketball team kicked off its season last weekend with the annual Red-White Scrimmage at Robertson Memorial Field House.

Coach Paula Buscher put her team on display for the first time this season, and the players didn't let her down.

"Overall I think it was a great first time out, they got up and down, a lot of people scored," Buscher said. "We are going to open it up a lot more, and attack the basket more."

Kelly Krumwiede

The night belonged to the underclassman who showed the record-breaking crowd what teamwork is all about.

Freshman Raisa Taylor has a game high 18 points and recorded five rebounds. Sophomore Jenny Van Kirk finished with a total of 16, going 8 for 10 at the line.

Sophomore Skye Johnson returned to the team after sitting out last year due to injury.

She didn't miss a beat, making all her shots from the field and the free-throw line. She finished the night with 11 points.

Bradley finished with three players in double figures playing only two 10 minute halves. The Braves were missing some players due to injury, including senior Devyn Flanagan and junior Monica Rogers.

The Braves faced Div. II opponent Quincy on Wednesday in an exhibition game and defeated them 72-57 after a strong second half.

Bradley had been playing from behind during the second half until junior Aseer Itiavkase hit a layup with 7:30 remaining in the game to give Bradley a 51-50 lead.

The Braves ran away with it after that, finishing the game on a 23-7 run and winning it 72-57.

Buscher said she was happy with how the team finished the game, shooting 50 percent from the field in the second half and holding the Hawks to 21 points.

"I thought we did a good job defensively down the stretch that last 12 minutes of the game," Buscher said. "What we needed to do was slow down a little bit in the half court. We were taking the quickest shot, we were taking contested shots, all of a sudden we slowed down and scored better."

Bradley distributed the ball well as a team, and had two players with 20 points or more. Taylor finished with a team high 21 points, 13 of which came from the free-throw line.

Junior Kelly Krumwiede registered a double-double scoring 20 points and pulled down 11 boards. Krumwiede said she feels the team needs to improve its defense before the start of the season.

"We need to keep getting better on defense," Krumwiede said. "We learned once we defend our offense comes to us."

The Braves showed improvement from the first half to the second half. Bradley shot just 27.6 percent from the field in the first half, and got half of its 34 points from the free-throw line.

During the second half the Braves scored more points and almost doubled their shooting percentage.

Bradley will play its final exhibition game against SIU-Edwardsville at 4:05 p.m. Saturday at Robertson Memorial Field House and its first regular season game Nov. 9 at Northern Illinois.

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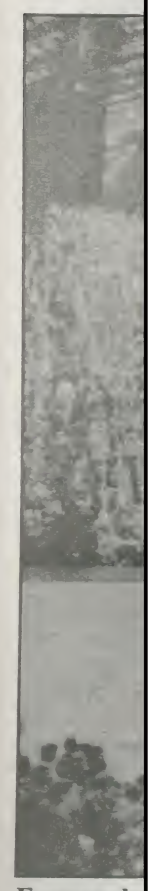
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Fans pack Robertson Memorial field house to watch the men's basketball team play in this undated photo. The team played in the facilities from 1949-1982. *photo courtesy of Bradley University*

Field house set for farewell tour

The men's and women's basketball teams will play their final games at Robertson Memorial Field House this year

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

There are very few arenas that have as much tradition as Robertson Memorial Field House.

It has been a historical monument of Peoria for almost 60 years. The facility was built from World War II airplane hangers in 1949.

The men's and women's basketball histories took place within its walls.

The building was named after A.J. Robertson, the Bradley men's basketball head coach and athletic director for 28 years.

This is the field house's last standing year, and after this season the basketball teams and volleyball team will never again play inside its historic walls.

Winning has always been the tradition in the field house.

The men's basketball team had only one losing season in the field house, while racking up a 400-100 record before heading to Carver Arena in the Peoria Civic Center in 1982.

The women's basketball and volleyball teams both had historical seasons in the field house. The women's basketball team compiled an 11-2 record during the 1981-82 campaign. The team finished with a 19-win season that year, while the women's volleyball team had a historic 9-2 record during its 1999 season.

The field house is full of memories. Former player and men's basketball head coach Joe Stowell recalls some of the things he will always remember about his times in the field house.

"I remember people paid $125 dollars, and they got five-year season tickets," he said. "That was a pretty good deal back then."

Stowell said the field house was one of the premier places for basketball during his coaching career.

"It was one of the best places to play in the state when it was first built," he said. "We had a real good vocal crowd and the games were a lot of fun."

Stowell said he cherishes the field house, but agrees a new facility needs to be built.

"I think the field house has served its purpose," he said. "It's been a great place to play, but schools today are competing for dollars and students. It needs to be done."

Gene Sidler, a resident of East Peoria who graduated from Bradley in 1971, said he's been a Braves fan since he attended Bradley and still watches the basketball games.

Sidler remembers when Stowell was the Braves' basketball coach and the great times he had in the field house.

"My best memory was that as students, we could go to the games for free, and you'd have to go over on game day and get your ID card punched," Sidler said. "Your whole day would revolve around making sure you got over there to get your card punched and making sure you got all your assignments done before game time."

Sidler said he will be sad when the field house is finally gone.

"The older you get, the more attached you get to some of those fond memories of your college years," he said. "Just going over there to pick up tickets for games and getting to walk through the foyer and look at the pictures and trophies are great memories."

Stowell said he will also miss the field house. He said it will always be something dear to him.

"I've lived in Peoria most of my life, so it will be sad to see it finally go," he said. "I'm pretty sure a lot of people will feel the same way."

Once the historic building is gone, a new arena will be built.

Hopefully the new facility will become a respected place Peorians and Bradley fans will come to love as much as the field house.

Walk-on ready to work hard and help team win

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

He may not receive much playing time this season, but freshman Cameron Sweatman will be doing all he can to help his team on and off the court.

One of three walk-ons on this year's team, Sweatman said he's excited to be a teammate and contribute in any way that helps the team. After starting out in high school with little experience, Sweatman is looking to improve and eventually become a key contributor to Bradley basketball.

"My freshman year of high school, I had no idea what I was doing," Sweatman said. "Going to Calvary Academy (in Springfield) got me some playing time, because it was so small. Over the years, my skills improved dramatically from working hard in high school."

During his senior year at Calvary Academy, Sweatman averaged 10.3 points a game, led his team with 7.3 rebounds per game and blocked 61 shots. He was also voted his team's Offensive Player of the Year in 2006, while also earning Calvary's Rebounding Performance Award for coming up with more than 200 rebounds.

Cameron Sweatman

After his senior campaign at Calvary, Sweatman enrolled at Lake Forest Academy for a fifth prep season before going to college. During his lone season there, he averaged 10 points a game and helped the northern Chicago academy achieve a 19-11 record and the Independent School League championship.

Although he went to Lake Forest Academy primarily for basketball reasons, Sweatman also went for academic reasons.

"I wanted to go there because I wanted to pursue journalism as a major," he said. "I knew if I went there I would get an opportunity to learn the field while also getting good basketball experience before entering college."

Now that Sweatman is enrolled at Bradley, he can play basketball and work on his journalism major.

"If I wasn't playing basketball, I'd probably be writing for The Scout," he said.

Sweatman wasn't hesitant to express his desire to write.

"I really have a passion for writing," he said. "I wrote for my paper in high school and I really enjoyed it. It's just really hard to find the time to write for the paper here because of basketball."

It didn't take the 6-foot-7 freshman long to decide where he wanted to go to college. After visiting campus once and meeting with coaches, Sweatman was convinced Bradley was where he was supposed to be.

"There were so many other schools giving me offers and they all had great education programs," he said. "When I came to Bradley I loved the coaches, players and atmosphere. This just felt right."

Sweatman drove many hours from Springfield over the summer to participate in all of the basketball program's summer activities.

"I had to drive here three times a week over the summer for all the open gyms and summer camps, so I was pretty much here all summer," he said.

Although Sweatman has put in the work and has had an outstanding high school career, he hasn't always had it easy on the court.

The freshman struggled to keep up with his teammates in high school because of an iron deficiency problem.

Sweatman wasn't sure why he couldn't compete at the same level as his other teammates.

"I had no idea why I always felt light-headed and had no endurance," he said. "It was pretty bad in high school."

After finding more information about his iron deficiency condition, Sweatman was able to play at a more consistent level.

"I take iron pills now so it doesn't affect me much anymore," he said.

Now that he's moved past the problem, Sweatman's full attention is on this upcoming season. After putting in the hours of work required to make the team, the freshman is set on fulfilling all his goals this year.

"I just want to give the guys a lot of energy at practice and also do well on the defensive end," he said. "I wouldn't mind being redshirted, but it's up to the coaches. I'm not entirely sure where I'll be."

Sweatman may not be sure of his role this season, but he's sure of what his team will accomplish.

"We're looking to win conference," he said. "We know we have the talent, we just have to put it all together on the court."

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FASHION FIXES

A GUIDE TO A STYLISH WINTER SEASON

STORY BY SARAH RAIDBARD & LAUREN REES ● PAGE DESIGN BY ANTONIO GENTILE

Assembling a stylish wardrobe on a small budget can be difficult for students, but looking classy and not trashy is easy with Voice's guide to winter fashion.

Embellishments add a touch of class

Purses, tops, headbands and shoes all look better with bling.

Day-glo crystals attached to all sorts of clothing and accessories make your everyday style look more polished and fancy.

Designers add studs to boots, jackets, sunglasses and anything you can think of for a tough but sophisticated look.

Biker-chic is in. Prada, Dior and Miu Miu all garnish attire with colorful gems. But for a more thrifty alternative grab a glue gun and bust out the Bedazzler to spice up any item in your wardrobe.

Bold designs brighten old outfits

Clothing with animal prints and plaid and tops sporting rainbows or hearts are in this season. Graphic prints make everyday tops and sweaters more stylish.

For a fierce look, go for leopard anything. Anybody who's anybody wears headbands, bags and shoes with the wild animal print. But don't go overboard or you risk becoming a leopard nightmare.

Ditch your plain hoodies and henleys for contrasting-striped tops and zebra-printed zip-ups. Bright-colored sneaks and polka-dotted flats add flair to an otherwise boring outfit.

Plaid prints can be found for affordable prices at Target.

Other places to look for heart-printed tees and hoodies with bold graphics include Delias and H&M. Surprisingly enough, Wal-Mart carries henleys strewn with bows and stars for $7 or $8.

Bangles and baubles for nights out

For special occasions, textured gold cuffs and stacked bangles attract attention. But stay away from chandelier earrings – we know you all wear them, but take them off. They're out.

Also steer clear of long, layered beaded necklaces. The look is so 2005. Simple long necklaces, like a silver chain with a locket or key, are more now. Paired with a plain top, a classic silver or gold necklace makes the look timeless and trendy.

Oversized cocktail rings also look great for nights out, especially next to nails painted dark colors. OPI's "Lincoln Park After Dark" and "Russian Navy" are pricey but long-lasting. For smaller budgets, opt for Wet N' Wild or Sally Hansen.

Boots, shoes and bags galore

Boots are a must-have for slushy Peoria winters. From quilted to leather to rubber, all keep your feet fashionably toasty.

Rainboots in bright colors and prints keep those little piggies dry in rainy weather. The bold designs also help brighten a dreary day.

While rainboots look cute paired with dresses and long skirts, we think Uggs look horrendous with short skirts and leg warmers.

This defeats the purpose of staying warm. Try combining leather boots with tights or leggings instead.

Moccasins are a good everyday shoe to wear to class or around the house. They're warm and match anything but leggings. Ugg makes a comfy pair, but try Target for a cheap alternative.

Also good for everyday use are oversized bags in leather or canvas. Colors like mustard yellow, deep purple and dusty rose are popular and look even better when embellished with a printed scarf.

Fitting jeans in this season

Skinny jeans in dark shades are in again. The style is universally flattering and looks great in black or gray.

Pair skinny jeans with tunics and looser tops to balance the outfit.

High-waisted jeans and sailor-style pants are also trendy, but may not flatter every body type. Make sure to wear these styles with tighter and more structured tops to look polished.

High fashion for mass market stores

Designers are bringing their fashions to stores like Target, Steve and Barry's and Kohls.

Target's Go International line carries styles from designers like Paul & Joe, Libertine and Alice Temperley that are affordably priced but still high-end. The styles are cutting-edge and may be a little risky for the student who dresses for comfort and ease.

Sarah Jessica Parker's Bitten clothing line at Steve and Barry's features clothing under $20. The line carries jewelry that looks more expensive than it is and bags in all sizes and shapes.

Kohl's brings Vera Wang's high styles to strip malls across America with the Simply Vera line. Prices range from less than $10 to $150.

European retailer H&M recently added a collection by Roberto Cavalli to its stores. The line allows college students to afford Cavalli's rich styles.

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THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

Live at the Five Spot presents **"Groovatron,"** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is $6 for student members, $9 for student nonmembers.

Black Student Alliance presents **"Halloween Party,"** 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Garrett Center. Admission is $3 with ID.

SATURDAY

"Exhibit: The Work of Washington University Faculty," 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hauser Art Center

SUNDAY

"From Head to Toe: They Wore It In Peoria," noon to 5 p.m. at the Lakeview Museum, located at 1125 W. Lake Ave

"Aesthetic Underground Open Mic," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is free, donations encouraged.

'Baby' behind the camera

Ben Affleck's directorial debut is a promising success

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BY ALEX CZUBAK
for Voice

A missing girl reveals the complex nature of right and wrong in "Gone Baby Gone," Ben Affleck's ("Hollywoodland") directorial debut.

Casey Affleck ("Ocean's Eleven") and Michelle Monaghan ("Mission Impossible III") star as private detectives and lovers Patrick Kenzie and Angie Gennaro. They are hired into an investigation of an abducted girl in Boston. Morgan Freeman ("Million Dollar Baby") plays Police Chief Doyle, an officer who personally dealt with a similar situation.

Rounding out the cast is Ed Harris ("A History of Violence") as Remy Bressant, a police investigator working the case, and Amy Ryan (TV's "The Wire") as the drug-addicted mother of the abducted.

The film is told in two parts – the first dealing with the case, and the second dealing with the aftermath and realizations made by the people involved.

The film itself is an adaptation of the Dennis Lehane novel of the same name. Another of his novels, "Mystic River," was made into an award-winning film by Clint Eastwood.

Ben Affleck may be the next Eastwood behind the camera.

He was never known for his acting chops, but he won an Academy Award with Matt Damon for their original screenplay "Good Will Hunting."

"Gone Baby Gone"

Casey Affleck
Michelle Monaghan
Morgan Freeman

Grade: A

As well as directing the film, he co-wrote the screenplay with first-timer Aaron Stockard.

The first half of the story plays very straight, going from the beginning of the investigation to the supposed end of the case.

The second half destroys all preconceived notions of the characters and connects to the other half's smallest details.

Most directors would make each part distinctly different, ruining the fluidity and cohesiveness of the overall story and theme. Affleck successfully avoids this trap by keeping the pace slow and steady, giving the audience time to process what's going on and allowing the film to evolve naturally.

The numerous twists and turns can make the film a little overwhelming, but Affleck cleverly keeps it plausible and shocking, making the story more riveting.

The most intense scenes contain little music, letting characters' breaths, footsteps and momentary silence build the tension to a breaking point before the actions take place.

Characters come alive through superb acting.

Casey Affleck takes his boyish charm and inverts it, making his character a flawed idealist. His vision of the world is at odds with his past sins and connections to people in the underworld. He plays the straight man in a jagged world, and he does it effortlessly.

Monaghan and Freeman give simple, yet understated performances playing characters who accentuate the moral complications that arise in the story. Harris yields memorable results as the emotionally damaged Remy who strives to right what he sees as wrong.

Ryan is the biggest surprise. Her portrayal of the victim's mother makes her repulsive yet sympathetic, allowing her to resonate the most.

At the heart of it all is the theme of right and wrong. More importantly, it's how right and wrong are subjective ideas, not distinct options.

In keeping with this theme, the film ends on an ambiguous note, never cheapening the story to a falsely satisfying conclusion.

"Gone Baby Gone" is an extraordinary mystery film with more on its agenda, and Ben Affleck has evolved as a gifted storyteller with lots of promise.

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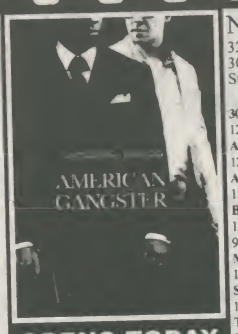

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12:00** 4:45 7:20 9:20*
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LOGAN'S:

A PRIME CUT ABOVE THE REST

FOOD, ATMOSPHERE PUTS NEW RESTARAUNT ON TOP

Page Design by Antonio Gentile

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

From its first day open, Logan's Roadhouse knew how to satisfy a customer.

Fans of Outback Steakhouse and Texas Roadhouse will want to check out Logan's, across the Bob Michel bridge in East Peoria by Wal-Mart. But this place isn't just another "house."

Yeah, it's based on the red-meat oriented barbeque-and-beer chain concept, but there's more.

Logan's has a more distinct country flavor to it – at peak dinner hour, Ford pickup trucks filled a third of the packed parking lot. A neon sign resembling Tim McGraw adorns one wall. Twangy country music blares throughout the place, and no less than three excited hostesses greeted me at the door.

Customers get complementary bread, already buttered but with an extra cup of cow fat in case you want more. Avanti's can keep their sugary loaves – I haven't had bread this soft since "Power Rangers" was my favorite TV show.

Logan's doesn't want you to fill up before dinner, though, as there are only about three rolls and each is too light to make a dent in your appetite.

Maybe I've become immune to the sharp taste of pepperjack cheese, but my Pepperjack BBQ Burger (topped with barbeque sauce and crispy onions, $7.99) wasn't as spicy as I'd hoped.

By this time, though, I wasn't about to pick apart the burger's placement on the spice-meter.

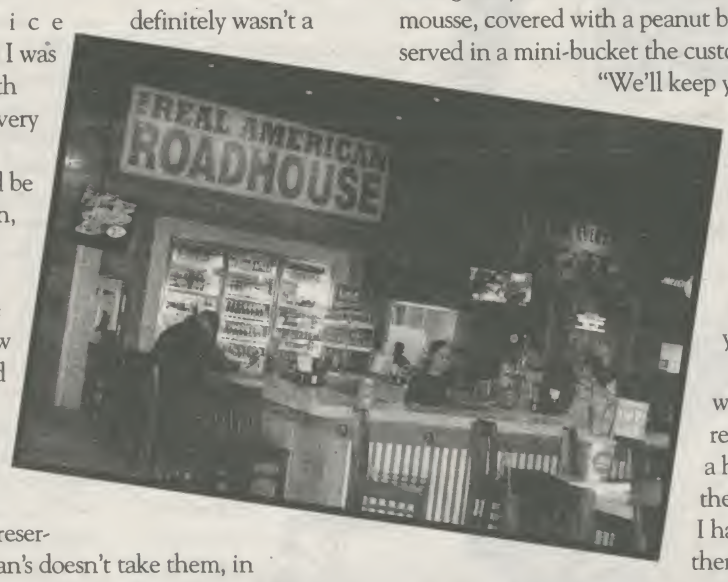
The medium-well entree was beyond delicious and didn't fall apart like other loaded burgers tend to do.

To drink, I started with a strawberry iced tea. On the big boy beverage menu, Logan's doesn't veer too far off the beaten (er, stumbled) path. Beers range from your domestic standards (Bud, Miller) to the popular imports (Corona, Killian's). In fact, the only thing that simply met my expectations – rather than exceeding them – was my creamy Guinness ($3.50).

The last time such a restaurant simultaneously excelled at service and food quality escapes me, and I wasn't the only one.

"Their service is a lot better than I expected," freshman nursing major Nicole Noehrenberg said. "I've been to places the first day they open and they just bomb. They've stayed on top of things here."

Service definitely wasn't a problem, and I was impressed with the swift delivery of the food.



It should be noted, though, that this was around 8 p.m., and the restaurant saw business wind down from a couple hours before when I stopped by to ask about reservations (Logan's doesn't take them, in case you're wondering, but you can call 20 minutes ahead and ask to reserve a spot if possible).

Noehrenberg ordered the Southwest BBQ Chicken ($9.99) augmented with mashed potatoes and a salad, and she left with no complaints as well.

I skipped on dessert – a burger and dark beer is filling enough – but I'm going back if only for one particular item.

Looking back, the Nutter Butter Fudgeslide looks like the best bet. This $1.99 item gives you Nutter Butters on top of chocolate mousse, covered with a peanut butter cookie and served in a mini-bucket the customer can keep.

"We'll keep your seat warm and your long-neck cold," read a sign, presumably new but looking like it had been on the wall for years.

It was a welcome from a restaurant that had a homey feel from the start. I felt like I had been going there for years.

If I die and heaven doesn't have a Logan's Roadhouse, send me down below. I know a couple souls had to have been traded for these recipes.

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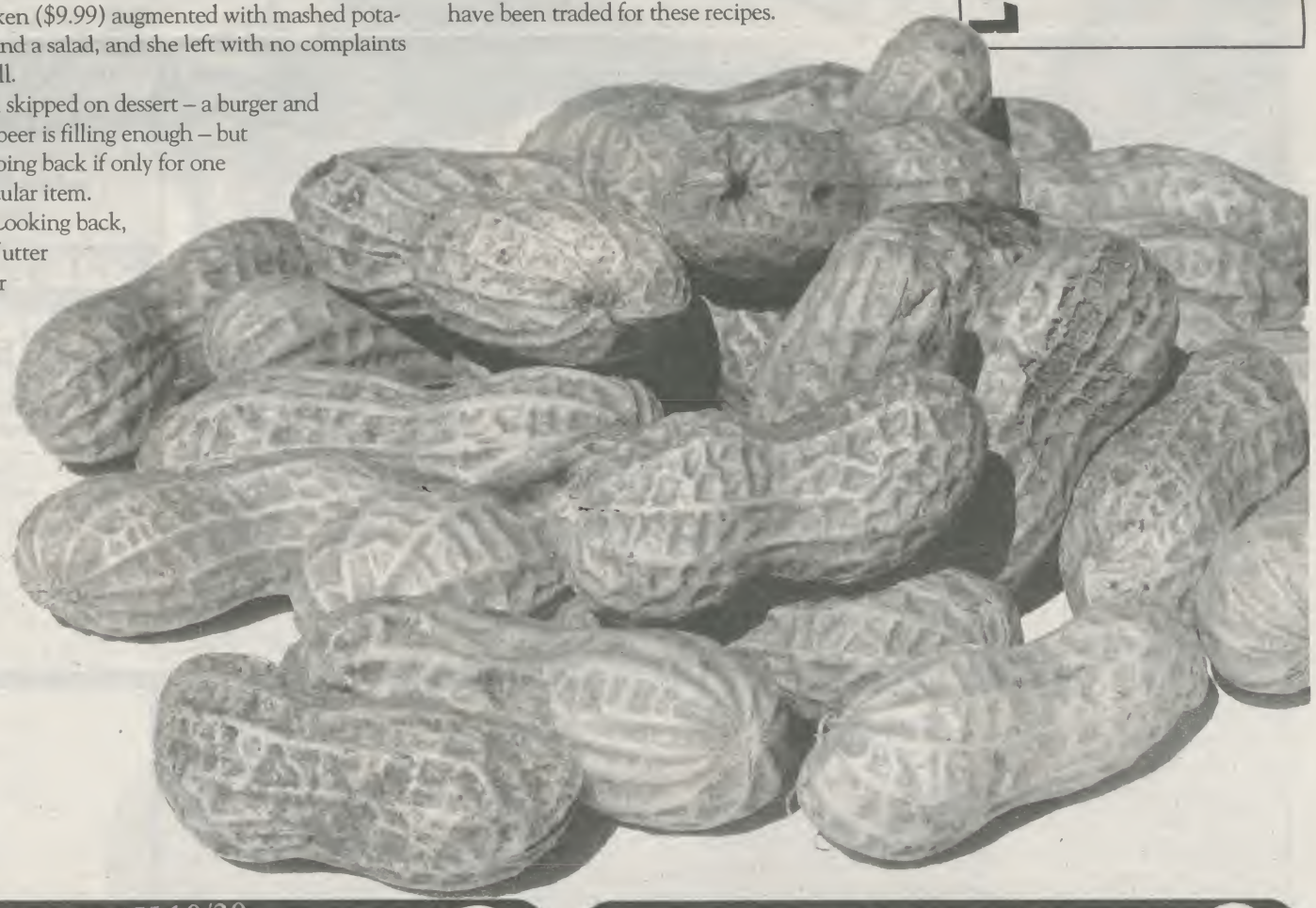

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VIDEO/ TUESDAY 10/30 DVD RELEASES

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"Seinfeld: Season 9"
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"The Best of The Colbert Report"
"I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry"

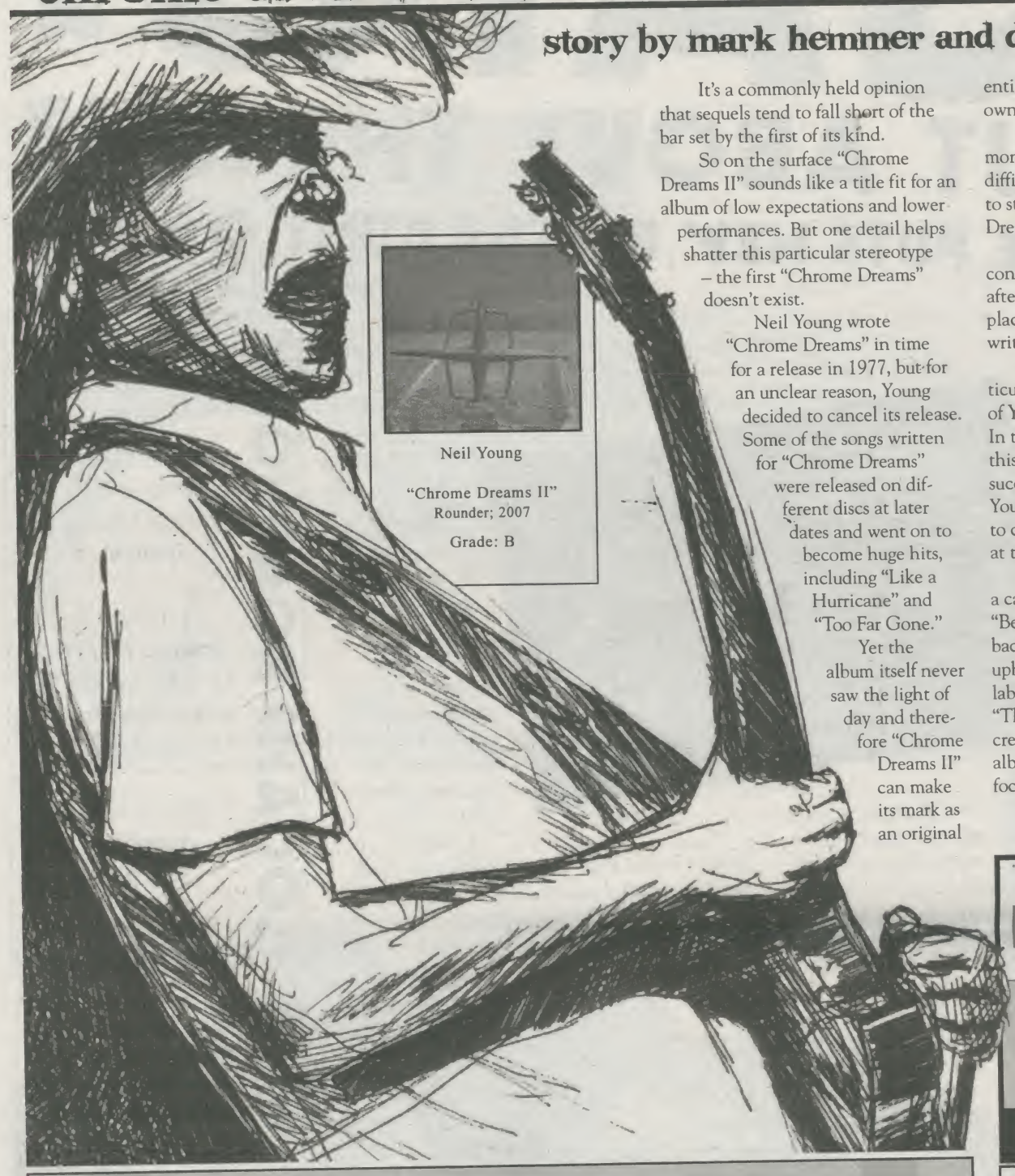
MUSIC RELEASES TUESDAY 10/30

Jay-Z - "American Gangster"
Taylor Swift - "Taylor Swift"
Angels and Airwaves - "I-Empire"
Chris Brown - "Exclusive"
Sigur Ros - "Hvarf/Heim"
Monster Magnet - "4-Way Diablo"

Back for the first time

"chrome dreams 2" is a solid sequel to a never-released classic

story by mark hemmer and drawing courtesy of drew blackard



Neil Young

"Chrome Dreams II"
Rounder; 2007

Grade: B

It's a commonly held opinion that sequels tend to fall short of the bar set by the first of its kind.

So on the surface "Chrome Dreams II" sounds like a title fit for an album of low expectations and lower performances. But one detail helps shatter this particular stereotype – the first "Chrome Dreams" doesn't exist.

Neil Young wrote "Chrome Dreams" in time for a release in 1977, but for an unclear reason, Young decided to cancel its release. Some of the songs written for "Chrome Dreams" were released on different discs at later dates and went on to become huge hits, including "Like a Hurricane" and "Too Far Gone."

Yet the album itself never saw the light of day and therefore "Chrome Dreams II" can make its mark as an original entity and a solid Young offering in its own right.

With a library of music as humongous and diverse as Young's, it's a difficult task for any particular album to stand out from the rest. "Chrome Dreams II" is no exception.

At this point in Young's career, continuing to pump out good CD after good CD is a testament to his place as one of the great singer-songwriters of this era.

"Chrome Dreams II" isn't a particularly risky album. It includes most of Young's signature sounds and styles. In the past, Young has strayed from this solid framework that made him so successful. This is a return of sorts to Young's basics and it comes together to create an impressive body of work at this stage of his game.

The album is jump-started by a catchy and relentlessly cheerful "Beautiful Bluebird" and never looks back. "The Believer" is another upbeat tune and Young even collaborates with a children's choir on "The Way." There are a slew of other credible songs scattered across the album and around its 18 minute long focal point, "Ordinary People."

Young had previously recorded "Ordinary People" with the Bluenotes in 1988.

It serves as the centerpiece to an album needing something to build on.

"Ordinary People" is impressive not only for its sprawling length, but also for its timelessness. Even though its heavily dated, it works very well within the perimeters of the album and if not for its suspect production, could pass for a song of today.

For someone who has released loads of solo albums since he left Buffalo Springfield in 1968, Young continues to come up with more material.

Rarely coming off as redundant, Young has produced an incredible amount of work and his incomparable dedication to his craft has helped him create another disc, which I would recommend to anyone interested in classic American rock music.

"Chrome Dreams II" is easy to listen to, and Young continues to cultivate a sound that has crossover appeal to many age levels and social groups.

While not the greatest Neil Young album ever released, it's a good disc and adds to an extensive library of the like.

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BOTH BACKSTREET BOYS AND BRITNEY SPEARS RELEASED COMEBACK ALBUMS TUESDAY. BUT, DOES ANYONE STILL CARE?

BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

Britney Spears has never been known for her voice or music per se. It was all Catholic schoolgirl costumes, "Rolling Stone" cover shoots and sexy Video Music Awards performances.

Perhaps if she had cultivated an artistic identity – if she has that capacity at all – her career wouldn't be in as much trouble.

The first single off her new album "Blackout" is already a moderate hit. But a comeback album isn't near enough to repair her tarnished, embarrassing image.

People weren't initially fascinated by her music – it was her flare for performance and sex appeal. Even if "Blackout" is a knockout album – it isn't – it won't replace the ugly, slow-motion dance routine at this year's VMAs.

Artists' legacies that survived destructive public behavior did so because the music was the most entertaining thing about them.

Janice Joplin's troubles with alcoholism and drugs only added to her mystique as a powerful, troubled artist. Spears' legacy is one of a writhing sex-object whose voice could at least carry a tune.

It's easy to forget just how many hits the Backstreet Boys had before *NSYNC stole all the boy-band thunder.

It's slightly embarrassing reading the track list from BSB's greatest hits album, and knowing at least the tune of every song and possibly what grade I was in when they came out.

I didn't want to know those songs. I didn't want to listen to those songs. But they were ubiquitous, and it was before I had a car with a CD player – so I had to listen to whatever DJs forced me to.

Enough was enough – tastes of 13-year-olds change. Pop in its traditional sense no longer dominates popular radio.

BSB doesn't rap, and its songs don't include any of the minimalist beats of the south, or Timbaland's precise production for the likes of Timberlake.

Its last comeback attempt, "Never Gone," while still an R&B album, tried its hand at occasional butt-rock power chords and choruses, instead of trying to make a more "adult" R&B record. BSB's new disc has the same processed, cliched love songs as the group's past work.

Absence from the spotlight gives the group both an advantage and a disadvantage over Britney. The group, now without Kevin, doesn't have any Spears-like public foibles to overcome. But it has to make its comeback based squarely on "Unbreakable's" musical merits, something that should frighten the hell out of Nick, Brian, Howie and A.J.

TEENY BOPPIN' QUIZ

1. What are the names of Spears' kids?
   A. Brian James and Bryce Packard
   B. Apple and Suri
   C. Maddox and Shiloh
   D. Sean Preston and Jayden James

2. What was the exclusive new track on Backstreet's 2001 greatest hits disc?
   A. "Drowning"
   B. "The One"
   C. "Shape of My Heart"
   D. "Frotteur"

3. Who was NOT a Mickey Mouse Club member with Spears?
   A. Justin Timberlake
   B. Ryan Gosling
   C. Lance Bass
   D. Christina Aguilera

4. How many units did Backstreet move worldwide of its comeback album in 2005?
   A. 260,000
   B. 1.2 million
   C. 5 million
   D. 10 million

5. What legal charges against Spears were recently dropped?
   A. Hit and run
   B. Drug possession
   C. Child endangerment
   D. Indecent exposure

6. Backstreet's A.J. went to rehab for?
   A. Clinical depression
   B. Alcoholism
   C. Cocaine abuse
   D. All of the above

7. Which Backstreet member left the group before the release of "Unbreakable"?
   A. Brian
   B. A.J.
   C. Kevin
   D. Nick
   E. Howie

8. Which of the following has Spears NOT been photographed doing?
   A. Walking barefoot in a gas station bathroom
   B. Revealing her down-under while exiting a car
   C. Shaving her head
   D. Snorting cocaine with Kate Moss

QUIZ SCORE

7-8 correct: Stop pouring over tabloids and get some new music.

4-6 correct: You secretly read TMZ and Perez Hilton.

2-3 correct: Despite your best efforts, Nancy Grace and E! have infiltrated your brain.

0-1 correct: Congratulations! You have a life.

ANSWERS 1.D, 2.A, 3.C, 4.D, 5.A, 6.D, 7.C, 8.D

Quiz compiled by Voice staff

Photo Poll

What are your plans after college?

"I would like to be a preschool teacher."
Layodesi Dekezel
sophomore
early childhood ed

"Illustrate a children's book."
Elizabeth Gaffney
sophomore
art

"Make a lot of money."
Allen Goebl
freshman
busniess

"Invent something."
Brett Henning
freshman
electrical engineer

"Save the world."
Abbi Pazik
junior
enviromental engineer

"I would like to teach at a high school, then go back and get a Master's."
Anne Roszell
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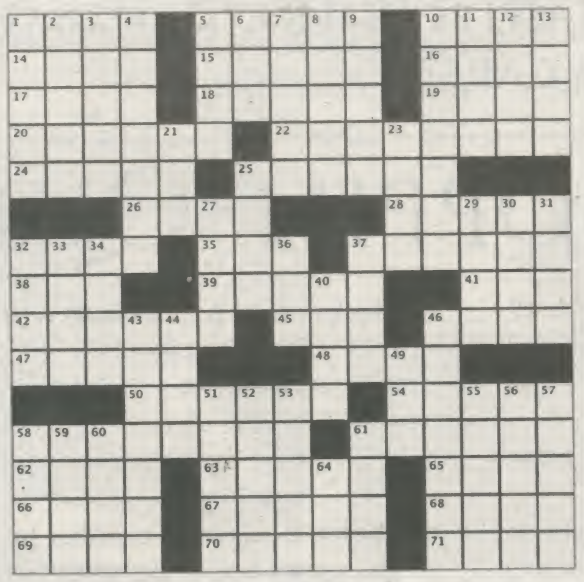

Across
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5- Rascal
10- Sleeps briefly
14- Ascend
15- Stroll
16- Potpourri
17- Harsh
18- Early anesthetic
19- Bird feed
20- Ancient
22- And so forth
24- Impertinence
25- Irish prelate and scholar
26- River which flows through Stratford in England
28- Woody vine
32- Narrate
35- Hog
37- Out, in bed
38- JFK posting
39- Musical study piece
41- Fish eggs
42- Banner
45- And not
46- Electrically charged particles
47- Muslim messiah
48- Watched intently
50- Builds
54- Dishonest
58- Stand astride
61- Order
62- Moderately cold
63- Small canyon
65- Wash
66- Opaque gemstone
67- Composition
68- Hip bones
69- Lean and sinewy
70- Oozes
71- Vesicle

Down
1- Church instrument
2- Threnody
3- Bendable twig, usually of a willow tree
4- Dismissal
5- Raced
6- House pet
7- Barbecue leftovers?
8- Confronts
9- Veranda
10- Opening of the nose
11- Sheltered, nautically
12- Pillar
13- Pop
21- Monetary unit of Bulgaria
23- Long fish
25- Single entity
27- Amenable
29- Dynamic beginning
30- Inert gas
31- Primates with short tails or no tail
32- Abound
33- Gas burner or Sicilian volcano
34- Whip
36- Firearm
37- Ethereal
40- Female rabbits
43- Perfectly
44- Enclose
46- Charmingly simple
49- Biblical high priest
51- Borders
52- Shut
53- Curt
55- Pisa place
56- One of the Leeward Islands
57- Big
58- Flat-bottomed boat
59- Species of antelope found in South Africa
60- Laugh loudly
61- Lock openers
64- Breach

Sudoku

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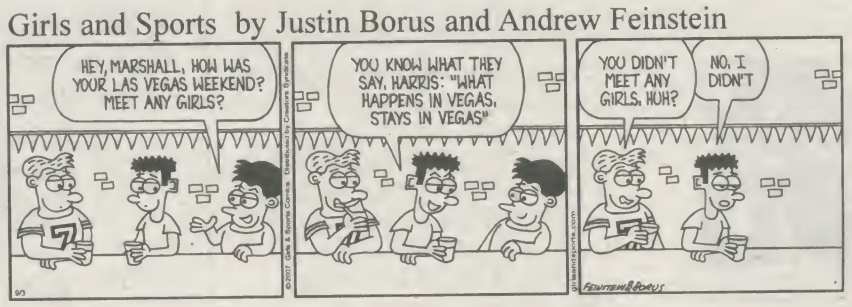

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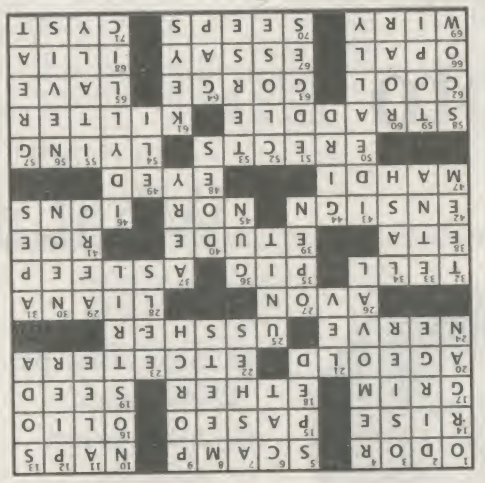

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HOW TO

Relax about registration

The Scout's guide to getting a satisfying schedule without stressing

Story by Paul Friener ○ Page design by Erin Wood

Registration for January interim and spring 2008 semester begins next week for freshmen, and the Scout has some valuable pointers to make the process easier.

Getting started with registration

If you haven't already done so, pick up a January and spring 2008 schedule of classes and see what's available. The best way to know exactly which classes you need is by reading your degree audit report, found on Webster.

Making a schedule

Students should understand there's a possibility of not getting into required classes. Be sure to have a backup schedule in case you have to pick a different section or class.

There's nothing worse than getting stuck with an 8 a.m. class, and you may want an easy schedule, but don't base your classes solely on the time they're offered.

Invest more of your decision on the professor teaching the class. If you have an interesting teacher and have to wake up early, it may be worth the loss of sleep.

You are at college to learn and prepare for a career, and you can't do that if you end up sleeping through your most important classes.

Every department has rules for classes, and students need to keep those in mind and plan ahead. Some classes have prerequisites, a specific class standing, a certain major or the consent of the instructor.

When making the final pick on your January interim and spring semester classes, choose a schedule that's flexible.

Pick classes that allow time for extracurricular activities and homework.

Meeting with your adviser

Registrar Kathie Beaty said students should talk to their advisers for assistance in choosing classes.

"Your adviser can help channel you in the right direction," she said. "When going to meet with your adviser, make sure you have a copy of your degree audit to know what classes you need to have to stay on track for graduating."

You should have set up an appointment with your adviser by now, but if you haven't, there's likely still time.

Students were assigned academic advisers at the beginning of the year, and you will have a hold on registration until you get advised.

Advisers are available to help and be a resource to all students. Building a good adviser-student relationship may be helpful when trying to register for a class that's already filled.

When going in to meet your adviser, it's important to prepare questions and bring your degree audit and tentative schedule.

Understanding the schedule of classes

Many students may not understand what an "R" or "ARR" means as seen next to the classes in the schedule of classes book.

"R" stands for reserved class. You will need to physically show up at the major department because you can't register without the department chair's consent.

"ARR" stands for arranged class or a class that has no set time or date during the semester.

Appointments with the professors of these classes to discuss class times are necessary to register in them.

Registering

Know your registration time, and register the minute you can - even if it means skipping class.

You can find your registration time on Webster or in the schedule of classes handbook.

If you find yourself placed on a wait list for a class you need, it may help to go with a backup class or talk with your adviser.

Most teachers keep reserved spots in their classes and advisers have been known to pull strings to get students in those classes.

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BU committee finds Campus/ TAP doesn't deter underage drinking

University will continue to cooperate with Illinois State Police task force

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

The university will continue to cooperate with Campus/TAP, though a committee found it has little effect on decreasing underage drinking.

The group found no evidence of a significant drop in underage drinking rates since the task force's inception.

However, committee head Jeff Huberman said the task force is working towards an important goal.

"Any program that has a measurable effect would always be welcome," Huberman, the Dean of the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts, said. "Especially because of the terrible consequences that can, and have, occurred here."

The committee, formed last May, consists of representatives from the faculty and student body who study Campus/TAP's effect at Bradley.

The committee determined the university should continue to cooperate with the task force because it will operate on campus with or without university cooperation.

Campus/TAP is federally funded, and its contract expires at the end of this academic year.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said if funding for Campus/TAP stops, there will be little effect on underage drinking on campus. University Police and Peoria Police do the same thing task force does all the time, rather than a few times a year.

He said he thinks one reason drinking rates haven't gone down is that students are getting "sneaky" in the way they drink.

The committee found that with the university's involvement students benefit from the program more than without it.

BUPD officers are present

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Bradley may get new student center

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Jordan Ticaric said she wants to leave one legacy at Bradley.

When she was elected student body president last spring, her campaign "was based on doing stuff now," she said.

But Ticaric is pushing for a new student center, and construction for that project couldn't begin until Bradley's unannounced capital campaign is complete in four or five years – long after she graduated.

"I want to put it on a radar screen to get done in the future," Ticaric said. "A lot of people say, 'Well, it's not going to be here when I'm here,' but we can look back and be proud to send our kids to Bradley."

The Michel Student Center was last revamped in 2000, but Ticaric said she's wanted a reconstruction since she was elected to Student Senate her freshman year.

"I really hate the student center, and I know students hate the student center," she said. "There's just no place for students to go and hang out and congregate. We pay so much money to go to this university, and it's not even comparable to universities who pay half as much."

Ticaric's new student center proposal includes a post office, a place to buy bus tickets, a brand name food court, student organization offices, a study lounge and recreation areas. She said the current location of the student center would stay the same.

"I think it's a perfect location where it is right now," Ticaric said. "It's in the center of the campus. It's where all the dorms are and all the students are."

Ticaric said faculty and students support building a new student center.

"Everyone who has the

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Freshman construction major Scott Himes (left) and freshman English major Alex Oberlin eat at the food court in the Michel Student Center. *photo by Cheryl Boles*

Some students opt to pop pills for academic success

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

One student who used Adderall said he went to the library in the afternoon and left when the sun was rising.

"I had a lot of work pile up and when I had a test come, I didn't have a lot of time to study for the test," he said. "So I did it to stay up all night and study."

He's not the only student using stimulants like Adderall, Ritalin and Dexedrine.

Seven percent of college students have used prescription stimulants for non-medical reasons, according to the Harvard School of Public Health.

However, stimulants' long-term risks may outweigh their short-term benefits, said Libby Zivalich, the corporate clinician for the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery at Proctor Hospital.

She said risks are associated with using medicines prescribed for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder without a prescription.

"We worry about the damage to respiratory and circulatory systems if the heart is working a lot harder than it is supposed to or ought to," she said.

She also said stimulants can be fatal.

"Developing an addiction and seeing the performance and the productivity and how someone is supposed to be performing in college just kind of spiraling down the drain as it enters the late stages of addiction is unfortunate," she said.

She said some people may think because the stimulants they use are prescribed, there's no risk of becoming addicted.

However, the institute deals with a lot of people who are addicted to stimulant-like drugs.

"A lot of people start out thinking that it's just going to be harmless and that it's a recreational kind of thing," she said. "And for some people it can remain that way. And because it is a prescribed medication, there's less danger of them becoming addicted and there's less danger to themselves – that's a fallacy."

She said a person could become addicted to stimulants within a few weeks. Users may feel more alert and alive when taking stimulants and they may experience a "high," she said.

Also, over time users may not feel the same

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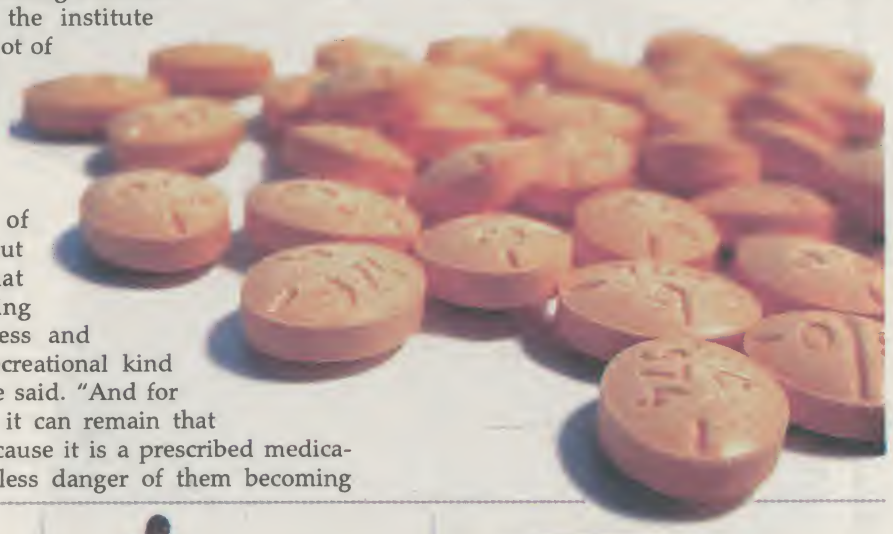

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• "Nowhere in Africa" will be shown at 7 p.m. Saturday in GCC 126. The movie is about a Jewish family who flees the 1938 Nazi regime for Kenya. Admission is $5 or $4 for students with ID. Coffee and desserts will be served after the film.

• The Bradley Theatre Department will present Tennessee William's "The Night of the Iguana" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday night and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for students and $12 for faculty.

• The Activities Council will host poet Bridget Gray at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

• Common Ground will sell quilt squares to support the AIDS quilt sponsored by ACBU. Squares are available for $20, and all proceeds benefit Friends of People with AIDS. The squares must be completed by Nov. 30. The quilt will be displayed in the student center in December. For more information visit www.bradley.edu/sao/aidsquilt.pdf.

Bridget Gray

• Multicultural Student Services will host salsa lessons from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Haussler Hall. For more information, contact Isiah Collier at icollier@bradley.edu.

• Multicultural Student Services will sponsor a Speak Up, Speak Out cultural awareness program from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Garrett Center. For more information, contact Eugenia Kyle at x2646.

Around the World

Former Gov. Ryan heads to prison

Former Gov. George Ryan lost an appeal to delay his six-and-a-half-year prison sentence.

Ryan said he would report as sentenced to the federal prison today in Oxford, Wis.

"But I do so with a clear conscience. And I have said since the beginning of this 10-year ordeal that I am innocent and I intend to prove just that," Ryan said.

He will report to the prison, located 60 miles north of Madison, and will be treated the same as all other prisoners, which includes manual labor, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Ryan was found guilty of using state employees to run his campaigns, stopping an investigation of bribes paid for truck drivers' licenses and steering large state contracts to his friends.

Information taken from www.pjstar.com

Toy recalled after causing sickness

Four million Chinese-made toys were recalled because they may contain a chemical that if ingested, can lead to a coma or seizures, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said Wednesday.

The toys, Aqua Dots, have been sold at major retailers since April.

"The problem is a chemical on the beads," CPSC spokeswoman Julie Vallese said. "If ingested, it turns into a toxic substance. Children who swallow the beads can become unconscious, have respiratory depression or seizures."

Two children have swallowed the Aqua Dots and became unconscious but are now fine.

The toy comes with small beads, or dots, that are glued into shapes and sprayed with water to fix them into shape.

Information taken from www.usatoday.com

Finnish student shoots schoolmates

An 18-year-old Finnish student shot eight people and himself Wednesday.

Two girls, five boys and the school's headmistresses were killed in the shooting, and 10 others were hospitalized with minor injuries.

The shooter published a manifesto online declaring war on the "weak-minded masses" through YouTube.

The videos showed the shooter loading guns and threatening people's lives. He also included Nazi themes.

In the videos he claimed he was "a cynical existentialist, anti-human humanist, anti-social social-Darwinist, realistic idealist and god-like atheist."

The scene at the school has been reported as chaotic with students, ranging in ages from 12 to 18, breaking windows to get out.

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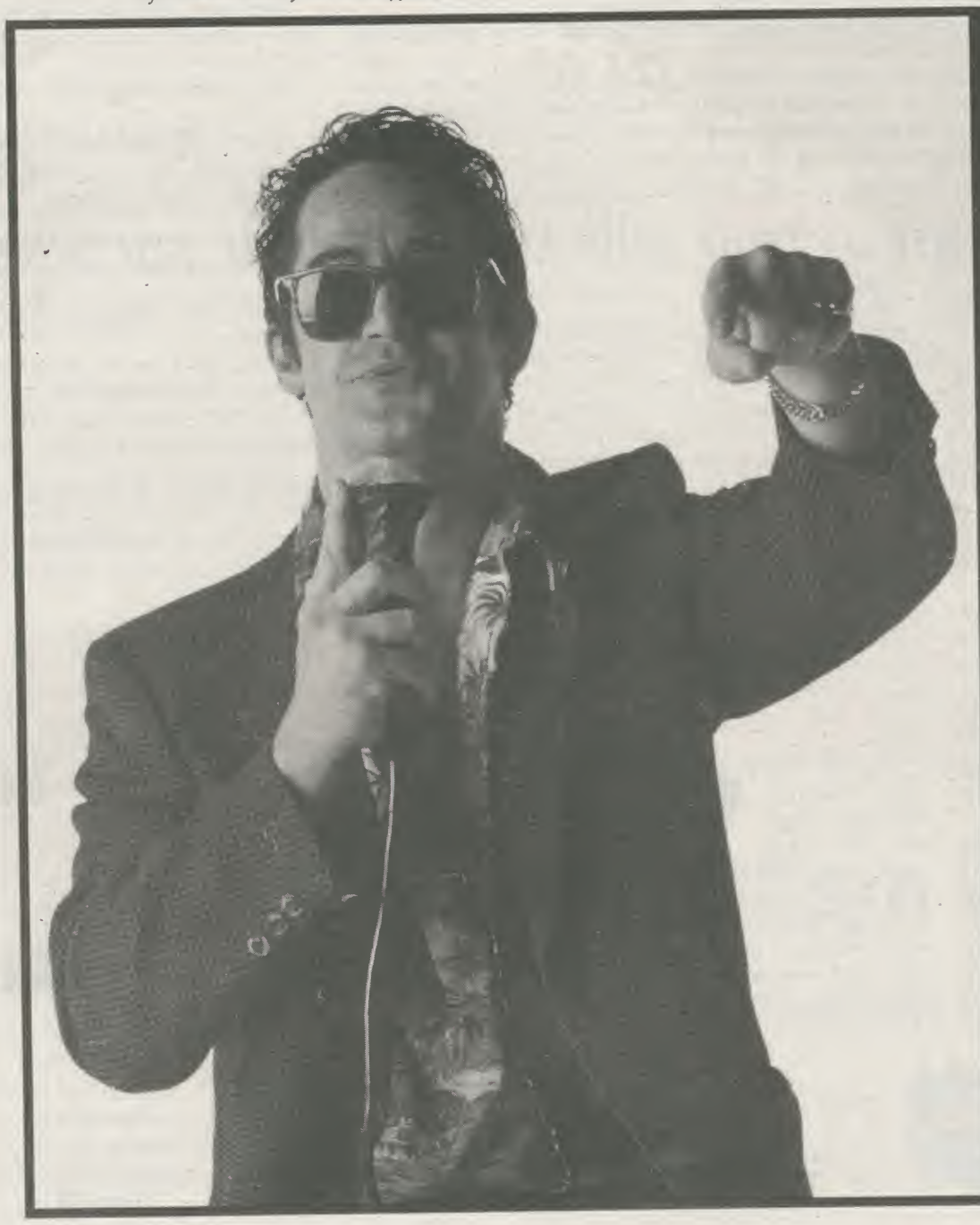

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Student committee to address library problems

BY BRENNA SCURLOCK
of the Scout

The Cullom-Davis Library was ranked fourth worst in the nation by the Princeton Review earlier this year, but a new student committee will aim to change that ranking.

The library student advisory committee, which will begin meeting by the beginning of next semester at the latest, will provide the university with student input on library improvements.

Library Executive Director Barbara Galik said she has wanted to form a student committee for several years.

"I want a committee with just students that can advise me on what the students want," she said.

The existing university library committee has 13 members, two of which are students.

Once formed, the student committee will meet with Galik and discuss the student body's need for improvements to the library facility.

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky will be involved in selecting students for the committee.

Galsky said the committee will consist of 10 students – one student from each academic college, one from the graduate school and four at-large members.

While the student committee members will be in charge of setting changes in motion, other students should be able to contribute, Galsky said.

"Once the committee is established they will take a lot of student input," he said.

Galsky said a recent article in the Journal Star may have spurred faculty to take action and plan the student committee.

The article, "Downward spiral: Bradley's library ranks among worst in annual survey," discusses the library's sinking Princeton Review ranking and student concerns with the facility.

Students cited having trouble finding books and information for classes, as well as trouble gaining access to the library's computers and other resources.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said she thinks the library is lacking in many aspects.

"What we have is below acceptable for what students need," she said. "Especially the grad students."

Outdated or unavailable resources create a struggle for graduate students conducting research, Ticaric said.

Ticaric said she thinks the committee will give a voice to a student body that has a lot to say about its library.

Senior special education major Erin Bylina said she only visits the library when her classes require it.

"I really don't like it there," she said. "I usually have a hard time finding materials for my classes, too."

On one occasion, Bylina said she waited a half hour for a librarian to locate reference materials she needed, only to find the material was already checked out.

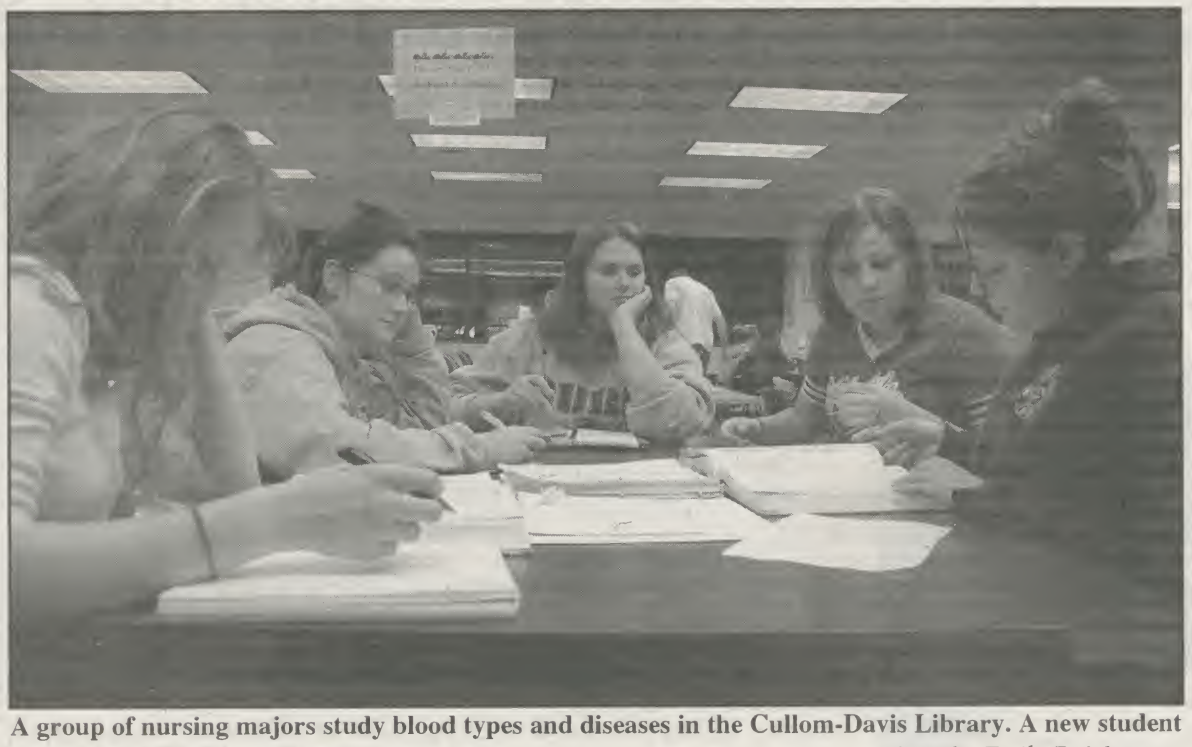
"For me, it's more convenient to get my information elsewhere," she said.

Senior marketing major John Juliano said he spends a lot of time in the library because he can't study at home.

"I like that the library gives me a place to concentrate on getting my work done," he said.

Juliano said he doesn't use the library for reference, however.

"When I need to research, I usually just use the Internet," he said.



A group of nursing majors study blood types and diseases in the Cullom-Davis Library. A new student committee will address library complaints. *photo by Emily Deichstetter*

Students to take class on popular book series

BY NAFIA KHAN
for the Scout

The Honors Program is offering a seminar about Harry Potter this spring.

The class will discuss why the Harry Potter books have become popular.

English professor Cara Swafford will conduct the seminar. She said she thinks the class will engage students in active discussion.

"My hope is [the students] have a critical culture analysis," she said. "I want them to consider the intersections of pop culture in the series and the factors that are involved."

Junior history and secondary education major Jaclyn Smith took Swafford's previous fantasy book seminar about Philip Pullman's "His Dark Materials." Smith also signed up to take the Harry Potter seminar.

She said she thinks it will be interesting to learn about how and why the series has become popular.

"I thought it'd be interesting to analyze the phenomenon," she said. "While I've read all the books and seen the movies, I am not as into Harry Potter as some other people."

Swafford said she thinks Harry Potter is a good example of a pop culture icon.

"I use it in examples for my ENG 320 students," she said. "I thought it'd be a good idea to develop a whole seminar around the question 'Is the success of Harry Potter due to its phenomenon?'"

Honors Program Director Robert Fuller said he thinks the class will be a different approach to learning.

"The class will involve looking at popular literature and making a social-cultural analysis," he said. "We've never had it before."

Junior political science major David Mullner is in the Honors Program. He said he would've taken the seminar if it accommodated his schedule. He also said he thinks Harry Potter is a favorite of many students.

"Anyone who is interested in the course has probably done the required reading," he said.

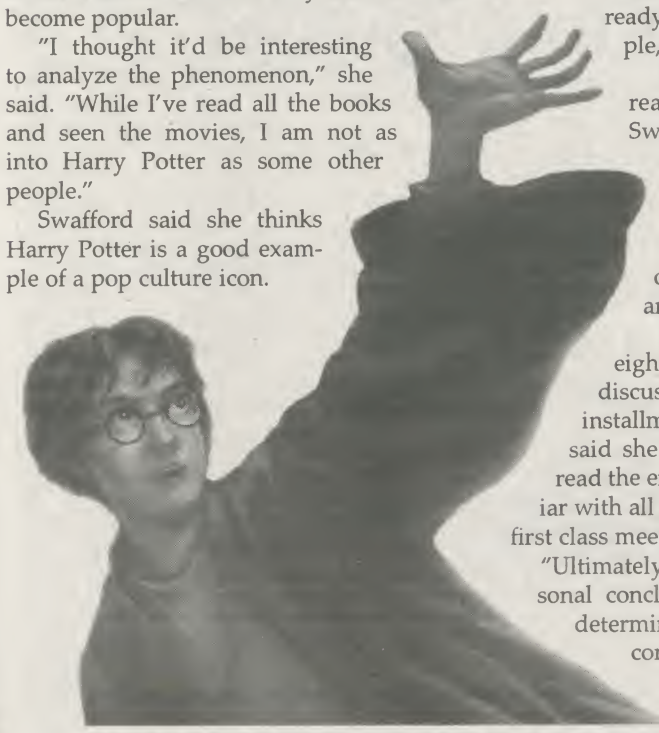
Mullner also says he thinks the seminar will have debate-like elements.

"Whoever is teaching it better be ready for a lot of opinionated people," he said.

In addition to the required reading of all seven books, Swafford's class description said students will analyze the Harry Potter films, products, reviews, criticism, marketing, events, audiences and other related cultural topics and texts.

The course will be divided into eight meetings – an introductory discussion and one for each of the installments in the series. Swafford said she would like students to have read the entire series or at least be familiar with all the plots and outcomes by the first class meeting.

"Ultimately, we will arrive at some personal conclusions about this series and determine whether it is possible to consider Harry Potter as merely 'children's literature,'" Swafford said.



Panhel considers adding new sorority chapter at BU

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

The Panhellenic Council is exploring options to expand the current number of sororities on campus.

Panhel President Laura Peterson said the idea of expansion has been discussed for a few years, but Panhel pushed the idea more this year because of high member numbers.

"This year our pledge classes were big," she said. "Campus total is 90 [members per house] but six out of seven chapters have over 90 members. It just seemed like a good time."

The last chapter to be established on campus was Kappa Delta in 2000.

"They're well settled and we can definitely support another house right now," Peterson said.

She said an expansion on campus has many benefits and few drawbacks in her opinion.

"It would give women that didn't get an opportunity to join during the formal recruitment process another option because there were so many people that didn't get what they wanted," she said. "It would also help our greek community grow and give us more participation. I really don't see very many drawbacks. I only see it benefiting our chapters."

The expansion process starts with an extension committee, consisting of representatives from every sorority and Panhel, which will examine membership statistics, concerns, ideas and opinions from students, Peterson said.

The committee will then decide if it supports an expansion or not. If it votes no, the process stops. But if it votes yes, Panhel will alert its national headquarters that the school is open for expansion.

Interested national sororities will be able to present their chapters to Panhel.

"We want chapters with very strong national [headquarters]," Peterson said. "But we're going to open it to everybody."

The council will then vote to decide which sorority will be established on campus. Panhel hopes the new chapter would be on campus by 2008 to participate in formal recruitment, Peterson said.

But she said she isn't sure if the expansion will occur or not.

"I would love for it to happen ... but people are very hesitant about it so I'm really not quite sure," she said.

Freshman industrial engineering major Natalie Reames participated in recruitment earlier this year but didn't join a chapter because she didn't find one she liked. She said she thinks the idea of a new sorority on campus is a good one.

"I think Bradley is kind of growing with greek life and they have to push so many people away because they don't have enough room," she said. "Having another house would help so everyone could get in."

Junior early childhood education major Chaney Smart said she agrees.

"More people will try to be greek because there's more opportunity," she said. "It will bring a change to campus. Many girls get dropped [from houses during recruitment] ... they'll just get more of a variety of girls."

Freshman multimedia major Emily Berger said although she thinks it's a good idea, adding a new sorority will cause more competition for existing houses and will affect membership quotas.

"[A new house] might get more involvement because a lot of people might want to be the founding members," she said.

Reames said she would think about joining a new sorority, but wasn't sure.

"I'd have to know more about the sorority's plans and what their philosophy is," she said.

Classes to prepare students for graduate entrance exams

BY CELESTE MARTINEZ
for the Scout

Student Senate's Academic Affairs committee is looking to implement graduate school test prep courses.

The courses would prepare students planning to take the GRE, LSAT, GMAT or MCAT.

"They are basically entrance exams used to rate candidates on skills similarly to the ACT or SAT except often given more weight and focus on a certain area," Senate Academic Affairs Chairman Owen Irwin said.

Students planning on going to law school must take the LSAT. The GRE is for general graduate programs. Students preparing for medical school take the MCAT, and those preparing for business school take the GMAT.

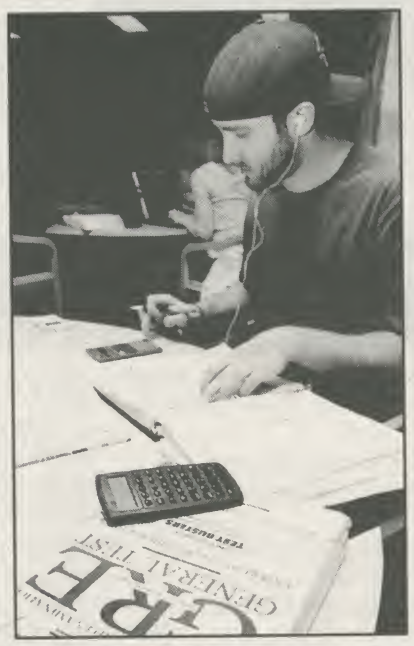
Irwin said the test prep classes could benefit students by helping them perform better on their graduate school exams.

"I feel that it is important for Bradley to not only prepare its students for the professional world but also for future endeavors such as graduate school," he said. "These sorts of programs should enrich our students' test scores as well as bolster their chances for navigating the application process."

The Academic Affairs committee is still researching other schools' test prep programs, Irwin said.

"We'll probably start to draft a resolution," he said. "As of right now, we are unsure if we want to go through the individual departments or colleges or if it should be offered through the Smith Career Center."

Senior political science major Nina DeBello took the GRE and the LSAT and will take the GMAT in January.



Students may soon be able to take courses to help prepare them for graduate school exams.

She said the tests aren't difficult as long as students are well prepared.

"It isn't too bad, but it is not easy," DeBello said. "If you take the proper courses or tutorials, then you should be fine. Even buying a good review book like the Princeton Review or the many products from Kaplan will make the exam better."

Senior political science major Eric Figlewicz has a different view on the LSAT.

"The LSAT is hard and mentally exhausting," he said. "Preparation is a must. Period. If you take this test with no preparation, it will eat you up and spit you out. I spent the summer months studying for it."

Business graduate student Nellie Apostolova took the GMAT and said even though she didn't mind the test, it was difficult.

"It cost $250. You can't really study for it," she said. "If someone doesn't speak English, the test may not identify their abilities well."

University Hall cafeteria remodel details released

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Alan Keefe's band may soon add another venue to its list of performance areas – the $97,500 newly renovated University Hall cafeteria.

"I'm in a band and we perform every once in awhile on campus, and I could see us performing there," the sophomore engineering major said.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric recently presented the details of U-Hall cafeteria renovations to the Student Affairs Committee Board of Trustees. The renovation is to be completed by the start of next semester.

While the budget allows for $151,000 for renovation, the plan will spend two-thirds of it, Ticaric said.

According to her proposal, "the U-Hall cafeteria can serve as a meeting place for student organizations, a location for students to study and/or relax and a venue for smaller programs."

The area will be open to all students.

Ticaric said she's unsure how the remaining money – about $50,000 – will be spent.

The floor plan's total estimate doesn't include window coverings, specialty lighting, sound system, asbestos testing and other renovations.

Bradley may also purchase better-quality video/audio equipment than originally planned.

"For the other $50,000, we have some money to kind of toy around with," Ticaric said.

Ticaric said she hopes the new facility will be open 24 hours. She also said there's a possibility for swipe-card access.

"The plan is to have it open," she said. "Because there is not a place on campus where students can study at three in the morning."

The floor plan includes furniture, a stage and backdrop.

Planning technician Marnie Grove wrote a letter to Greg Killoran, the executive director for Student Involvement, proposing floor removal and replacement.

"The floor tile has not been tested for asbestos. If the floor tile is positive, there is approximately an additional $11,000 for removal of the flooring," according to the proposal letter.

Ticaric said Killoran approved the letter, and the tile will be replaced.

Other renovations include installing an eight-feet-by-12-feet portable stage with a ramp, costing $3,600.

Two TVs will hang on two pillars near the stage. There also will be a projection screen.

Students can have all three screens simultaneously showing the same program, or all three can show different pictures.

Furniture expenditures include 72 chairs or stools, 18 cafe tables, four lounge chairs, two sofas and one loveseat. All are dark so they hide stains.

The color scheme is red, white and black.

"It's just going to be very modern and chic," Ticaric said. "The student center isn't inviting. This will be very inviting."

The cafeteria will also include a dining area at the entrance.

Ticaric said she hopes the facility will provide food for students in some capacity. Dining Services will decide if the kitchen will be available to serve food.

To the left of the dining area will be the loveseat, sofas and lounge chairs.

A few of the chairs are similar to those in Baker Hall's lobby – they have a desk that swings around so students may sit comfortably while working.

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Memorial speech tournament brings students, alumni together

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

More than 100 speech team alumni returned to Bradley for the L.E. Norton Memorial Tournament last weekend.

President of the National Forensics Association Larry Schnoor said some came to reunite with old friends while others helped judge various events during the tournament.

"[The reunion was] absolutely wonderful, very exciting," Schnoor said. "It says a great deal about the program to get this many alumni back."

The team hosted the event but didn't compete.

Speech team members Alfredo Rodriguez, Doug Bahnick, Angela Rini and Adam Sharples discuss the night's speaking events Saturday afternoon.

photo by Megan Loos

Hundreds of speech teams from schools across the nation competed in the two-day event.

John Quirk, a 1984 alumnus, visited campus Saturday. He said his experiences with the team continue to help him today.

"I use the stuff I learned in speech every day," he said. "It's all really useful."

Sophomore elementary education major Maddy Wilson said she enjoyed meeting the alumni.

"I always heard stories about the awesome alumni, and I can now put a face to the stories," she said.

Wilson also said she enjoyed seeing the alumni back at Bradley.

"It was great for alumni to see the current team run a great tournament," she said.

Freshman political science major Kayleigh Thomas said she loved public speaking in high school, so she wanted to get involved with the well-renowned speech team when she came to Bradley.

"To be a freshman on such an amazing team is a real honor," she said. "I knew Bradley had an amazing speech team, so I wanted to get involved right away."

Sophomore psychology major Miranda Morgan said she felt the same way.

"I attended the speech camp while I was in high school, and the speech team was a major part of the reason I came to Bradley," she said.

She said the speech team has a great sense of community, and "everyone treats you like family."

Business college gets $25,000 donation

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

A $5,000 donation will be used to purchase periodicals and a Web site subscription for the Foster College of Business Administration.

The donation is the first part of a $25,000 gift from the Northern Illinois Painting and Drywall Institute, which will be dispersed over five years.

Central Illinois NiPDi President Rick Vandegraft said the group is excited in giving its first gift to Bradley.

"We are pleased to provide funding for the Bradley College of Business resource library to assist students with academic reference materials to enhance their knowledge and education," he said.

The donation will primarily be used to purchase a subscription to www.bizminer.com, a Web site providing industry, marketing and financial research for over 16,000 industry classifications.

"This access will help us out in a variety of courses where the students have to either perform a product feasibility analysis, write a business plan or perform a competitive analysis," Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems Paul Stephens said.

The Web site will be used in entrepreneurship, small business management, entrepreneurial finance, strategic business management and business policy, entrepreneurial finance and technology entrepreneurship classes.

It will also be used for the Springboard Business Plan Competition, Stephens said, and to purchase the Journal of Business Venturing and the Journal of Entrepreneurial Development.

"These are academic outlets that we use in our research," Stephens said. "Any funds that are left over will be used to purchase a variety of small business and entrepreneurship books for our library."

Junior entrepreneurship major Erin Krubeck said she thinks the donations will benefit the program.

"I'm really excited that the business program is getting the donation because those magazines and the new Web site are going to be a huge resource to all majors," she said. "It will also help us get some real world perspective and experience."

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Editorial

Stimulants aren't the solution to school success

As the end of the semester draws near, more and more students are resorting to using stimulants to pass classes.

Instead of being diligent and avoiding procrastination, students may opt to pop pills and buckle down before important exams.

Use of drugs such as Adderall, Ritalin and Dexedrine is on the rise as students realize there's an easy way out of working for their grades.

Seven percent of college students have used prescription stimulants for non-medical reasons, according to the Harvard School of Public Health.

Stimulants offer short-term benefits such as helping students focus and giving them more energy. However, the drugs pose long-term effects such as heart conditions and even death, said Libby Zivalich, the corporate clinician for the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery at Proctor Hospital.

What's alarming is more students are relying on stimulants to concentrate.

One student said he would use them "under extreme circumstances," but what's considered extreme? Where do we draw the line?

If students use stimulants to pass one exam, there may be nothing stopping them from using them all the time.

An addiction is something students shouldn't overlook.

We all learned at a young age that hard work equals success. So it's difficult to understand why now, when we're learning how to succeed in the real world, students feel as if they have to use drugs to focus.

Students don't have to search for these miracle drugs. Anyone can buy stimulants in dorms, from friends and classmates.

One student said he bought two pills for $5, which seems like a pretty fair price for an A.

And college is a time when students should be studying what they enjoy. If students need to use drugs to get through their major classes, they should change their prospective career paths.

College is about choosing to continue an education after high school and learning about what's important. Stimulant use is a waste of students' intellects – and money.

Students who use drugs to study aren't getting much out of their educations.

College also offers social opportunities as well. But while living in a dorm or apartment with friends is fun, it's also distracting.

Distractions eat up students' time. Many of us say we don't have time to study because we're so busy.

But some of us work, take extra classes and participate in extra-curriculars on campus – and not all of use stimulants to study.

If students were to step away from distractions – turn off computers and TVs – they would find more time to study and not have an excuse to take drugs.

Allowing sufficient time to study is important to stress relief. Taking drugs only puts stress on the body as students may crash after long nights of cramming.

Opting to use stimulants says something about students' values. The values of diligence and hard work have gone down the drain as students find themselves taking the easy way out when it comes their educations.

Opinions From Other Campuses

Parents need to let their children grow up

According to a new study of college students released on Monday, a parent or guardian has taken action to solve a university-related problem for their child in almost 40 percent of the first-year student population.

About 13 percent of students reported these interventions as frequent.

Parents need to stop babysitting adults.

They need to realize that constantly buzzing around in the affairs of their children may hinder children's development as adults.

College is a time for students to test out their new roles as adults in society and find a way to use their newfound powers and responsibilities.

Parents who intervene too frequently or quickly will jeopardize this developmental process.

College students must be able to make their own appointments to see a doctor, solve housing problems and edit their own papers.

If parents complain to housing authorities every time their children have a problem with their roommates, their children may never learn to adequately cope with and address social conflicts.

Parents should be involved in their children's education, but there is a fine line between encouraging and supporting a child and holding their hands and acting on their behalves.

Parents should be encouraged to get involved with colleges, and be concerned about the welfare of students.

In fact, the National Survey of Student Engagement, which reported the findings, also found students are "more engaged in college life, happier and reported getting more from the experience" if they had parents who intervened.

The transition to college can be stressful for a family, and easing the family into the shifting dynamics should be facilitated through staying in contact. However, some parents unfortunately find it difficult to resist the temptation to manage their children's problems.

Worse yet is the legitimacy in rationalizing these interventions.

Anecdotes are abound when it comes to descriptions of how some campus entities simply respond more seriously to an angry parent rather than a young student.

These stories should be nonexistent considering that students are typically legal adults, have firsthand experience with their problems, are closely involved in college and should solve their problems.

There's no reason for parents, who are typically less involved with UCLA than their children to have more leverage with any entity at the university.

The survey also found academically independent students tend to have higher GPAs.

Too much involvement and micromanagement of a student's academics or school-related problems can be detrimental to the college experience, but getting involved in events like parents week or having encouraging and uplifting conversations with a child can be highly beneficial to the child's well-being.

When children leave the home to enter the realm of college life, they still need the support and contact of parents that the university cannot provide.

But college is a crucial time for a developing young adult to discover ways to quickly and effectively resolve problems, which can serve as a model for problem solving throughout the rest of their lives. Thus, their independence must be respected and developed as well.

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Love your career or leave it

The best thing about an internship is students will figure out where they're not going to work.

If a professional comes home from the office and slams the door, yells at the spouse, kicks the dog and grunts at the kids – he or she should get another job.

Motivation can make career decisions so much simpler. People who are motivated don't work.

Bradley students are surrounded by professors who are motivated. They don't work. They love their jobs. That's not labor. Professors want to be here and are probably motivated, leading students to develop themselves.

I'll bet that it's pretty rewarding to help young adults discover their passions and watch them become professionally successful in their fields, even if they aren't related to their degrees.

When I grow up, I'm not working. Nope. Sure won't.

If I love my job, it's not work.

Society asks young adults coming out of high school to make a huge investment decision. Decide on a major. Pick a career path. How can students make that decision?

Young adults don't know what their careers are going to involve.

Not yet. Students have to learn what they don't like first.

But that's what college does. It surrounds students by mentors who point them in a direction and allow them to figure out where they don't want to go professionally. And it works.

Students can go to the Smith Career Center and look for an internship. They can consider one with a company that isn't related to their degree. If it sounds interesting to the student, it's worth a try.

Heck, getting a degree might be more important than choosing which field to get it in.

By getting a diploma, students are qualified.

Once students become qualified and find something they love, it'll be easy for them to decide what to do professionally. It could be starting a business, an organization or a new non-profit organization.

Bradley certainly has the resources to do that type of stuff.

The Turner Center for Entrepreneurship is a network located on campus. If students decide they don't want to work in a corporate structure and would rather pursue their own interests, the Turner Center can help.

I like to think of it as "promotion from within." That means students developing themselves and becoming motivated about their careers.

"Promotion from within," is a common term with employers that want to help students move from ground floor labor to executive management. The goal usually is to have developed an employee who knows about the different facets of a company. It isn't to have a young professional figure out that their drive and passion isn't with that company.

However, "promotion from within," is important for all the parties involved, even if it doesn't lead to a career. If professionals don't love their work they shouldn't be there.

When I grow up I'm not working. Nope. Sure Won't.

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Student shares college concerns

My tuition, room and board for the 2007-08 school year is $28,428.

The cost of going to school rises every year. If you are anything like me financially, you can attest to the fact that college costs way too much.

I love college. I've made some of the best connections while being in school. I've met my girlfriend, some of the best friends anybody could ever ask for and some of the best teachers I have ever had.

College has allowed me the space to grow into a responsible and mature young adult. If I could do it all over again, I would still be knee-deep in debt for the experience, but I still have some issues with college that need to be addressed.

First off, I'm a student who likes to be taught. I've had the privilege of attending some of the finest institutions for learning throughout my life. I've had some great teachers that raised the bar a little high for most teachers to live up to.

So all I'm asking is for you to do your job. Teach me.

Re-writing the textbook on the blackboard is not teaching. It's a lazy method of teaching that really irks me as a student.

I've done the assigned reading. I've comprehended information in the textbook. Why are you regurgitating the information and putting no new spin on the topic?

I often find myself pacing madly in my head thinking, "I should have stayed asleep for this."

The worst teacher is the one who has written a book on the subject and requires that you buy his/her book because it's the best on the topic.

I ask all my teachers if we are actually going to use the textbooks they assigned in their classes, and they tell me yes.

Yes means that we will read the first 200 pages of a 600-page textbook.

Let me give you an update on the price of textbooks. They can range from $15 up to $300 dollars in some cases. Some classes require two or three textbooks and the good old workbook.

I might spend $400 to $600 on one class just to use only a third of the textbook. That's a huge waste of money to me.

The selection of food on campus needs to change. I get tired of eating chicken. I've eaten every possible form of chicken. I get tired of hearing my friends talk about, "I have McDonald's, Papa John's and Taco Bell in my cafeteria."

I love my school but the food gets old after awhile.

There are several places to eat on campus, and two of those places serve the same dishes and one place serves better food at the expense of costing more. Can I get a break somewhere?

The bookstore also needs improvement. I can buy a school sweatshirt at Wal-mart for $10.99. Why would I pay the bookstore $59.99 for the same sweatshirt? Every campus bookstore in America is completely overpriced. Twenty-ounce sodas are even 30 cents higher.

My favorite bookstore rip-off is "book buyback." Towards the end of each semester the bookstore buys back textbooks that they sell for hundreds of dollars and give you chump change.

I remember one semester when I spent around $550 on books, and I only received about $40 in return.

I love college. I could never be a college dropout like Kanye West. I'm living for May 2008, my graduation. Hopefully, inside of my diploma I'll have a refund check.

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Features Reporter

Writers' strike will leave college students bored

There's a new controversy in Hollywood and surprisingly, the names "Lohan" or "Spears" aren't attached to it.

The writers for both film and television have done what many thought to be undoable – they went on strike this past Monday.

This is the first industry-wide writers' strike since 1988.

Negotiations between writers and producers have been occurring for almost three months now, and both sides have come to a standstill.

The writers feel they should get more money from reruns and DVD sales of TV shows.

However, producers say this sort of digital entertainment doesn't bring in enough money to matter and is more a promotional advertising tool than pure entertainment, according to a Nov. 1 article in the Wall Street Journal.

This industry-wide writer strike stretches from the east to the west coasts through the Writers Guild of America West and East. Members of these guilds are required by contract to stop writing and start picketing.

As one WGA strike poster said, "Pencils down means pencils down."

"I'm willing to put my family on the line for what's right," said Mick Betancourt, a writer on the NBC show "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit."

This halt on writing is going to mean huge changes in the way entertainment is cast to the vast viewing audience.

Beginning Monday, writers for talk shows across the country, including Letterman, Colbert and Leno, walked off the sets and left the hosts hanging high and dry. For now, production companies will air only reruns as the writers aren't there to pump out the puns and skits the hosts rely on.

The only loophole to this is that in some hosts' contracts, they're covered to write material for themselves. Some hosts, the New York Times said, could easily wing their shows, listing Jon Stewart as a prime example.

But others wouldn't fare so well.

The strike shouldn't initially affect the runs of these shows and the production of movie companies as they generally have a stock of scripts that are waiting to be produced. Because most movies take a year or more to be produced, scripts are held for just this reason of striking.

However, if the strike lasts longer than previous ones, television viewers could be forced to watch reruns and possible shutdowns of some of their favorite and longest lasting series, including the daytime soap operas churned out brand new each day. And you can forget about new pilots for next spring and fall.

As for movies, the big name sequels being written and books being adapted have literally ceased progress. The futures of the new X-Men and James Bond flicks are being put on hold due to a lack of writers creating the endings.

Although this might be going against everything that I'm working for in my own college career, I feel the writers are just in what they're doing. Most of these contracts were drawn up in a time when DVD sales and digital technology were things that weren't even being considered moneymakers.

The producers and executives played up the fact that the writers were all talk and wouldn't strike. I think the writers' strike is the first step towards advancing their own careers. They're able to virtually stop Hollywood.

What many of the producers don't realize is that writers are, in a sense, the foundation to what Hollywood is based on. Without them, there's nothing for actors to act in, directors to direct or producers to produce. Writers hold the upper hand in this situation and I think all parties finally see this.

Because of this lack of writers, there's bound to be a spike in one of television's newest and most scrutinized genres – reality television.

In an article on the USA Today Web site, it hinted that once scripted shows begin to dwindle early next year, viewing audiences will be forced to view unscripted shows such as reality and game shows.

Television producer Mark Cronin pointed out the ideal situation reality producers are in due to the writers' strike.

"I was in a network meeting today, and they were referring to the fact the timing is really good for reality producers," Cronin said. "But its going from 50 mph to 70 mph. Networks have to protect themselves and fill their airspace."

Networks have been stockpiling reality shows just in case writers ever did go on strike, according to the New York Times.

Networks can't live off of reality shows alone. Viewers don't want to watch 24 hours of people being people and doing stupid stunts in order for personal gain. Very few shows deal with situations that everyday television goers want to see.

"A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila," for example, is entertainment for the sheer fact that these people aren't intelligent. The basis of a show is about Tila's sexuality and her decision of whether to choose a boyfriend or girlfriend. There's no mental stimulus.

Writers have come to realize the empty threats within the company's "we have reality television for just this reason" proclamations. While the industry might be able to carry on for awhile, it will not be able to flourish without new scripts being put out to advance the entertainment of today.

I mean, really, college students can only last so long without their new episodes of "Grey's Anatomy" and "Family Guy." It's going to be a bleak new year without our favorite shows.

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Greeks sponsor anti-hazing week

BY AARON ROGERS
for the Scout

Linde Chappelear said Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils will take a different approach to fight hazing this year.

Panhel and IFC will sponsor Hazing Prevention Week, which begins Monday.

"We're focusing more on an awareness campaign this year than actually doing stuff because it seems like in past years it didn't seem to have an impact on students to go to a ton of events," said Chappelear, the Panhel risk management chairwoman, said.

Ed King's lecture "Living Your Ritual" will start the week Monday, she said.

"It's just about how to focus on what chapters were founded on and what your ideals are," Chappelear said.

She said throughout the week, students can buy wristbands for $1 from their chapters or at the Michel Student Center during lunch hours.

With the wristbands, students can sign handprints which will be hung in the student center at the end of the week.

Fliers will also be posted throughout the week.

IFC and Panhel decided to focus on awareness and distribution of information rather than action because one of the main issues with hazing is that people don't know enough about it.

Teniell Trolian, the associate director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said it's difficult to fight hazing because it encompasses many aspects.

"Many things can be considered hazing, and part of the reason why students don't report it is because they don't know what specifically is hazing and what specifically is not," Trolian said.

Students can find a list of what constitutes hazing in accordance with national policies at www.fipg.org.

"If any student has a specific question about hazing or hazing in general they could feel free to stop by office at any time," Trolian said.

Emily Epich, a member of Chi Omega, said she thinks whether someone would report an act of hazing would depend on the student.

"I think the majority of people wouldn't say anything even though there would be some who would," she said. "If they're the type of person who takes hazing seriously and acknowledges it as a clear threat to fraternity and sorority image, I'm sure that person would report it."

However, she said most students wouldn't report hazing.

"There will still be those who see hazing as a tradition and as a rite of passage into their fraternity or sorority," Epich said. "And knowing about hazing still won't sway that person one way or the other. I think that the latter attitude is more of what people have today."

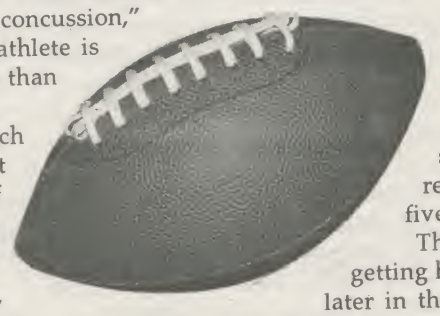
Prof conducts hard-hitting research

BY ERIC HEISIG
of the Daily Illini

UNIVERSITY WIRE – Football players can get hit thousands of times throughout a season. The unanswered question is how hard is too hard, especially for high school athletes.

Steve Broglio, University of Illinois assistant professor in AHS, is conducting research attempting to measure the amount of force it takes for a high school football player to receive a concussion.

"The suggestion from NFL research is that it takes 98 g's [g-force, a unit of measurement to express acceleration] to cause a concussion," he said. "I think a high school athlete is going to have a lower magnitude than NFL players."



Broglio is also studying which part of the head would be most likely to cause a concussion if hit.

"We can then make suggestions to equipment manufacturers to improve equipment," Broglio said. "We can say to put more padding in areas to reduce damage."

Broglio is conducting his research at Unity High School in Tolono, just south of Savoy. During the varsity team's games and practices, he is on the sidelines, recording the hits members of the team give or take. Every player on the team has sensors in their helmets, which record the number of hits received, the location of the hit on the skull and the force of the impact.

The program has helped Unity's football coach, Scott Hamilton, as well. The coach has used Broglio's readings to determine if a certain player took a hard hit out on the field.

"It alerts us, which in turn will alert a trainer, for us to keep an eye on our athletes," Hamilton said.

It's still unclear if there is a constant force that will cause players to get a concussion, Broglio said. It may be unique for each person.

"Is there a set special for everyone, or does everyone have their own threshold?" said Jerrad Zimmerman, medical director of sports medicine at Carle Foundation Hospital. "That's what they're trying to see."

Zimmerman often cares for players who receive concussions from hits on the field. This football season, five Unity players have suffered concussions. Zimmerman said the recorded hit wasn't 98 g's for all five who received concussions.

This research can also help to see if getting hit in high school hinders players later in their careers. There are players in the NFL who suffer concussions more frequently than others, Zimmerman said.

"Maybe the problems with players getting concussions started earlier," Zimmerman said. "About half of all concussions are never reported to a medical professional."

Broglio said he hopes to continue doing his research with Unity beyond this season. While there are college teams participating in similar studies, there are only a handful of high school teams serving as subjects for the research.

Police Reports

-At about 9:30 p.m. Nov. 1, a victim reported damage to her vehicle parked at 1722 Fredonia Ave. The victim said someone poured McDonald's salad dressing on the hood of her vehicle. She said she took the vehicle to a car wash to have the substance removed. There are no legitimate suspects at this time. Estimated value of damage is about $10.

-At about 2:30 a.m. Nov. 2, an officer was dispatched to University Hall to speak to a student about a fight with his roommate. The victim said he and a friend went to his room, where his roommate was sleeping. He said they were attempting to be quiet when the friend's cell phone rang, causing the roommate to become angry. The victim said his roommate began to yell, swear and spit at his friend. The victim and his friend left the room and he later returned to gather his belongings and leave for the night. He said the roommate became aggressive when he returned, spitting at him two more times and yelling and swearing. He said the roommate pushed him backwards into the hall so he lunged at the roommate's legs and the two began wrestling. Two other males grabbed the victim to break up the fight when the roommate punched him in the left eye and scratched his right eye. The roommate said he became angry because the victim brought an intoxicated and loud friend to the room after he asked him not to because he was sleeping. The roommate also said the victim threw a punch at him, which he blocked before scratching the victim's eye. The roommate claims he never punched the victim. The victim isn't pressing charges, and the two will have no contact for the time being.

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way after taking stimulants and "people will probably have to move on to bigger and better substances to get that effect," she said.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, said she uses stimulants once a week or once every other week.

She said using stimulants makes her feel "motivated."

"Finals – I know a lot more people take them then," she said. "When you have to sit down for an extended amount of time and do something ... it forces you to sit down and focus."

She said she's aware of stimulants' risks.

"I do a lot of things that are potentially harmful to my health long term, so it doesn't affect whether I do them or not," she said.

She said she buys them from other students who would rather make money than use the drugs doctors prescribe them.

According to the Harvard study, stimulant use is more common among students who attend more competitive universities where the student body has a higher rate of binge drinking.

The study also found stimulant use was most prevalent among male, Caucasian students who belong to fraternities. Sorority members are also more likely to use them than women not involved in greek life, according to the study.

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power to make the change is open to the idea," she said. "It's a good time to start this."

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said Ticaric's proposal will be carried out.

"Everybody who has discussed this at any level realizes we need a student center," Galsky said. "It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when, and we are seriously looking into getting a new student center."

Galsky said the current student center is inadequate for students' needs and will become less adequate as time passes.

"It's something the university needs. It's something we should have and something we will have," he said. "It's certainly on our table without question."

Sophomore political science and international studies major Matt Dittmer said the space available in the current student center isn't sufficient

"There's no place for clubs and students to meet," he said. "People have to move to different buildings to find a place to get together."

Junior mechanical engineering major Charlie Corrie said the current facility is adequate and Bradley should spend money elsewhere.

"We don't have a huge student population, so there's no need for a bigger student center," he said.

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during task force visits and help insure the integrity of the process, as well as the proper treatment of students, according to the committee's report.

Baer also said because of the university's involvement, underage drinkers only receive a Peoria drinking ticket, which doesn't appear on their records.

If Bradley didn't cooperate with the task force students would be arrested, potentially lose their drivers licenses and their arrests would go on their records.

Because the task force hasn't led to a decrease in underage drinking, some may question its validity.

Freshman graphic design major Brent Taylor said he thinks task force tickets may be a way of making money.

"If the goal of task force is to lower underage drinking, and they aren't accomplishing that goal, then I don't really see the point to it," he said.

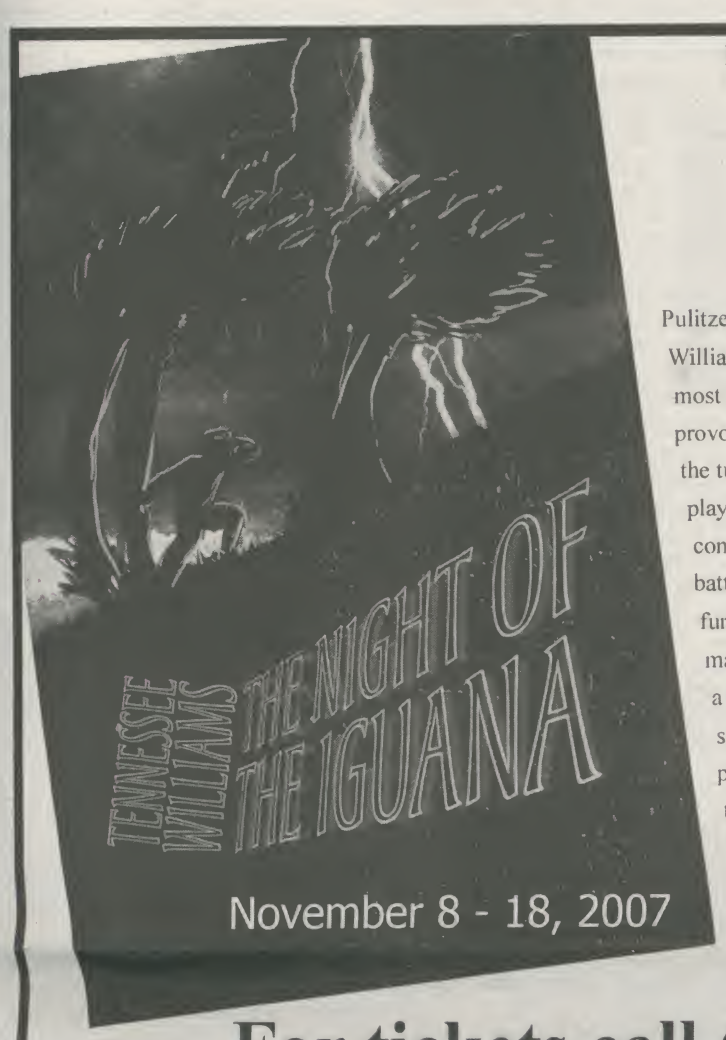
The purpose of Campus/TAP is to reduce and deter underage drinking throughout Illinois. On selected dates throughout the academic year, the task force patrols certain areas in Peoria.

When the officers are aware of "out of control" behavior in a residence, they enter it and take appropriate action. Officers are made aware of such behavior through citizen complaints and audible noise.

On other campuses throughout the state, when task force officers enter a residence in which out of control behavior is taking place, everyone is arrested.

Baer said he requested the officers hand out city misdemeanor tickets, which include a $375 fine, rather than arresting the offenders.

Huberman said the task force came to its conclusions by researching articles in the Journal Star and the Scout, talking with Chief Baer and BUPD officers, troopers on the task force and greek life leaders.



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Senior guard Daniel Ruffin drives up the court during Sunday's game. The Braves defeated the Hawks 105-82. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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Bradley managed just nine points in the final seven minutes of the half, allowing Quincy to go on a 24-9 run to close the half and head to the locker room with a 47-39 lead.

During halftime, Les made sure his team knew he wasn't happy with the first half of play.

"I wouldn't call it a discussion. It was a one-way conversation," he said. "I challenged them and I told them we're going to find out what we're made of and who we are."

The Braves responded, outscoring the Hawks 66-35 in the second half and cruising to an easy win to close out their exhibition schedule.

Les said defense was the main issue in the first period, but the team was able to correct the problem.

"I thought there was great resistance in the second half and guys stepping up and making plays," he said. "There was a lot better attention to detail. I saw some urgency on the defensive end of the floor."

Defense wasn't the only problem for Bradley. The Braves were also plagued by fouls, committing 15 in the first half.

Quincy also committed 11 fouls, contributing to a high number of whistles, which Les said made it difficult to get the offense in gear.

"There was no flow and we want to create a pace to the game," he said. "We've got be able to play good, sound man-to-man defense without stopping the clock, because that takes away from the type of team we want to be."

Bradley cleaned up its act in the second half, allowing the offense to find its groove. The team shot 61.8 percent from the field, after shooting only 38.2 percent in the first half.

The Braves were especially hot from the 3-point line in the second period, going 10-for-18 to help them pull away from the Hawks.

Senior Jeremy Crouch drained two of those long-bombs and finished the game with 15 points. Senior Matt Salley added nine points and three rebounds, while junior Theron Wilson pulled in a team-high five boards.

Despite the win, Warren said the team still has a lot of work to do before the season opener.

"We know we're not close to where we need to be," he said. "We feel that today we improved a lot from the last game. That's what we're trying to do, is improve each and every day."

Les used what will likely be his regular rotation in the game, but one player who won't see any playing time this year is freshman Anthony Thompson.

Les announced Wednesday that the 6-foot-10 center will redshirt the 2007-08 season. He will still have four years of eligibility remaining beginning next season.

The Braves open the season Saturday, when they head north to face Illinois-Chicago at 7 p.m. Insight Communications will broadcast the game locally.

Les said he was confident the team would be ready come gameday.

"We have four hard days to get after it," he said. "They'll be ready by Saturday."

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again Wednesday night when they traveled to Dallas to take on SMU.

Bradley fell behind early for the second consecutive game, when the Mustangs' Scott Geppert headed home a goal in the 16th minute. Geppert connected on a free kick from Scott Corbin, giving SMU what proved to be the only goal it would need.

The Braves appeared to even the score in the 51st minute when a header by sophomore Chris Cutshaw hit the crossbar and fell to the ground.

Bradley argued the ball had crossed the goal line when it fell, but the officials didn't signal for a goal, and SMU proceeded to clear the ball away.

Bradley's only other opportunity came on a shot from sophomore Grant Campbell later in the half, but his shot was turned away. The team didn't threaten again and fell to SMU 1-0

The Braves close out their regular-season schedule Saturday night when they host MVC rival Western Kentucky.

A win over the Hilltoppers would ensure Bradley a share of the regular-season Valley title for the third straight year.

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Taylor took a shot at the buzzer but couldn't connect, and the Braves headed to the locker room down 32-31.

The Cougars hit a three on their first possession of the second half to keep the momentum. But Bradley battled back to capture a lead with 16:04 remaining in the game.

Taylor hit a three to end Bradley's 0-11 start from beyond the arc and give the Braves their first lead of the game 38-36.

SIU-E played hard the rest of the game, regaining the lead at one point, but fell short of pulling the game out in the final seconds.

The win brought an end to the Braves' exhibition schedule this season. Bradley finished 2-0 winning both games at Robertson Memorial Field House.

The team is still without senior Devyn Flanagan and junior Monica Rogers. Buscher said she isn't sure when they will return.

"They're bugging me everyday, so I know they want to," she said. "I would like them both to be ready for the opener. I think we'll have them both back within the next three games. I just don't know which of the three."

There's a chance both players could return to action tonight when the Braves travel to DeKalb to take on Northern Illinois in the season opener.

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Volleyball wins, luster out

Braves beat Sycamores to snap losing streak following announcement that Luster's contract won't be renewed

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

The volleyball team finished with mixed results last weekend as they defeated Indiana State 3-1 on Friday, but fell to Illinois State 3-0 Saturday.

The Braves had a solid outing Friday at Robertson Memorial Field House as they overpowered Indiana State.

Jenna Harrison

Senior Jenna Harrison tied a season-high with 15 kills and had a career-best nine blocks. Her play was the highlight of the match as the Braves won 29-31, 30-28, 30-23, 30-19.

Harrison said she was happy the team was finally able to pick up its third win of the year.

"It was really exciting to get another win," she said. "We were all focused and knew we had a good chance of winning."

Freshman Emily Austin contributed to the win with 13 kills and attacked at a team-best .385-clip. Fellow freshman Melissa Collins added 11 kills to help the Braves' offense.

Emily Austin

Both teams battled back and forth during the first game, which saw three lead changes and 13 ties.

The Braves were competitive, but couldn't hold off the Sycamores losing 31-29. From then on Bradley dominated the rest of the games.

The Braves' passing and hitting percentages improved in the second game. The team had its best defensive outing of the night in game three, holding Indiana State to a .094 attack percentage and almost doubling the Sycamores kill total 17-9.

"Our passing was on and that helped us to be able to run more plays," Harrison said. "That was key in our win."

The win against Indiana State ended a seven-match losing streak for the Braves and extended the team's winning streak in the series with Indiana State to six matches.

The team couldn't carry the momentum from Friday into Saturday. The Braves traveled to Illinois State and fell 3-0.

Collins and Austin both racked up six kills each to lead the team with a 30-10, 30-16, 30-23 loss to Illinois State Saturday night at Redbird Arena.

Scott Luster

Bradley had a difficult time on offense, hitting just .058 as a unit, while Illinois State committed only eight attack errors in the three games and attacked at a .371 clip.

"It was really disappointing because we didn't really get to show Illinois State what we were made of," Harrison said. "We came out flat and it was hard to get out of the hole we dug for ourselves."

Melissa Collins

The Braves only came up with 26 kills compared to 20 errors on the night. Illinois State had a balanced attack and served up 11 aces, while also having a 46-39 advantage in digs.

Bradley couldn't compete with the Redbirds in game one.

Illinois State opened with a 12-2 run en route to a 25-5 lead. They also hit .393 and overtook Bradley 30-10.

The Redbirds easily won in game two, scoring 11 of the first 13 points in the second game and the Braves were never able to cut the lead under eight points during the remainder of the set. Bradley was defeated 30-16.

Game three was by far the most competitive for the Braves as they only trailed 24-20 at one point. However, Illinois State didn't allow Bradley to rally and won the game 30-23 to finish up Saturday night.

In addition to last weekend's games, the volleyball team also found out coach Scott Luster's contract will not be renewed for next season.

Bradley Director of Athletics Ken Kavanaugh announced the decision.

"After much deliberation, I believe that we have unfortunately reached a point where a change is in the best interests of the program," he said. "Nonetheless, this was a difficult decision to make based on a tremendous appreciation for the many positives that have occurred throughout Scott's tenure."

After 10 years as head coach, Luster is the second winningest coach in school history. He has guided the Braves to a 133-159 (.455) record.

Luster led Bradley to a 76-98 (.437) mark in league play and is the only coach in Bradley's history with a victory in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. His teams went a combined 3-4 in four trips to the MVC tourney and reached the semifinals on three occasions.

Bradley will begin a national search immediately for a new head coach.

In the meantime, Luster will finish the season and will look to end on a good note.

The team plays at 7 p.m. tonight at Southern Illinois.

One-on-One

Is Adrian Peterson the best RB in the NFL?

Yes

As of right now, the best running back in the NFL is Minnesota's Adrian Peterson.

The rookie running back just set an NFL record last week with 296 rushing yards, while scoring three touchdowns in the process. Peterson has already rushed for over 1,000 yards this season and is all but guranteed the Rookie of the Year award.

No other running back in the league has matched Peterson's production this year. Not only has he been phenomenal running the ball, he's also been an outstanding receiver and kick returner. So far this season, Peterson has averaged 24.9 yards every time he touches the ball on kick returns.

Peterson has shown he was the steal of the draft and will be the NFL's top rusher for years to come. His rare combination of speed, size, mobility and power allows him to overtake and burn defenders.

LaDanian Tomlinson is right up there with Peterson and he'll be a shoe-in for the Hall of Fame when his time comes. But he hasn't been as explosive and productive as Peterson this year. Tomlinson has averaged 4.2 yards per carry this season. Peterson has averaged 6.6.

If you look at the overall production of both backs, Peterson beats Tomlinson in every category. Enough said.

- Adam Kagan

No

Adrian Peterson is having an exceptional season by any standards, but to say he's the best running back in the NFL only eight games into his career is more than a little ludicrous.

Being the best takes more than just one good year. To be the best, a player must sustain excellence over multiple seasons. That distinction currently belongs to the San Diego Chargers' LaDainian Tomlinson.

Tomlinson has never rushed for less than 1,236 yards and 10 touchdowns in one season. Both of those low marks came during his rookie year and he's averaged more than 1,300 yards each year since.

The fact is, not only is LT the best back in the league, he's on pace to become the greatest running back of all time. He's fourth on the all-time touchdown list with 107, and with 9,833 career rushing yards, is already more than halfway to the career yardage mark.

Just seven years into his career, it's a fairly safe bet to assume he eclipses both of those marks before he hangs up the cleats.

Peterson might be having a great rookie campaign, but he still has a long way to go before he surpasses LT as the league's best tailback.

- Adam Mettrick

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MLB considers implementin instant replay

MLB General managers from voted in favor of using instant replays to help umpires with calls, specifically on home runs.

The vote passed 25-5 in favor of looking at a replay to see whether a home run ball was fair or foul, bounced off the top of the wall or went over the wall. It can also be used to determine if there was fan interference.

Now the general managers have to bring up the proposal with commissioner Bud Selig, who has been against using replays in the past. If Selig approves it, the general managers will then draw-up an in depth plan of how to put the replays into place and vote on it at the winter meetings.

The plan would then have to be approved by both the players union and the umpires union.

Navy cancels classes to celebrate victory

The Naval Academy canceled classes Monday so the school would have another day to celebrate their Saturday's victory over Notre Dame.

Navy defeated Notre Dame after losing to them in 43 consecutive contests. The school's 4,400 students were excused from class after their triple overtime marathon victory over the Fighting Irish.

Navy scored a touchdown on the first play of the third overtime and was successful on a 2-point conversion to go up by eight.

The Fighting Irish then answered back with a touchdown of their own, but were not able to convert on their 2-point conversion and lost the game.

The loss put Notre Dame at 1-8 for the season and marked the first time they have lost five home games in a single season.

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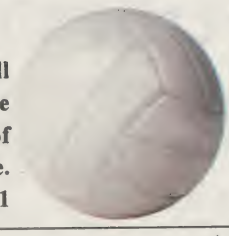

Soccer closes in on title

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The men's soccer team moved one step closer to a third-straight Missouri Valley Conference regular-season title Saturday afternoon with a 2-1 victory over Eastern Illinois.

The Braves (11-5-3) used a pair of second-half goals to beat the Panthers (11-5-3) and extended their unbeaten streak in MVC games to a school-record eight games.

The win leaves Bradley in a tie with Creighton atop the MVC standings. With one conference game remaining for each program, the Braves find themselves in good position to earn at least a share of the regular-season Valley crown.

Six of the nine possible outcomes are in their favor.

Bradley fell behind early in Saturday's game, Chris Pearson of Eastern Illinois headed home a *feed from Patrick Mabeya* in the 16th minute.

Both teams took eight shots in the first half, but Pearson's goal proved to be the only scoring Bradley was forced to head into halftime trailing 1-0.

The Braves wouldn't trail for much longer though, drawing even early in the second half.

Senior Joe Donoho blasted a free kick from 18 feet out into the top right corner of the net in the 53rd minute to tie the score 1-1.

Things went downhill for EIU from that point on.

Pearson was ejected from the game in the 62nd minute after receiving his second yellow card, forcing the Panthers to play a man down for the rest of the contest.

The Braves took full advantage of the extra man, outshooting their opponents 5-2 and netting the game winner in the final 28 minutes.

The winning goal came off the foot of senior Ken Hickman, who took a pass from senior Drew DeGurian in the middle of the box and sent it past the Panthers' goalkeeper to seal the 2-1 win for Bradley.

The Braves were in action again Wednesday night when

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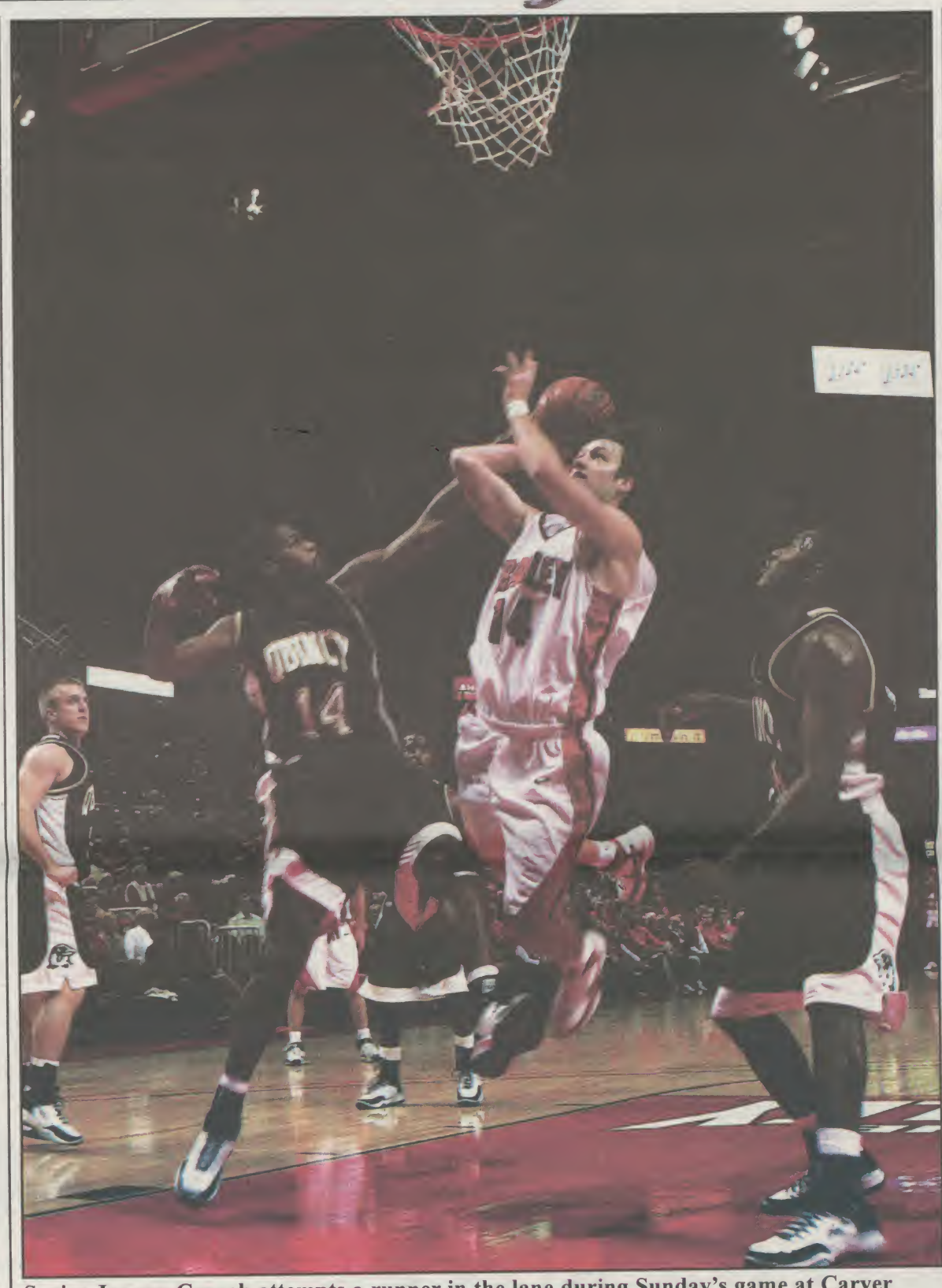

Senior Jeremy Crouch attempts a runner in the lane during Sunday's game at Carver Arena. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Braves soar past Hawks

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

After watching his team fall behind by eight points to NCAA Div. II Quincy at halftime, Daniel Ruffin knew he needed to step up in the second half.

"Coach [Jim Les] said it had to come from somebody, and I know the team kind of looks up to me," he said. "I made a point of trying to make plays defensively and offensively wherever I can help."

The senior point guard scored 10 points as part of a 20-4 Bradley run to open the second period, leading the men's basketball team to a 105-82 victory Sunday afternoon at Carver Arena.

Ruffin finished the contest with a double-double, scoring 22 points and dishing out 11 assists. Sophomore guard Andrew Warren added 19 points off the bench for Bradley.

"I was just trying to come in and give a lift defensively," Warren said. "But it also came offensively."

The Braves got off to a slow start in the first half and trailed 23-22 after the first nine minutes of play. They followed with an 8-0 run to take a seven point lead but couldn't maintain the momentum.

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Women win on missed buzzer beater

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's basketball team relied on its shooting from the free-throw line on Saturday to pull out a 69-66 victory over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

The game came down to the final seconds.

Freshman Raisa Taylor hit two free throws with seven seconds remaining to put the Braves up three, and the Cougars missed a game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer to end the game.

Coach Paula Buscher said converting their free throws was key to winning the game.

"We shot perfectly from the free-throw line in the second half, and I thought that was important," she said. "If you want to win a close game you've got to knock down free throws. That's probably what I was most pleased with because if you're going to secure a tight game, you have to drop in the free ones."

The Braves shot over 80 percent from the charity stripe for the night and went 10-for-10 in the second half.

Junior Kelly Krumwiede led the way with her second double-double in as many games. She led the team in scoring with 18 points and pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds.

Cougars' junior Amber Shelton led the game with 32 points. Shelton is no stranger to the Missouri Valley Conference after playing at Illinois State for two years.

Buscher said the team needs to be more aware of Shelton and stop her from taking over the game.

"Amber is a great player. She was a great player when she was at Illinois State," she said. "We had a little trouble stopping her. I'm obviously not pleased that we let one person go off like that."

The Braves started the game slow falling behind 23-9 early on. They then went on a 22-9 run to end the half and bring the game to within one point with a score of 32-31.

Bradley's rally came mostly on second-chance points, as it had 18 in the first half on 11 offensive rebounds.

The Braves had a chance to take their first lead of the game as the first half ran down.

After SIU-E was called for an offensive foul, Bradley had the ball with five seconds to go.

see **WOMEN'S** Page A10

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL	MVC	OVERALL
WICHITA STATE	13-1	22-4
MISSOURI STATE	12-2	23-4
CREIGHTON	12-3	18-8
NORTHERN IOWA	11-3	17-9
ILLINOIS STATE	8-7	16-10
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	5-9	13-13
EVANSVILLE	5-9	12-13
DRAKE	4-11	7-19
BRADLEY	2-12	3-24
INDIANA STATE	0-15	3-20

SOCCER	MVC	OVERALL
BRADLEY	3-0-2	11-5-3
CREIGHTON	3-0-2	9-1-5
EVANSVILLE	3-2-0	10-7-0
DRAKE	2-1-2	9-4-4
EASTERN ILLINOIS	2-3-1	11-5-3
MISSOURI STATE	0-3-2	5-10-3
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-4-1	3-11-4

On the Record

"You've got to credit David Carr too because he held the ball. That allowed me to get there a little bit"

— Tennessee Titans defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth on why he picked up three sacks in a win over the Carolina Panthers last Sunday

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AMATEUR GUITARISTS WANTED

NEW AND CLASSIC FEATURES PROPEL 'GUITAR HERO III'

STORY BY ROSS RASMUSSEN & PAGE DESIGN BY ANTONIO GENTILE

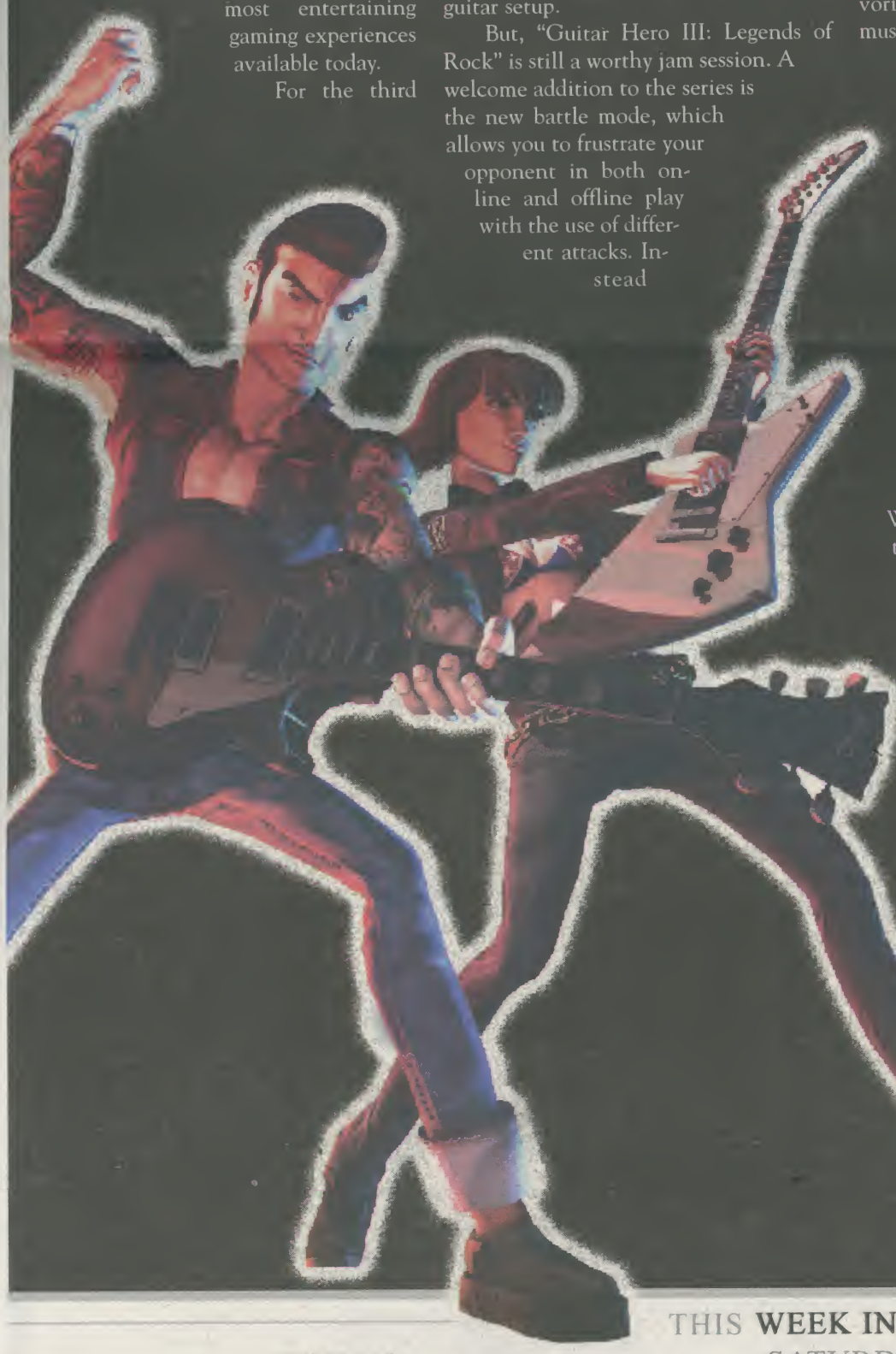
In a series that's going into its third year of existence, "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock" has received a new developer, an upgrade to wireless guitar controllers and the addition of original recordings of many of the songs included in the game.

All these things add up to one of the most entertaining gaming experiences available today.

For the third game in the "Guitar Hero" series, developer Activision has put the game through somewhat of an overhaul to compete with the upcoming "Rock Band," from "Guitar Hero" creators, Harmonix.

"Rock Band" is the next evolutionary step in the playing-plastic-musical-instruments genre, adding drum and vocal tracks to the already established guitar setup.

But, "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock" is still a worthy jam session. A welcome addition to the series is the new battle mode, which allows you to frustrate your opponent in both online and offline play with the use of different attacks. Instead of seeing who can score more points, you can now ruin someone's streak by forcing them to mess with the whammy bar, among other things.



The set list attempts to please everybody who may pick up the game by including a bit from each rock era. If you appreciate good music, you shouldn't have too much trouble finding your favorites. Even if you have awful taste in music, Activision went out of its way to please you. "Guitar Hero" includes Metallica, Slipknot and Disturbed to appease those of you who like your rock loud and mindless.

The downside to this set, however, is the inclusion of many tracks the radio has wrecked over the years.

"Guitar Hero 2" included fun tracks, but not necessarily number one hits. In this iteration, it's clear the choices make up many greatest hits lists.

Kiss' "Rock and Roll All Nite," Alice Cooper's "School's Out" and Santana's "Black Magic Woman" are all tracks that get old after one play.

In one word, the presentation can be summed up as loud. Though the interface is similar, there's a more stylized look this time. Everything is bigger and better except for the characters, which look like they belong in a Saturday morning cartoon. But it's pretty cool to play as Slash from Guns N' Roses once you unlock his character, even if he does look like a deformed Muppet.

Another difference over the previous game is how much fun the songs are to play in comparison. Note layouts for each track are much more entertaining to play because they aren't half as frustrating.

Of course, once I finally struggled my way to the end of the entire medium career with five-star ratings, I just fell on my face in hard mode. But that's more a testament to how poorly I play the game. The beauty of this game though, is it brought back practice mode for getting through difficult runs.

Unfortunately, my biggest complaint revolves around the online mode. This game was designed so you can show off in front of your friends, or those random people you don't know who show up at your parties.

Playing online leaves you feeling detached from the competition. Instead of yelling at a buddy for screwing up your 500-note combo, you'll have a shouting match with your TV. Perhaps they wanted to include all the gamers hiding away in their mother's basements, but it was unnecessary.

For folks who have spent countless hours working through "Cowboys from Hell" and "Free Bird" you won't be disappointed because this game is just as fun as it's ever been. But if you have yet to try a music game and aspire to be a fake rock star, you may want to save your dollars for the all-inclusive "Rock Band" later this month.

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

Live at the Five Spot presents **"Rolling's Tones,"** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is $6 for student members, $9 for student nonmembers.

"Superbad," 8 to 10 p.m. in the Marty Theater. Tickets are $1 for students and $1.50 for the public.

SATURDAY

"Night of the Iguana by Tennessee Williams," 8 to 10 p.m. in the Hartmann Center. Tickets $7 for BU students, $12 for faculty, $14 for adults.

"Night of the Iguana by Tennessee Williams," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hartmann Center

SUNDAY

MSCS presents **"Guest Artist: David Burgess,"** 3 to 5 p.m. in the Dingeldine Music Center. Admission free for BU students, $5 for general public.

'LIMITED' APPEAL

Wes Anderson's latest lacks depth and humor of previous efforts

photos courtesy of www.movies.yahoo.com

BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

Even fans of Wes Anderson often enter his films with a certain amount of trepidation.

Will he finally distance the material too far from the audience that no one will give a s---? Or will earnest emotions and subtle humor overcome – or benefit from – Anderson's quirky, detail driven work?

The movie has all the Anderson earmarkings – yellow font, long, wide angle shots, bright colors and an awesome soundtrack full of obscurities. But it lacks the depth his previous films found inside the deeply damaged people.

On a "spiritual journey" across India after the death of their father, American brothers Francis, Peter and Jack, played by Owen Wilson ("Shanghai Knights"), Adrien Brody ("The Pianist") and Jason Schwartzman ("Rushmore") respectively, climb aboard "The Darjeeling Limited" with matching luggage. They chain-smoke cigs on the "no smoking please" train, plow through a hefty amount of pain killers and make room for some holy sightseeing.

Only, it's hard to have a spiritual journey when Wilson won't stop talking about the damn journey – even if that's part of the joke.

Brody's uptight, irritable character makes little impact. Schwartzman plays it straight,

"The Darjeeling Limited"

Owen Wilson
Adrien Brody
Jason Schwartzman

Grade: C

deadpan and mustachioed.

During a late Monday night showing there were only two other people in the theater, and they walked out.

Their reasoning wasn't as obvious as the 60-year-old couple who I saw walk out of "Kill Bill" during one especially gruesome moment. What the hell were they expecting? Its called "Kill Bill." I can just imagine their 23-year-old smart-aleck grandson recommending the movie.

Anyways, the other two people left with about a half hour remaining. Maybe they expected "Road Trip: The Sequel."

People usually either love or hate Anderson's movies. I was the former, until "Darjeeling." Afterwards, I fell into the one percent of people who feel neither way.

The dry jokes are few and far between and the best scenes, sadly, are the slow motion running or walking moments (usually chasing the train) accompanied by Anderson's as usual spot-on music choices.

But when the music in the background overshadows the action, something is wrong.

None of the characters are really developed, with the exception of Wilson's. His slight quirks and annoyances add texture, and when you finally meet the boys' mother, some of his personality traits make more sense.

Slight background information is provided for Schwartzman and Brody's characters.

Anderson's short film showing Jack reuniting with an ex-girlfriend played by Natalie Portman ("V for Vendetta") opens the film. Credited as "Part 1," it's an awkward opening, with credits rolling before the rest of the movie begins.

After that, Portman appears only briefly.

Basically, the movie needed more Bill Murray. He makes a great cameo, but when it's over you kind of wish he would stick around. His somber-funny face fits like no one else's in Anderson's world. With the capacity for hilarity and displaying actual acting chops, Anderson shouldn't be allowed to make a film without him.

"Darjeeling" is neither as quirky as the "The Life Aquatic," or as funny as "Rushmore," and it's less layered than "The Royal Tannenbaums." Instead, it's as bland as dry toast.

It gets a passing grade for its attention to detail, beautiful Indian scenery and barely enough humor to justify its run time.

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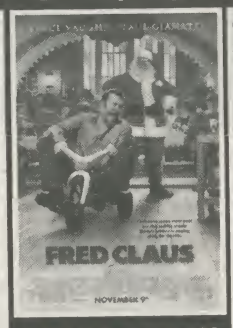

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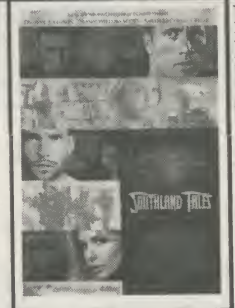

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Nova Cinemas

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Iguana crawls to Bradley

Bradley Theatre presents its second fall production

BY ERIK JOHNSON
for Voice

In the aftermath of Halloween, everything is littered with little chunks of horror.

TV is still coming down from its surge of scary movies, trash cans are full of spider webs and worn-out masks and everywhere we see the rotting faces of once-frightening Jack-o'-lanterns.

But one thing that may sound scary to most isn't frightening at all. That's Tennessee Williams' "Night of the Iguana" and, far from being scary, it's actually quite exciting.

The second production of the semester for Bradley's Theatre Department, "Night of the Iguana," is a strong tale of the struggle for human decency and the way we affect each other.

It's the tale of an ex-reverend, T. Lawrence Shannon, who turns into a tour guide. While leading a group of church women on a tour, he stays at an old hotel run by a widow, who takes a deep and entirely physical interest in the good reverend.

The widow, Maxine, played by senior theater arts major Florence Ann Romano, spends the whole night trying to seduce Shannon, played by senior theatre arts major Andrew Head.

Shannon, however, is intrigued by the appearance of a 16-year-old girl in the tour group, Hannah, played by senior theatre arts major Laura Miller. Hannah is traveling with her poet grandfather.

Shannon is accused of sleeping with Hannah, though I won't reveal whether or not the accusations are true.

In the middle of a nervous breakdown, Shannon must juggle the animosity of his tour group and the advances of Maxine while still learning about his struggle and what people can do to help each other.

He and Hannah develop a genuine bond as the night progresses, and he comes to understand that even though you can never win the struggle, you can at least help the person in the cage next to you win his or her struggle.

The play's crew said they're excited about the opening of the show. Junior theatre performance major Sarah Duncan said working on the production was a wonderful experience.

"It's a very different play than we've done at Bradley in a while," Duncan said.

She said director Steve Snyder is "open to ideas" and working on the production is a true group effort.

"The play really grew out of all of us," Duncan said.

In the production, Duncan plays Miss Judith Fellowes, a character she describes as "feisty." Miss Judith is a part of the tour group and, as such, an angry part of the conflict.

"Night of the Iguana" opened yesterday and continues today and Saturday at 8 p.m. It also plays on Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. There are matinee performances Nov. 11 and Nov. 18 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $14 for adults, $12 for faculty and staff and $7 for Bradley students.

Bradley Theatre
presents
"Night of the Iguana"

When: 8 p.m. today and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Nov. 15-17 and 2:30 Nov. 18
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"Shrek The Third"
"Gilmore Girls: The Complete Seventh Season"
"Ocean's Thirteen"
"The Princess Bride: 20th Anniversary Edition"

MUSIC RELEASES TUESDAY 11/9

The Killers - "Sawdust"
Alicia Keys - "As I Am"
Dane Cook - "Rough Around The Edges"
Led Zeppelin - "Mothership"
Duran Duran - "Red Carpet Massacre"
Seal - "System"

SMOOTH SAILING

Maritime's newest release floats in familiar territory

Maritime

"Heresy & the Hotel Choir"
Flameshovel; 2007

Grade: B-

BY MATT BENTEL
for Voice

It has been more than a decade since the demise of Illinois' favorite emo-infused indie pioneers CaP'n Jazz.

After they disbanded in 1995, a number of bands erupted on the scene, including Joan of Arc, American Football, Owls and The Promise Ring.

Often referred to as "Kinsella bands" for their feature of one of the two Kinsella brothers, Mike or Tim, the label stuck to any band associated with the mother band, CaP'n Jazz.

One such band that received this label, though it featured no Kinsella brother, was Jade Tree act The Promise Ring. Their connection? Davey von Bohlen. After an eight-year tenure, the group disbanded in 2002. One year later, von Bohlen formed his current group, Maritime.

Picking up where The Promise Ring left off, Maritime released its first record, an acoustic splattered indie pop album, "Glass Floor."

It was met with little success, often being knocked for its inability to stand par against the bandmates' former attempts. The band came back two years later to release the critically acclaimed "We, The Vehicles" which featured the band refining its indie pop sound by adding electronic elements, including more dancey drum beats and popping guitar leads.

Riding the wave of success "Vehicles" brought, Maritime quickly returned to release its third and latest record, "Heresy and the Hotel Choir."

Maybe there was more expectation surrounding this record. Maybe von Bohlen ran out of new ideas so he stuck with the same formula as "Vehicles." Whatever the reasoning, "Heresy" doesn't deliver – at least not in the same way "Vehicles" did. Where "Vehicles" defined Maritime, presenting a band that had found its niche, "Heresy" is just another pop record.

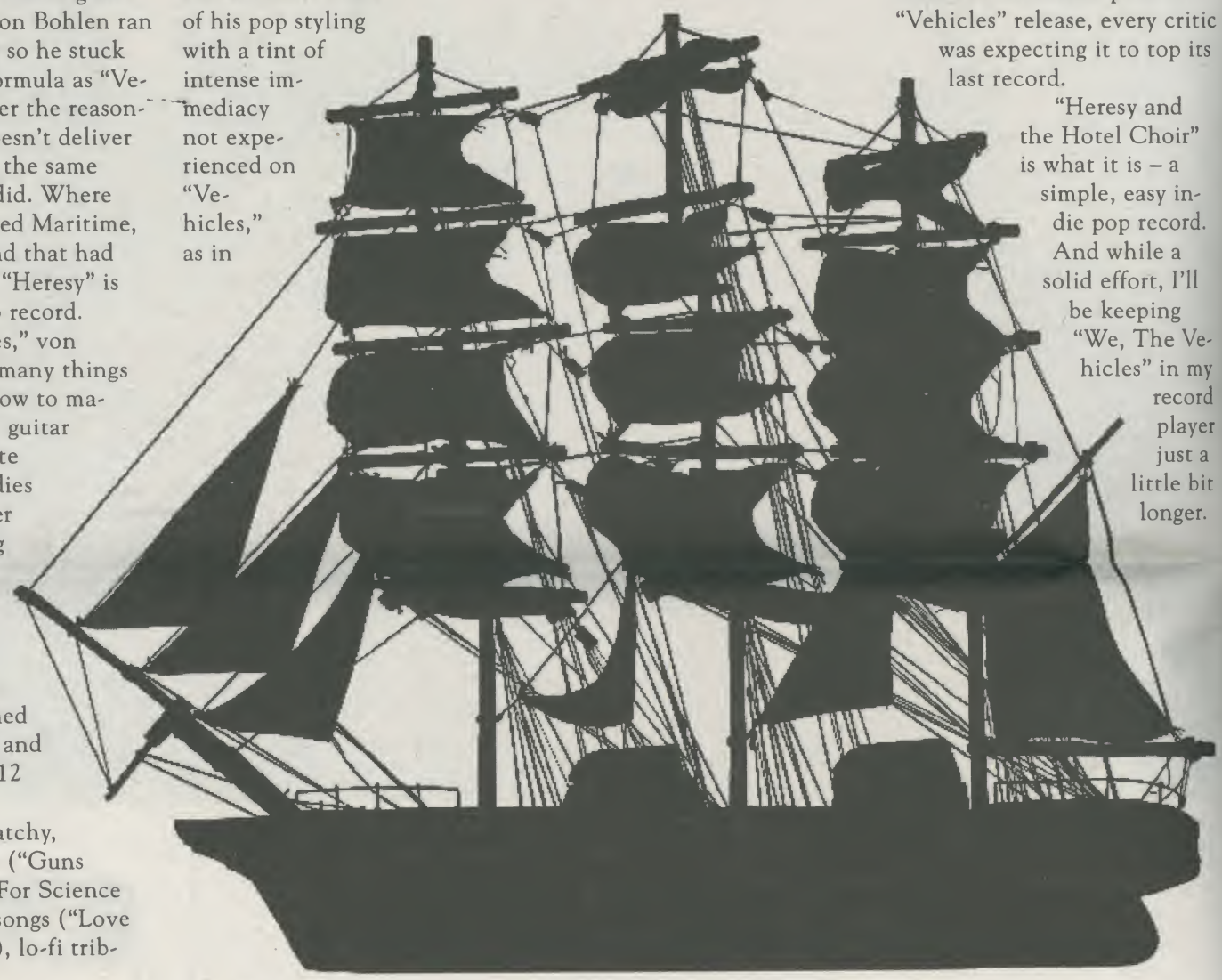
On "Vehicles," von Bohlen learned many things – how to sing, how to manipulate rhythm guitar and how to create infectious melodies that were neither grossly annoying nor cliched. But "Heresy," on the other hand, seems to just take the knowledge learned from "Vehicles" and extend that for 12 more songs.

There are catchy, dancey numbers ("Guns of Navarone," "For Science Fiction"), love songs ("Love Has Given Up"), lo-fi tributes ("With Holes For Thumb Sized Birds," "Peril") and ominous third-person classics ("Aren't We All Found Out," "Are We Renegade") that made Maritime what it is today.

That isn't to say, however, that von Bohlen didn't try anything new on this record. He decorates some of his pop styling with a tint of intense immediacy not experienced on "Vehicles," as in "Hours That You Keep."

He also experiments with different effects on his guitar leads, making them more poignant and absorbent ("Pearl").

It isn't that "Heresy" is a bad record, it's just experiencing the same reception many records of its kind have received in the past.



Just like Broken Social Scene's self-titled follow up to "You Forget It In People," good, inventive records are hard to follow up.

The main element hurting "Heresy and the Hotel Choir" is what helped make "We, The Vehicles" so successful. Where there was next to no expectation for Maritime prior to "Vehicles" release, every critic was expecting it to top its last record.

"Heresy and the Hotel Choir" is what it is – a simple, easy indie pop record. And while a solid effort, I'll be keeping "We, The Vehicles" in my record player just a little bit longer.

Photo Poll

What's your favorite fall TV show?

"Scrubs, because of their monologues. It's funny to see it all played out."
Dan Collier
senior
history

"Grey's Anatomy, because I do."
Amanda Tures
junior
elementary/special education

"House, because it's witty, dramatic and everybody loves Dr. House."
Sarah Keif
senior
electrical engineering

"Family Guy, because I like the style of humor."
Justin Finley
sophomore
mechanical engineering

"Desperate Housewives, because Eva Longoria is hot."
Jeremy Gallus
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"The Office, because Dwight is hilarious."
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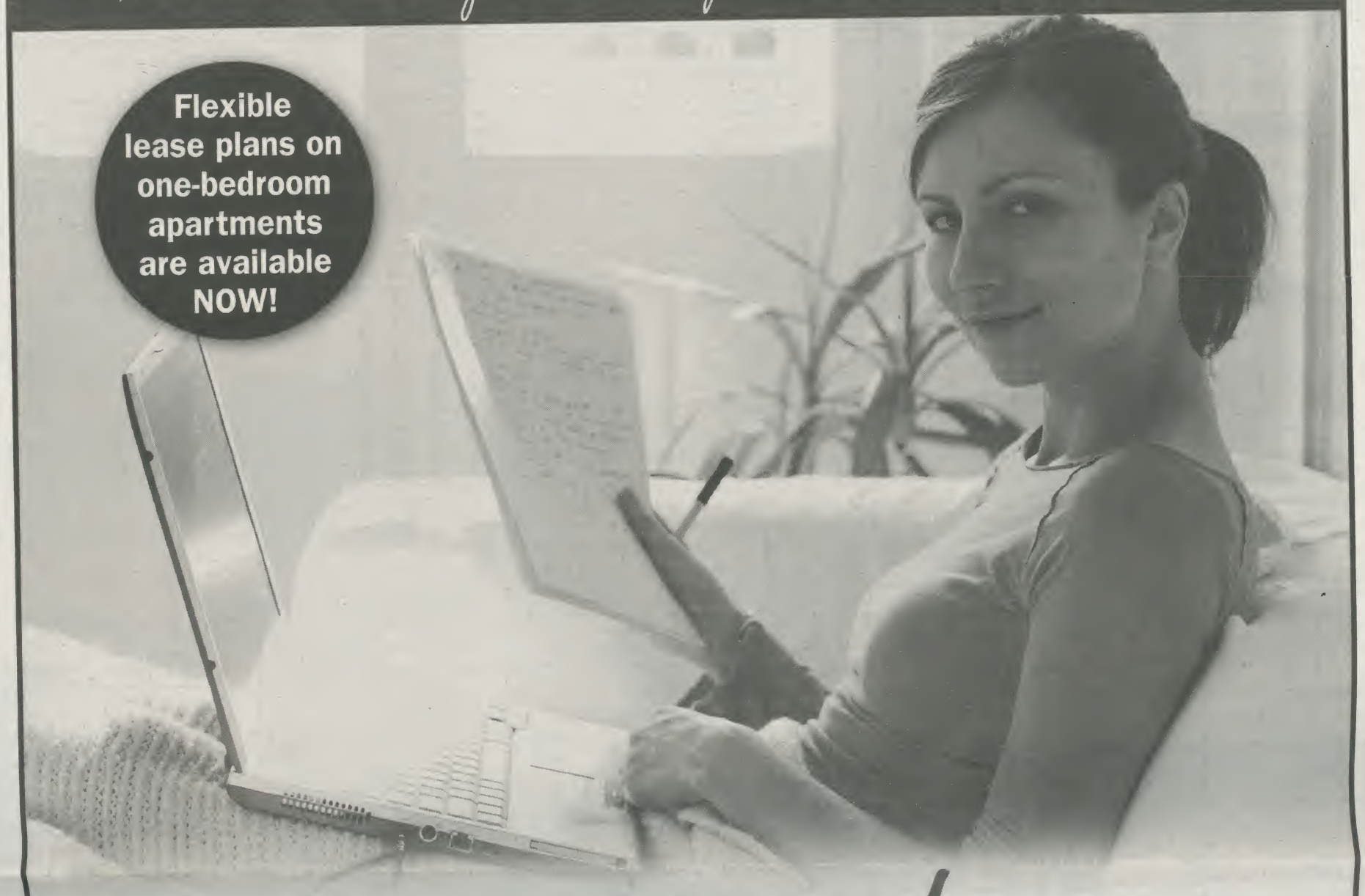

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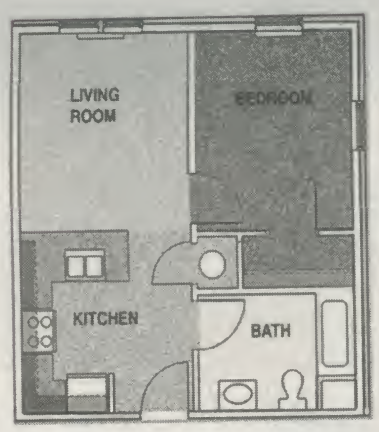

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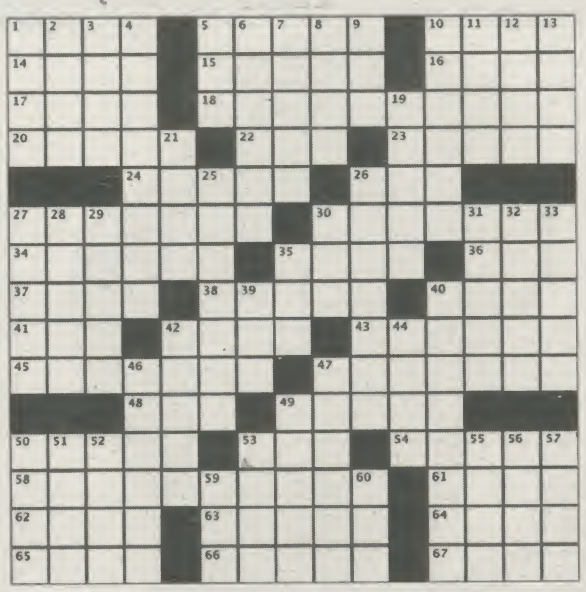

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5- Playing marble
10- Enemies
14- Hard to find
15- Radioactive gas
16- Decoy
17- River in central Europe
18- Sudden heavy rainfall
20- Ornamental coronet
22- Choose
23- Reposes
24- Lifeless
26- Finish first
27- Joyous
30- Fortresses
34- Withdraw
35- Beyond help
36- Resinous deposit
37- Toward the mouth
38- Grow to maturity
40- Fill to surfeit
41- Transgression
42- Main island of Indonesia
43- Shrewdness
45- State of being testate
47- Capital of Swaziland
48- Statute
49- Kid leather
50- Lower limb
53- Long-leaved lettuce
54- Rub out or remove from memory
58- Expression of sympathy
61- Land in water
62- Poker stake
63- Church instrument
64- Ardor
65- Ray of light
66- Mails
67- Consumes

Down
1- Horse's gait
2- Dry watercourse
3- Extent of space
4- Having a notched edge
5- Curve
6- In abundance
7- Take as one's own
8- Advertise boastfully
9- Conclusion
10- Graceful
11- Belonging to us
12- Formerly, formerly
13- Tennis matches are divided into these
19- Quick and active
21- Among
25- Perform in an exaggerated manner
26- One who aspires
27- Frozen dew
28- Strange and mysterious
29- Examines closely
30- Stimulus
31- South American ruminant
32- Devoured
33- View
35- Mineral spring
39- Climbing vine
40- Convert into cork
42- Hollowed pumpkin
44- Juniper
46- One behind the other
47- Variety of grape
49- Pop pieces
50- Strike breaker
51- Sharpen
52- Rectangular pier
53- King mackerel
55- On or towards the Mediterranean, for example
56- Narrow strip of wood
57- Long fish
59- Cut (off)
60- Printing widths

Sudoku

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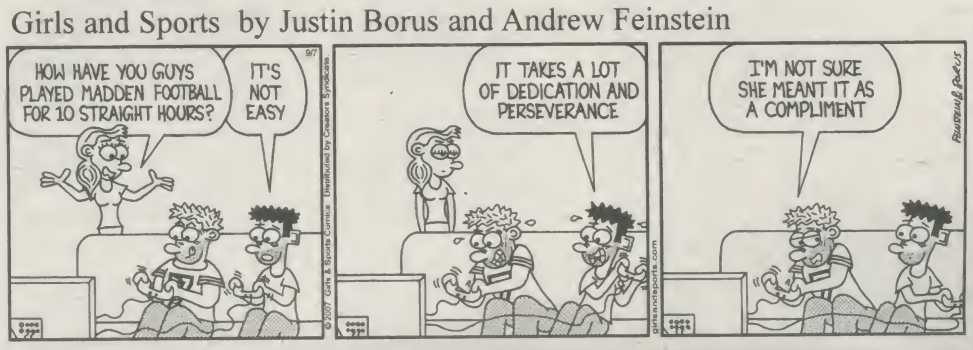

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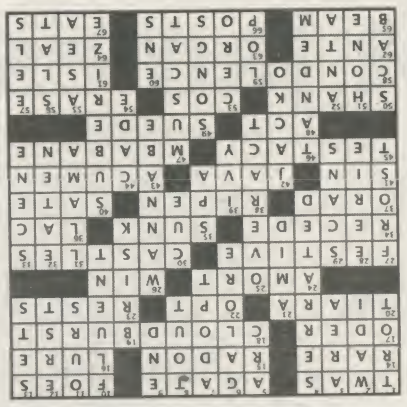

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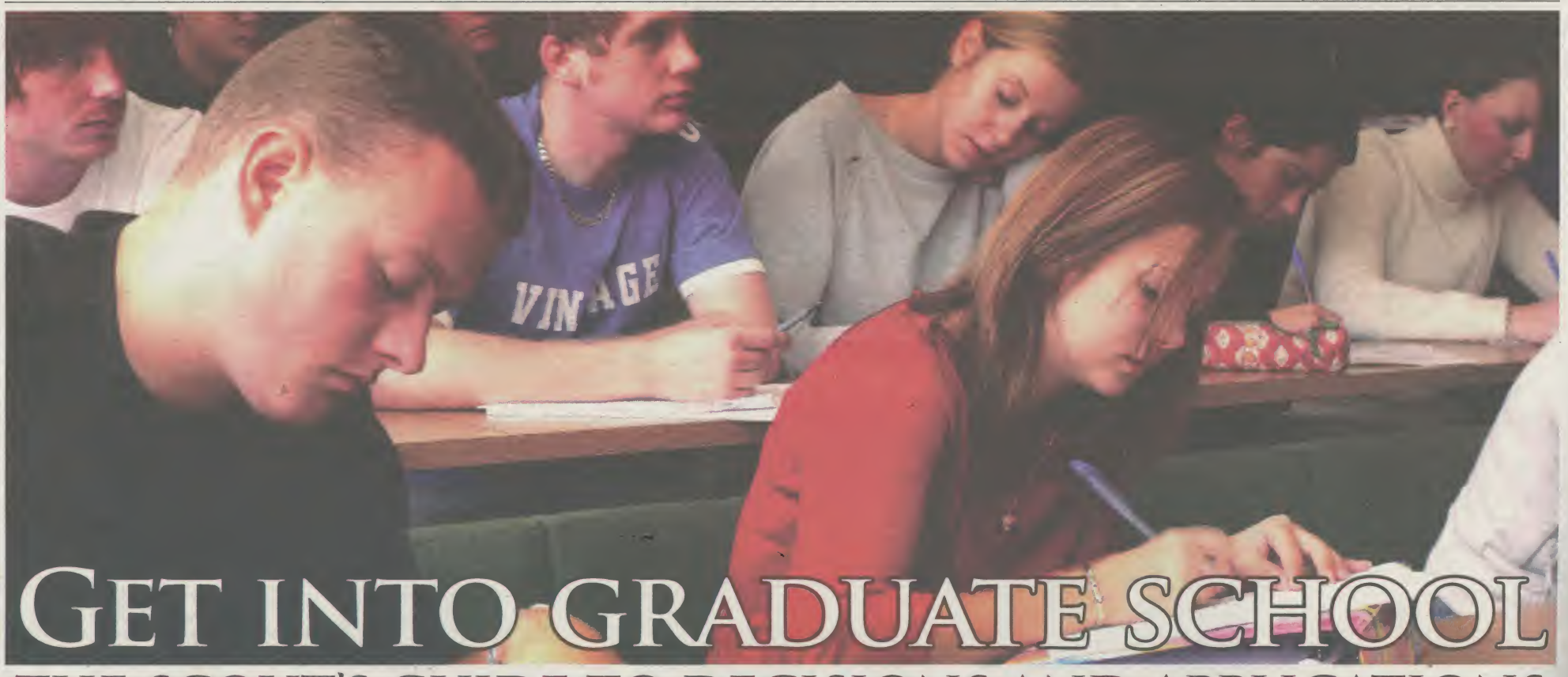

GET INTO GRADUATE SCHOOL

THE SCOUT'S GUIDE TO DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

STORY BY BRENNA SCURLOCK

After four or five years of college, some students go on to spend even more time continuing their education. Graduate school can further students' current education, introduce students to new areas of study and open doorways into advanced careers.

Graduate school has benefits, but the application process can seem overwhelming, especially with graduation on the horizon.

With enough consideration and planning, applying to graduate school doesn't have to be a nerve-racking experience.

Choosing to continue your education

Associate Director of the Smith Career Center Rick Smith said he helps students with graduate school decisions when they visit the center.

"First, I ask them 'why?' It's not to be negative, it's to help the student clarify their reason to go to grad school," Smith said.

Graduate school is for students who need advanced degrees to be successful in their careers or who want to continue scholarly pursuits for several years, Smith said.

"The last thing we want is for students to use grad school as a means to avoid the job market," Smith said.

Graduate school is also an option for students who want to pursue careers in fields that aren't related to their undergraduate majors.

When choosing a graduate program, you don't have to find something that relates to your college major. Many graduate programs draw from all different study backgrounds, Smith said.

If students aren't sure if graduate school is the right decision, Smith said he advises them to conduct a parallel search for both job opportunities and graduate programs.

Students may find there are jobs that fit their interests without requiring further education, Smith said.

Find a program that fits your needs

The first step to choosing the right graduate program is deciding what you want to accomplish.

College professors can be an invaluable resource, Smith said. Professors can help students match their interests with the right graduate programs. They may even have connections at certain schools, which could help students learn more.

Students can also search journal articles related to their areas of interest and find what universities are affiliated with the authors and sources in the article. This can help students find institutions that share their goals and interests, Smith said.

"The last thing you want is to go to a place where the faculty members are not interested in your field," he said.

Web site search engines can provide general information for first-time searchers.

Web sites like www.gradschools.com, www.gradsource.com and www.gradview.com allow you to search schools by program, area of study and geographic location.

Education resources such as Peterson's, U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review also provide reviews of graduate schools and programs.

An important thing to consider when conducting your search, Smith said, is whether or not you need to attend an accredited institution, which some jobs require.

Consult faculty in your field to find out if your program should be accredited, then visit your field's accrediting institution Web site to find a list of approved schools and programs.

Find a school with job and internship options

If possible, you should visit the school and speak to current students and faculty.

I have a few schools in mind. When and how should I apply?

Students should start thinking about graduate programs during the fall semester of their junior year, Smith said.

Some students start later, but an early start allows students more time to make relaxed decisions.

He said it also allows students plenty of time to collect recommendation letters and get their desired scores on required entrance exams.

A graduate school application typically has several parts including an application form, a personal statement, letters of recommendation and standardized test scores.

Smith said application forms should be filled out clearly and accurately and may cost anywhere from $25 to $150.

Personal statements are important because they reflect your attitude and skills as a student.

"It shows how well you can write and how well you get your point across," Smith said.

Have faculty members edit the statement for you to check for errors.

Letters of recommendation should come from faculty members in your area of study. Allow professors plenty of time to write your letter.

Approach them at the beginning of the fall semester, and provide them with a list of your grades, course work and completed projects to help direct their recommendations.

Know your deadlines

Entrance exams such as the GRE, GMAT, MCAT and LSAT are generally taken in the fall so students should allow plenty of time to prepare.

Applications are typically due during the spring, but some may have deadlines as early as November. Check with the school you are applying and aim to have the application submitted two weeks ahead of the deadline.

Senior marketing major Ainslie Schultz said she knew she wanted to attend graduate school since high school.

"I just really enjoy learning," she said.

Schultz began studying for the GRE in the spring and recently took the exam.

She said she researches graduate schools both online and by talking to her professors.

"My professors have been very helpful in pointing me towards the right programs," she said.

While she hasn't decided on a school yet, Schultz said she's confident graduate school is the right place for her.

"I've worked hard in college and I have a good work ethic," she said. "I'd really like to be a professor some day."

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Brawl sprawls after sorority talent show

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

A Delta Sigma Theta talent show at Robertson Memorial Field House Nov. 9 ended in about a 50-person brawl.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said he tipped Peoria Police officers that a fight might arise after the Bradley sorority event.

"They had a similar problem in April of last year," Baer said. "That event ended the same way, so I thought our Bradley officers might need some help this time."

Baer said the event was calm until it ended at about 9:15 p.m., at which time a crowd ran out the west door of the arena toward Main Street and began verbally and physically fighting, according to city police reports.

University Police and Peoria Police officers attempted to break up the fight with pepper balls. When that didn't work, the police physically broke up fights and pulled people apart, according to police reports.

But the group dispersed into the parking lot and started fighting again.

Police shot more pepper balls, and the crowd eventually left. But they continued to yell threats at each other while walking down the street.

At least six people were arrested, but Baer said none of them were Bradley students.

He said the talent show is an event the sorority hosts for the community, and the fight likely broke out because so many different schools, ages and neighborhoods were represented at the event.

"If one group didn't win the talent show, they probably decided to win a different way – by fighting," Baer said.

Delta Sigma Theta member Christen Leonard said the sorority sent a letter to the Bradley officials apologizing for the fight.

"We're having meetings with the school," she said. "We weren't involved in the fight in any way, but it's still unfortunate that it had to happen at one of our events."

Bradley officials are reviewing the fight and they will work with the sorority to decide if similar events will be hosted in the future.

Grad 'changes the world'

Daniel O'Rourke, 2004 Bradley alumnus, helps renovate a kindergarten school in Moldova as part of his participation in the Peace Corps. *photo courtesy of Daniel O'Rourke*

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

Giving up one's entire life – a new job at a good company, relationships and the whole routine of daily life – might be difficult.

Daniel O'Rourke, however, was willing to dream big.

The Bradley alumnus joined the Peace Corps in 2005 and headed to Moldova, a country between Romania and Ukraine.

"I left a lot behind when I decided to pack up and leave America," O'Rourke said. "I had recently started a new job with Caterpillar in Peoria, I had all my family in the 'Chicagoland' area and I had a girlfriend at the time."

But that wasn't enough to stop O'Rourke from doing what he felt he was being called to do.

"We as Americans need to encourage each other to travel more, to learn more about different cultures and to bring different languages into our lives as a norm," O'Rourke said.

He began his training in September 2005 in a intense 10-week training program. On top of 150 hours of Romanian language classes, O'Rourke received cross-cultural training both in and out of the classroom.

"I was able to learn two languages, break down all my previous interpersonal barriers and completely open myself up to a different

see **PEACE CORPS** Page A10

Few Bradley students get flu shots

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Kristin Machalek said she thinks the flu isn't a big deal.

"I don't think the flu is going to affect me," the senior actuarial science major said. "Old, sick people get the flu and are in hospitals. Healthy people get the flu and fight it and get over it."

However, Health Services Staff Physician Kathy Majcina said college students may be more susceptible to the flu because of the close environments of dorms and classrooms.

This year, about 70 students, or about one percent of students, have received flu shots from Health Services, said Staff Physician Brian Bostwick. About 100 to 150 students get them each year.

Majcina said turnout for the Health Center's flu shot clinic, which took place Nov. 5 and 6, was lower than expected. Students can still make appointments to get the shots, which cost $30.

Director of Public Relations at OSF St. Francis Medical Center Chris Lofgren said flu shots don't take effect for two weeks, so students shouldn't wait to get them.

He said they're a "well-worth investment of time and money.

"Younger people typically think that they're immune, and a lot of them are. And they don't want to face the needle because of something they won't get," he said. "But if you do get it, you're going to be a sick dog ... and you're going to be sick for a long time."

Lofgren said although many college students are healthy enough to recover from the flu, it can be deadly for older people or people with weak immune systems.

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Retention rates remain steady

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Bradley students are likely to return to the university after their freshmen year, according to statistics from the ACT Educational Services.

The rate for the fall 2006 freshman class is 88 percent, according to the National Collegiate Retention and Persistence to Degree Rates.

Director of Admissions Marketing and Communications Tom Richmond said the retention rate typically remains at a constant 87 to 89 percent.

"So many admissions representatives are focused on retention rates, wanting to admit students to the university who will be successful," he said. "Our goal, along with the Division of Student Affairs, is to identify students who are struggling and guide them to achieve academic success."

This rate is a one percent increase from the fall 2005 freshman class rate of about 87 percent.

"Almost nine out of 10 students return to Bradley," Richmond said. "We are doing a little better than the selective private level colleges."

Richmond said though students may be succeeding in their classes they may not return simply because Bradley wasn't a good fit.

"This is something Bradley continues to work on each year," he said. "We want our students to return and become eligible to graduate from this university."

He also said a student's success at the university can be based on the academic advising a student receives from faculty.

"The faculty and staff play a huge role in making or breaking a student's academic experience," Richmond said. "They mentor students on a day-to-day basis guiding them through college and helping them with their learning experience."

The academic programs offered can also influence a freshman student's decision to return for a second year, he said.

"Admissions plays a large role

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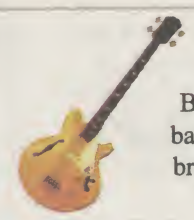

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Bradley bands battle for bucks, bragging rights.
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Bradley Briefs

• Common Ground will sponsor a performance of "Tying the Knot." It displays the struggles homosexual couples face. The show will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Neumiller Hall. Admission is free.

• ACBU will host a Battle of the Bands competition from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

• The last day students can drop classes with a "W" on their transcripts is Nov. 21.

• Thanksgiving Break begins Nov. 21. Classes will resume 8 a.m. Nov. 26.

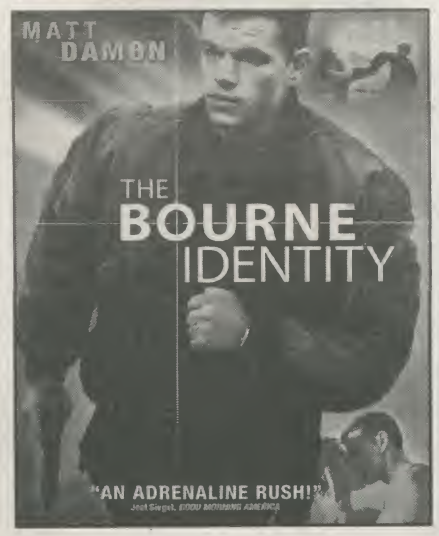
Battle of the Bands

• Activities Council will show "The Bourne Identity" at 8 p.m. Nov. 29 in the Marty Theater.

• The Turner Center for Entrepreneurship will host a seminar called "Starting Your Business in Illinois" from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 27 in Jobst 141.

• The Bradley Theatre Department will perform "The Night of the Iguana" at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hartmann Center.

• The Bradley Percussion Ensemble will perform from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Nov. 27 in Dingeldine Music Center.



Around the World

Peoria considers new plan to deal with snow

The Peoria City Council discussed possibilities for a new snow plan at Tuesday night's meeting.

The city is looking into a new plan after it was unprepared for a 12-inch snowstorm that hit the city in December of last year.

The city council wants to add salt piles, hire private contractors to plow streets, provide better communication with the public and ensure main routes are consistently plowed.

Second District Councilwoman Barbara Van Auken said the city has to change the quality of service it offers.

"The problem we end up with is the limited resources we have," she said. "We need to improve our level of service so it doesn't take four days to respond."

All information taken from www.pjstar.com

States test fuel-efficient school buses

Eight states are testing 11 hybrid school buses. Project Manager Ewan Pritchard said the buses get twice the miles per gallon of regular buses and reduce some emissions by up to 90 percent.

The buses look and drive the same as regular ones.

The states participating in the program are on both coasts, the South and Midwest.

Pritchard said the only problem with the hybrid buses are the initial cost – about $140,000 more than a standard program. But if a district purchases 1,000 buses, the cost is decreased to $110,000, or $40,000 more than a standard bus, and would pay for itself in about six years.

All information taken from www.usatoday.com

Banana distributor sued for torture, murder

Almost 400 Colombian families are suing Chiquita Brands International for the torture and murder of their loved ones.

The plaintiffs are asking for a total of $7.86 billion.

Earlier this year the company, as part of a plea agreement, admitted to paying Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia for "protection," which was named a terrorist organization by the United States government. Under that status it's illegal to give money to them.

Jonathan Reiter, attorney for the victims, said one couple refused to sell their banana farm "for pennies" and were killed by AUC. Other victims were killed because they refused to sell their bananas only to Chiquita.

As part of a plea agreement the company paid a $25 million fine for paying AUC.

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Student committee lends voices

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

The Student Advisory Committee is comprised of 15 to 20 student leaders who discuss campus issues.

Administration and faculty come to SAC for student opinion. Through SAC, they reach a broad range of organizations via their representatives and receive diverse viewpoints.

SAC enables the university to elicit student opinion in an easier manner than surveying all students.

The group's members know campus news before the general student body because faculty and administrators generally approach them about an issue before it reaches the rest of campus.

Panhellenic Coucil President Laura Peterson said SAC members knew about the University Hall cafeteria renovation plans before many other students.

"We get kept up to date on what's going on internally on campus," Peterson said.

SAC previously discussed topics such as the possibility of a new student center.

There are occasionally speakers who address specific topics with SAC. For example, a representative from the Smith Career Center talked about services the SCC has to offer.

Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports Mike Keup and Executive Director of Student Involvement Greg Killoran released the Markin Student Recreation Center floor plans to the committee.

Members represent organizations such as the Association of Residence Halls and Student Senate. Most are leaders of those organizations, but it's not a requirement.

Peterson has been part of SAC for one year.

"I like knowing what's going on [around] campus," she said. "I like being informed."

At the end of the meetings, each representative shares the projects his or her organization is working on and its upcoming events. Other representatives take that information back to their groups to increase awareness and attendance for campus events.

Associate Provost of Student Affairs Alan Galsky heads the meetings.

After Galsky leaves the meeting, he takes the student concerns and opinions to higher officials.

Senior public relations major Suzie Bilek is a Student Affairs intern. She reports to Galsky and completes projects for the department. She also attends SAC meetings every Wednesday.

"It's a way for representatives from all different aspects of campus life to get together and share ideas and opinions on campus issues," Bilek said.

She said student leaders attend SAC because they want to make a difference on campus.

"They know this is a group that can facilitate change across campus," Bilek said.

ARH sends students packing

BY AMANDA ASPAN
for the Scout

The Association of Residence Halls gave away a trip for two last weekend.

Physical therapy graduate student Abigail Walk and senior nursing major Joy Peralta won a trip to Denver during Suitcase Social on Friday when their names were drawn from a raffle in the Michel Student Center Ballroom.

The destination was kept secret until the winners were announced at the end of the event.

ARH members tried to make the atmosphere in the ballroom similar to that of an airport. Stations were set up according to common airport layouts.

ARH searched students' purses and checked their bags. Students entered in the raffle had to come with their luggage already packed in case their names were drawn.

McDonald's, Little Caesar's and Taco Bell provided food for the event.

Barbeque Kitten took the stage shortly after and performed for about 45 minutes.

ARH raffled off various prizes throughout the night, including the games Catch Phrase and Apples to Apples and DVD gift sets.

Backdrops were posted on one wall of different locations around the world, and people could take pictures in front them to make it appear they had traveled.

At the end of the night, Walk and Peralta won the trip to Colorado and went to O'Hare International Airport. They stayed in a hotel and flew to Denver the next morning.

The pair arrived in Denver around 10:30 a.m. and checked into the Red Lion Hotel. They enjoyed massages, shopping and eating on Saturday.

Suitcase Social winners Abigail Walk and Joy Peralta pose in Denver during their trip last weekend. *photo courtesy of Abigail Walk*

"ARH gave us a packet with tons of information in it," Walk said. "Everything was laid out for us."

The two visited Colorado Springs where they shopped, went sightseeing and looked at the Colorado landscape.

"Joy had a friend who goes to college in Colorado, so she picked us up and took us to Colorado Springs and we took the Greyhound [bus] back to Denver at night," Walk said.

The trip was all-expenses paid and the students received $250 in spending money.

ARH researched directions and coordinated transportation for them ahead of time.

Bradley to expand Internet space

BY BRENNA SCURLOCK AND EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Students who get frustrated over slow download and load times through Bradley's Internet may experience some relief next semester through upgraded Internet service.

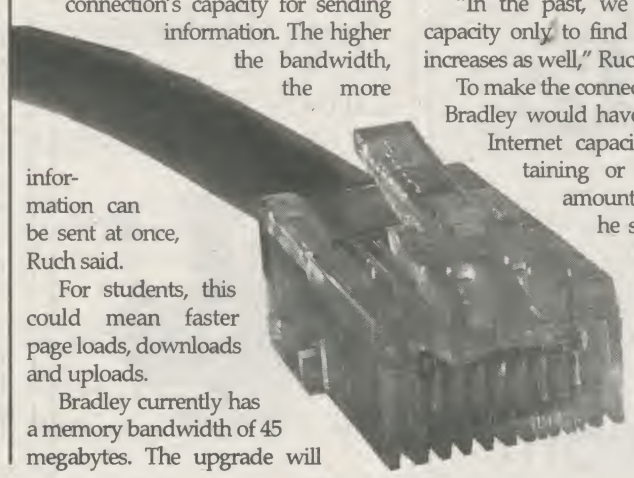
The upgraded service will increase Internet connection capacity and, ideally, make the connection seem faster, said Associate Provost for Information Resources and Technology Chuck Ruch.

"What we are doing is taking advantage of a new technology," Ruch said.

The new service is offered through AT&T and is in use at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

"As soon as we heard about it at U of I, we decided that that's what we need here," Ruch said.

Upgrading the service involves increasing bandwidth, which is a connection's capacity for sending information. The higher the bandwidth, the more information can be sent at once, Ruch said.



For students, this could mean faster page loads, downloads and uploads.

Bradley currently has a memory bandwidth of 45 megabytes. The upgrade will increase bandwidth to 100 megabytes.

"Imagine our Internet connection as a pipe," Ruch said. "With this new technology, we are taking our pipe and making it bigger. With a bigger pipe, the amount of traffic over the connection can increase."

Senior mechanical engineering major Jason Smid said he has noticed Bradley's crowded Internet connection and thinks the change will speed things up considerably.

"It's difficult at times to do research because pages will take forever to load," he said. "And I use Napster – legally – to download music and sometimes it flat out won't work. I think a change like this could make things a lot faster."

However, popular file sharing programs such as LimeWire, KaZaA, BitTorrent and Napster take up considerable amounts of bandwidth and are usually what make the Internet connection seem slow, Ruch said.

"In the past, we have increased capacity only to find that file-sharing increases as well," Ruch said.

To make the connection seem faster, Bradley would have to increase the Internet capacity while maintaining or decreasing the amount of file sharing, he said. Sophomore English and Spanish major Abby Wilson said she's excited for the Internet to be faster, even if it isn't permanent.

"I think it's a great thing," she said. "A lot of times I'll be trying to hurry up and finish something before class and it's hard because the Internet will be really slow."

It's difficult to detect how many people are using peer-to-peer networks.

Some schools, such as Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, choose to ban them completely.

According to the school's Web site, "Unauthorized copying of files or passwords belonging to others or to the University may constitute plagiarism or theft. Accessing files without authorization is unethical, may be illegal, and may lead to sanctions."

Wilson said she thinks the megabyte upgrade is "a quick fix" to a bigger problem, and that it would make sense to enact such a policy.

"We have Ruckus and we get that for free. I don't understand why people are slowing the server down when they already have something [to obtain music]," she said.

Bradley has been in the process of purchasing the service since early summer, and Ruch said he had hoped it would be in use by the time school started this fall.

"We keep experiencing delays," he said. "At this point, I hope it will be here when students come back for second semester."

For Bradley to use the new service, AT&T has to upgrade the school's connection. The upgrade has been delayed several times, and Ruch said he couldn't say for sure when it will go into effect.

BU grad creates new site

ALEX GOLDBERG
for the Scout

A former Bradley student has launched a Web site designed to give prospective students extra information about their college dorms.

Michael Tasner graduated from Bradley in 2006 with a degree in business management and administration and recently started the site www.ratemycollegedorm.com. He has been working on the site for the last year and a half and it officially went live three months ago.

Tasner was a Students Admissions Representative at Bradley for three years and noticed prospective students and their parents always had the same basic questions about student housing, according to the site.

He said he designed the Web site to be the ultimate resource for information on dorm rooms.

The site has the same concept as www.ratemyprofessor.com except it's applied to dorm rooms. Students can anonymously rate their dorm rooms based on size, functionality, cleanliness and available facilities. They can also post whether the dorm is lofted, has air conditioning or is known for partying.

Tasner said usually universities "sugar coat" information about their student housing. As a STAR he said he wasn't allowed to show people the dorm rooms in Heitz Hall.

The site is designed to be a way for actual students to tell all and be brutally honest, Tasner said. Students can post pictures of their own dorm rooms.

Over 6,000 schools from eight different countries are registered on the site. But since the site is three months old, most of them don't have ratings posted yet.

"I guess the site has the potential to help incoming students, but there aren't any pictures on it yet," junior construction management major Brent Moore said. "If people don't post pictures, then I don't think the site will be that successful."

Senior journalism major Krystin Albro said she wishes she had seen a site like ratemycollegedorm.com when she was an incoming freshman.

"I lived in Geisert Hall when I first came to Bradley but I didn't like it very much at all," she said. "Once I had seen the other dorms I switched to Williams Hall which I liked a lot better. I wish I could have seen how great Williams was in the first place."

Bradley is the most rated school on the Web site with 11 different postings about its dorms.

According to these ratings, Heitz is Bradley's worst dorm with a 2.4 rating on the site's five-point scale. Geisert is ranked the best with a perfect 5.0 rating, and University Hall is in a close second with a 4.8. Every dorm on campus, excluding the Student Apartment Complex, was labeled as a "party dorm."

Tasner said he expects his site to attract big advertisers if students use it and fill it with information. He created the site with the intention of helping students but recently said all ad revenue will be donated to children's charities.

Event addresses health care crisis

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Business people, health officials, CEOs, faculty, students and community members gathered Wednesday in agreement on the importance of health care reform.

Professionals at the event "Health Care for All Americans: Building a Bipartisan Coalition for Real Change" said 47 million Americans, nine million of them children, don't have medical insurance.

Eighty percent of those people come from working families.

The event took place at the Peoria Civic Center. About 100 students signed up for the event, and more than 20 speakers addressed the grim reality of health care. All agreed bipartisan leadership and compromise is the only way to solve what many called "the health care crisis."

Many speakers cited public opinion polls with health care being America's gravest public policy concern.

The symposium allowed speakers to frame the issue and their solutions in different ways.

Bradley President Joanne Glasser said everyone has a stake in the process of reform.

She said health care reform is a complex, sensitive and controversial issue.

Glasser said symposium attendees must be reform leaders, and this includes students.

Brad McMillan, executive director of the Institute for Principled Leadership, said many coastal think tanks are extremely liberal or conservative, and the Midwest should be different.

"I think it's time that we have a Midwestern think tank that's based on bipartisanship, common sense, collaboration [and] getting political parties to work together instead of fighting all the time," he said.

College Democrats President Josh Cox spoke about the importance of respecting fellow politicians, no matter their party affiliations.

"I hope my generation will realize that … we do not have to end up like the current elected officials that we have," Cox said.

He said even if parties don't agree on social issues, they should respect each other and work toward common economic goals.

Representatives of presidential candidates Barack Obama and Mitt Romney outlined the candidates' respective health care plans.

Dr. Gail Rosseau, director of surgery at the Chicago Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroresearch, represented Obama.

"It is vitally important that those of us who are stakeholders and who are in the middle … find time to take out of our college life, our medical life, our business life and make sure our principal leaders hear what we want and how we want to go about achieving it," Rosseau said.

She said Obama's reform plan mandates all children have medical coverage, creates portable health care and simplifies paperwork.

Sally Canfield, public policy director for Romney, highlighted his reform plan. She drew similarities between Romney's reform implementation in Massachusetts with what could happen nationally.

Romney's plan, "the federalist approach," calls for reform across all 50 states, each having its own policies.

"The 'one size fits all' national health insurance system is bound to fail – mainly because we ignore those sharp differences [between states]," Canfield said.

She said states have different age and income cohorts, making it difficult to create equally effective policies in all states.

University President Joanne Glasser speaks at "Health Care For All Americans" event at the Peoria Civic Center ballroom Wednesday morning. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Jeff Tieman, executive director of Covering a Nation/Catholic Health Care Association, said the government's difficulty in passing the State Children's Health Insurance Program has made it difficult to create all-encompassing reform.

"If we can't agree on health care for poor children, it is kind of hard to imagine how we're going to agree on health care for every single person in the country," Tieman said.

Senior nursing major Abbey Nault said some of the speakers didn't make the most of their time.

"The eight hours that we're spending at this conference, I think we should spend doing work to build a bipartisan coalition for real change," she said. "I think it's great that we can talk about change, but I really don't see a lot of change because we're not out doing the change."

Health fee increase will pay for new psychologist

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

The Student Advisory Council recently voted to raise the health fee from $108 to $144 a year.

The increase in the health fee will give the University of Illinois physicians who work in the Health Center a raise and will provide enough money to hire another Ph.D or Master's level psychologist.

Director of Counseling Dr. Janine Donahue said she thinks hiring another psychologist will help students who need counseling services.

"Adding another mental health professional is important to provide services for students as the number of students seen for mental health reasons has increased since 2004," she said. "I also hope that potentially we can do more outreach to encourage students who are having symptoms to seek services and not suffer in silence."

Donahue also said the rising number of students seeking mental health care is a national trend on college campuses.

Mental Health Clinician at Methodist Medical Center Don Dungan said college students seek care from mental health professionals because the significant changes they experience when they transition into college life.

"What's going on with college students has to do with life changing situations," he said. "They are put into situations where they need to become independent. There are new living situations, both of which call for the need to adjust."

Dungan also said students have to find people to talk to.

"[Students] don't have the same safety nets, they don't have their family and friends right there to help," he said. "Change in general is just stressful."

Dungan said he thinks because students lack that safety net, they need to be aware of the help available.

"It's important [to students] to have known access to having someone to talk to because they aren't at home," he said. "It's mainly just a question of advertising to students as to what help is available to them, either on campus or at area hospitals."

Freshman photography major Dana Mashek said she thinks the extra money could be better spent elsewhere.

"The health fee raise shouldn't be spent on a new psychologist," she said. "They should spend the money in a way that would benefit physical health rather than mental health."

However, freshman graphic design major Brent Taylor said the money is being spent in an appropriate way.

"I think mental health is just as important as any other health condition," he said. "The fee isn't being increased that much and it will actually help students."

The Health Center originally requested only enough to raise the pay of the University of Illinois doctors and cover the overall increase in health care costs, but pointed out that for approximately eight dollars more another counselor could be hired.

The University of Illinois doctors hadn't received a pay raise in 10 years.

Correction

The Nov. 2 issue of the Scout contained errors about graduation requirements.

The highest amount of credit hours needed to graduate with one major is 136 hours. To receive a teaching certificate in addition to a degree requires, students must have about 142-145 hours.

According to University Registrar Kathie Beaty, 86 percent of freshmen are enrolled in 14 or more credit hours.

The Scout regrets these errors.

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Students donate food, time during holiday season

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

Students are finding ways to welcome the holiday season and help others.

One of the largest philanthropies on campus is the Association of Residence Halls' food drive.

ARH Campus Outreach Chair Erica Hammock said the food drive is a significant event.

"It is so important to help the needy, especially during the holiday season," she said.

Although there was no goal set for this year's drive, floors in each dorm competed with one another.

All donated food and toiletry items from the drive, which took place this week, will go to the Peoria Food Bank. The bank supplies food to low income families in nine area counties.

"It's more of a pride thing than an actual prize," ARH President Louise Osborn said. "Trophies are awarded to the floor with the most points, as well as the dorm with the most points. But really people should donate just because it is good to help the less fortunate."

Floors from campus dorms are competing to see which floor can collect the most canned goods for the Association of Residence Halls' food drive.

Floors accumulated points by placing items in boxes placed outside resident advisers' doors.

"Items in high demand by the food pantry are worth more points than something easy and cheap like Ramen [noodles]," Osborn said.

Proteins like peanut butter and canned ham were worth the most, along with toiletries such as toothpaste and tissues. Dried food and canned soup were worth fewer points.

Harper Hall resident adviser Heather Danko said her floor will participate in more than just the food drive this year.

"This holiday season, we're looking to help out the less fortunate in any way that we can," she said.

Danko said her floor will find other ways besides the food drive to be charitable this holiday season.

"We are having a clothes drive to benefit the needy during the winter months," she said.

Danko is sponsoring a floor program where her residents will make cards to be donated to a Peoria area retirement home.

"We do a lot of floor programs that are just fun for us," she said. "It's nice to do something that gives back to the community."

Program Coordinator of Volunteer Network Janelle Crawford said she's also doing her part this holiday season to help those less fortunate than herself.

"Volunteer Network has already helped Children's Hospital host a Halloween party, and soon we are going to visit Riverdale, a local elderly home," she said.

Volunteer Network is also hosting a canned food drive.

"Thanksgiving is always a big time to donate to the needy, so we are trying to do our part with our food drive," Crawford said. "That is what Volunteer Network is all about helping people so we do whatever we can to make peoples' lives easier during the holidays."

Winners for the ARH food drive will be announced next week, and the winning floor and dorm will be presented with trophies to be displayed in their lobbies.

University drafts new absence policy aimed at athletics

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

A collaboration between the Braves Council and the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee resulted in a new absence policy draft.

Braves Council President Rikki Sobel said the new policy took about a year to draft and aims to prevent any discrepancies between professors and students missing class due to university-related activities.

"Right now we don't have anything in writing that specifically states an absence policy," Sobel said. "I know in the athletic department, we obviously are missing classes for university-sponsored events and there needs to be a universal policy that teachers follow so we aren't penalized for representing Bradley."

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee chair Mitch Griffin said the new policy draft will help standardize and formalize attendance procedures.

"We want students to have a broad-based experience here, both inside and outside of class," he said.

Sobel said while two athletic committees drafted the policy, it extends to students missing class for religious reasons and legal obligations like jury duty, among others.

The policy draft states students are responsible for notifying faculty of their absences prior to the missed classes if possible, and a notification of at least one week prior is required for university-sanctioned activities, legal obligations, religious reasons and military duties.

"It extends to everyone, whether students are representing Bradley at a speech competition or an athletic event or in the band," Sobel said.

The policy also states while students are responsible for making up any missed work, faculty are expected to provide adequate makeup work so students aren't penalized as a result of their absences.

If a student misses a situation in which makeup work can't be provided, such as an in-class presentation or attendance at an event, the professor *would be required to* provide an "academically equitable alternative."

"Most professors already make adequate opportunities for students to make up work," Sobel said. "This is for a select few professors that maybe don't understand why students are missing class even when they're university-sponsored events."

Griffin said he isn't sure what will come of the policy draft because right now it's only a proposal.

"It would need to be approved by Senate. There are multiple steps," he said. "Right now we're just trying to share [the idea] and get feedback and input from those who support it and those who don't."

Sophomore women's volleyball team member Amy Reichel said she usually misses Friday classes every other week because of her team's schedule.

She said she tries to plan her class schedule around her games, and teachers are usually accommodating.

"All my teachers understand," she said. "We know dates [of games] at the beginning of the year and we tell our teachers."

Reichel said she has no problem making up assignments in missed classes.

"If I'm missing an assignment or a test I just make it up," she said. "I either hand in the assignment before I leave or when I get back. I actually just missed my first test and I took it before I left."

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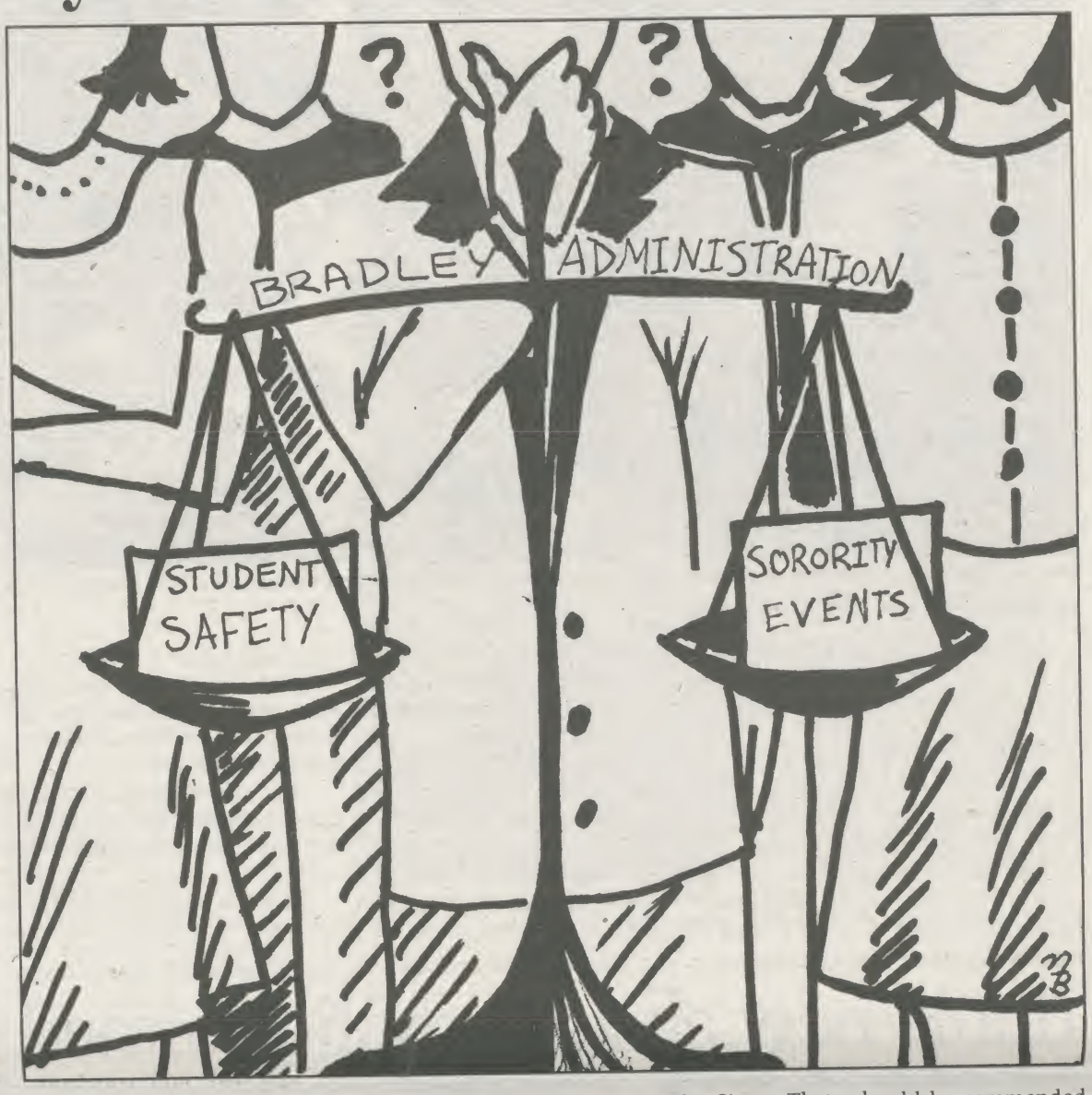

A fight among about 50 Peoria juveniles – one police expected – erupted outside Robertson Memorial Field House after a Bradley sorority event Friday night.

A Delta Sigma Theta member said no women in the sorority were directly involved in the fight, but it still brought violence to campus. And it wasn't the first time.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said he tipped Peoria Police about the possibility of a fight after the sorority's talent show because a similar brawl erupted after one of the sorority's events last April.

While Delta Sigma Theta is trying to help get black youth from around Peoria interested and involved in the community, the effort is clearly not working as planned. The sorority shouldn't be allowed to host any more events on campus involving the same group of juveniles.

Baer said the Friday night fight likely happened because one group lost the talent show and another group wanted to win a different way – by fighting.

The fight got so out of control that police shot pepper balls into the crowd multiple times and had to physically pull people apart. Once the crowd broke up, the fighters continued to yell threats at each other down Main Street.

If the brawl had been an isolated incident, it would be easy to forgive and forget. Fights happen among all ages and races across the country. People aren't always going to get along. That's a given.

But when two fights involving the same sorority event happen in back-to-back semesters, why are university officials even giving the sorority the option of hosting similar events in the future?

These officials need to keep Bradley students safe, including the women of Delta Sigma Theta. The first news stories released by media after Friday night's brawl said gunshots were fired. While these rumors were later retracted, the possibility of future gun violence isn't improbable.

If Peoria youth have brawled on Bradley's campus twice and haven't been able to appease themselves with fist fights and shoving matches, maybe they will resort to more forceful violence next time – such as guns or knives. But university officials shouldn't let there be a next time.

While it's not definite that fights would occur at future events, Bradley officials shouldn't take the chance (again), and the University Police shouldn't have to spend four hours of their Friday nights watching over the event (again).

Delta Sigma Theta should be commended for trying to get youth to come together for a positive event, but risking their safety, the juveniles' safety and Bradley students' safety isn't worth it.

University officials have been in meetings with sorority members this week to decide if Delta Sigma Theta should host similar on-campus events in the future. But the decision – if they've reached one – hasn't been announced. If safety and Bradley's reputation is at all in consideration, it should be an easy one to make.

Letters to the Editor

Students should show respect in library

As a sociology major, I'm well versed in the concept of social norms. These norms, in regards to gender roles, are often biased and unjust, but in terms of what is acceptable in settings such as the library exist for a reason.

During my freshman year I learned that it's quite common and accepted to speak on the first floor of the library, probably because it's frequented by study groups and is the busiest of the floors.

However, the basement and second floor should follow the rule of thumb for libraries: be quiet. Apparently, here at Bradley that's not the case.

I'm most productive on the second floor near the magazine area. Apparently, in this area, and among other areas of the second floor, students forget their elementary-educated social rules and completely disregard them by talking on cell phones – without even using their "inside voices – playing music without personal headsets, laughing loudly and even holding conversations that are not even academically related.

When did this become okay? The library isn't supposed to reflect the atmosphere of a freshman dorm on a weekend – loud and chaotic. Do we have to resort to library monitors for college-aged students whom should have the common courtesy to be respectful of others?

With finals approaching, I hope those guilty of this take note and try to at least start to use their "library voices." Until then I will control the urge to scream at the top of my lungs at this, which would definitely go against the idea of quietness in the library.

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Writers shouldn't ruin movie plots

The review for "The Darjeeling Limited" in the Nov. 9 issue baffled me.

Understandably, Wes Anderson's films take a certain sort of individual to appreciate them, but if you ruin the film before anyone goes to see it, of course they're going to be biased.

As a beautiful piece of work, I feel "Darjeeling" was, and is, completely misunderstood. Perhaps because it goes beyond the level of ignorance that our society has descended to, possibly because people feel they would rather spend $8 on a movie such as "Saw IV" than be culturally stimulated.

I find it hilarious that you reference two people walking out of "Kill Bill" in comparison to the couple that walked out of "Darjeeling." I mean, these movies are both t-o-t-a-l-l-y on the same level of sophistication. Totally.

But I think the thing that burns me the most from the article is the fact that the writer obviously cared little about ruining the plot line for everyone, because your jaded opinion outweighs the Bradley students left that haven't seen it.

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Student Activities Budget Review Committee

Committee does best it can with budget

The Student Activities Budget Review Committee, which allocates money for different organizations' programs, faces a challenge each year: there's never enough money for the programs requested.

Of the nearly $180,000 in proposals this semester, we weren't able to fund almost $100,000 of requests. The budget is comprised of the $35 activity fee students pay each every semester.

The last program the committee has to cut is always the hardest and most debated. A unique challenge faced by SABRC members, aside from grasping complicated acronyms, is the dilemma between funding an expensive but continually successful program or a number of smaller programs with lower attendance and more niche appeal.

Each program has its merits, so our objective is to provide the best balance in programming for the funds available.

This budget is made over one weekend each semester. Organizations present their proposals on Friday of the funding weekend, and on Saturday the proposals are discussed and voted on according to the SABRC bylaws.

The committee doesn't adjourn until the budget is complete, then Student Senate gives final approval. This past weekend the committee met to develop the student activities budget for spring 2008.

So what does this $80,000 get you? Next semester that money will support over 40 different programs from nearly as many organizations. Some programs will draw few students, others will bring hundreds. The money will also go toward club sports' participation in tournaments and purchasing needed equipment.

Countless other students will participate in activities not funded by SABRC. However, many more programs and events will never make it further than being ideas. Good ideas and opportunities for student growth will wane because the money or support isn't available.

Many students - myself included - wish there was "better" programming at Bradley. If asked to create any activity for our fellow students, I think each one of us would come up with something different (excluding a show by Dane Cook because I'm pretty sure everyone would finally stop talking about that time Bill Cosby came).

Realistically, we're not going to bring in big acts like University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign or Illinois State University does. We don't have the numbers, and as a result, the money. I was sad about that realization for about 10 minutes, then I remembered why I chose to attend Bradley in the first place.

We will always have higher priorities than seeing an unheard-of Activities Council performer or visiting a program sponsored by an organization we're not a member of. If you were to read all the fliers around campus, I'm sure nine times out of 10 you wouldn't be sold on attending the event. No poster can do any event justice. I've found organizations that ask for money - or even bother advertising a meeting - do so because they provide something unique.

And even though we don't see A-list celebrities, ACBU does a great job of choosing the best programming for the money. Ever since joining SABRC, the concept of the "Bradley bubble" has totally escaped me. There's so much variety in programming that I wish I wasn't here for a degree.

A lot of programs are listed on the calendar at MyBU, and you have to try pretty hard to miss something on Facebook. The Student Activities office now sends monthly e-mails, or you can visit the office's Web site at www.bradley.edu/sao.

I encourage you to see what Bradley has to offer. Go to the programs you're not required to – you won't regret it – I'd bet $35 on it.

Any program open to all Bradley students is eligible for SABRC funding. Details are available at www.bradley.edu/campusorg/sabrc/.

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Lili Babic
Help, Empower and Teach

HIV/AIDS affects college students too

For a majority of us here at Bradley, we have grown up hearing about STDs (now STIs) and HIV/AIDS. Since the identification of HIV in the United States in the early 1980s, the Center for Disease Control, among other organizations, has worked towards identifying, treating and preventing the epidemic.

The CDC estimates about one million people in the United States live with HIV/AIDS, and 25 percent of these people don't know they're infected. This could result in a person unknowingly transmitting the disease.

Wait a minute. Why should we care? Things like that don't happen to college students. We're too young to contract HIV/AIDS. The disease is only a problem in Africa. Only gay men and drug users contract the virus. College students don't get HIV/AIDS.

But the statistics suggest otherwise. According to 2005 CDC data, about 28,675 people ages 20 to 24 live with HIV/AIDS. It's also estimated that at least half of all new HIV infections in the United States are among people under the age of 25.

But students should know HIV isn't the same as AIDS. If someone tests positive for HIV, it doesn't mean they have AIDS, but HIV will eventually progress to AIDS.

HIV causes a person's immune system to become weaker and over time, the virus destroys the immune system, resulting in full-blown AIDS.

With a weakened immune system, other viruses and bacteria cause a person with HIV/AIDS to become very ill, as his or her body doesn't have the ability to fight off infection.

Although HIV/AIDS isn't as prevalent on college campuses as other STIs (chlamydia, genital herpes and genital warts), contracting the virus is still a risk. Since HIV is a virus, there's no vaccine or cure for HIV/AIDS. There is treatment, however, after one has tested positive for HIV.

HIV/AIDS can be transmitted through four ways – blood, semen, vaginal fluid and breast milk. The disease can't be transmitted through saliva, tears or sweat and also can't be transmitted through casual contact like hand holding, hugging or sharing a toilet seat.

As college students, the majority of people our age that contract HIV/AIDS (and other STIs) contract the virus through sexual contact. The only 100 percent way to protect yourself from contracting HIV/AIDS and other STIs (through sexual contact) is to abstain from sexual contact.

However, using male latex condoms (or polyurethane) and dental dams correctly significantly reduces your risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and STIs.

Also, the risk of contracting diseases is why it's important to get tested every six months if you're sexually active.

You can even get tested here on campus for free at the Health Center, which tests for HIV/AIDS, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, human papilloma virus and a visual check for genital herpes and genital warts.

Why talk about this now? Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day, a day dedicated to HIV/AIDS awareness.

This year's theme is "Stop AIDS: Keep the Promise – Leadership." This campaign is to encourage not only government officials, but also you as an individual, to promote awareness of HIV/AIDS and encourage prevention.

Take the time to think about the estimated 38.6 million people worldwide living with HIV/AIDS and the estimated 29,000 people our age with the disease are living in the United States.

Visit Help, Empower and Teach's World AIDS Day info tables from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 28 and 29 in the Michel Student Center for more information about HIV/AIDS.

Please consider getting tested, and of course, don't forget to wear your red ribbon.

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Financial aid, illegal downloading don't mix

I, along with many other Bradley students, pay for college partly through loans from the government. Every year, I fill out my FAFSA, and every year, they give me a little chunk of money.

The only thing that really jeopardizes my eligibility for loans is my own ability to pay for school. That makes sense, right?

Here's something that doesn't – losing my financial aid because students at my school download music illegally.

That's what could happen if Congress passes the new education bill that was introduced last week.

The College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007 is designed to increase financial aid and lower costs for students.

But the bill has a threatening little stipulation tacked on – schools must adequately inform students about the illegality and consequences of file sharing with university Internet or they lose their eligibility for the bill's benefits.

The bill doesn't target individual students who get a little download-crazy. It would punish entire student bodies, including students who don't share files – even students who don't own computers.

Reaction to the bill has been strong. The presidents of Stanford and Penn State, along with the vice president of Yale and the chancellor of the University System of Maryland wrote an open letter to the bill's main sponsor, Congressman George Miller.

Their letter states the obvious: a bill concerning financial aid for colleges shouldn't be used as a tool for the entertainment industry's crusade against file sharing.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported the Motion Picture Association of America has lobbied Congress to take action against campus piracy and is pleased with the bill's provisions.

In their letter, the higher education personnel included a two-page list of actions taken to address illegal campus file sharing, all led by the Joint Committee of the Higher Education and Entertainment Communities.

The Joint Committee was formed in 2002 specifically to address illegal campus file sharing and, according to the letter, is "fully committed to working aggressively toward this end."

If there's already a group taking action and even planning to step up its efforts, why do the MPAA and Recording Industry Association of America need to sneak into our higher education bill?

Even more troubling are the points mentioned in a call to action against the bill released by Mark Luker, the vice president of EDUCAUSE, a non-profit organization that promotes the intelligent use of information technology and is also a key force in the Joint Committee.

Luker's talking points addressed the bill's suggestion that campuses subscribe to legal downloading services like Napster or Ruckus.

Taken across all campuses, he said, these subscriptions could transfer over $400 million annually from colleges to the entertainment industry.

Luker also pointed out that file sharing on college campuses accounts for only a fraction of the entertainment industry's losses. The majority of Internet piracy takes place off university networks, he said.

Clearly, there are other pirates out there besides the college kids. If this is true, how is it fair to single out higher education in the battle against illegal file sharing?

When I spoke with Associate Provost of Information Resources Technology Chuck Ruch, he made it clear that file sharing by college students is frustrating not only for the entertainment industry but for universities as well.

Peer to Peer, or P2P file sharing, clogs up network connections and can make the Internet appear slow.

Bradley addressed the problem with last year's introduction of Ruckus, and is in the process of increasing the school's Internet connection capacity.

Bradley is proof that colleges have been making changes and don't need additional pressure, especially in the area of funding.

Let the MPAA and the RIAA continue their noble quest to eliminate free music and movies, but keep them out of our financial aid offices.

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Common Ground creates quilt for AIDS awareness

BY NAFIA KHAN
for the Scout

Karla Creuziger said she knows a lot of stereotypes about AIDS.

"It's been stigmatized as a gay disease," Creuziger, the president of Common Ground, said. "In reality, AIDS is something everyone should be concerned about."

She said Common Ground is creating a quilt modeled after one made in 1987 as memorial for those have passed away from the disease.

Any organization, student or faculty member may decorate a patch for $20 to be sewn to the quilt.

The completed quilt will be displayed from noon to 8 p.m. Dec. 12 in the Michel Student Center atrium. Common Ground will also provide free, confidential HIV testing for anyone who wants to get tested at that time.

More than one million people live with AIDS in the United States, according to www.avert.org, and Creuziger said she thinks getting tested is important for stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS.

"There are so many people walking around that are HIV positive," she said. "Most people who have it don't show symptoms for a long time."

Creuziger helps out at the Heart of Illinois HIV/AIDS Center. She said it's an eye-opening experience.

"I got to see how AIDS affects people not just at a national level, but also a local level," she said. "Within the past few weeks, the caseworkers' loads have raised dramatically, especially those with children."

Lauren Teune, vice president of Common Ground, said she thinks the quilt is a step in the right direction for Bradley.

"It's showing that AIDS is a social issue," she said. "The best way to educate the campus is to team up and recognize that AIDS is everyone's business."

Jenny Stirlen, senior political science, psychology and sociology major, is also involved with Common Ground. She said she thinks the AIDS quilt sends an important message to people.

"It's not just a minority disease," she said. "It's an all-person disease."

Organizations can make a patch for the quilt from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesdays in the student center through Nov. 30.

All the proceeds from the quilt will be given to the Central Illinois FRIENDS of People with AIDS to help fund education and programming for the community.

The quilt will be displayed in the Garrett Center after Dec. 12.

The original quilt was constructed in 1987 as a memorial for people who have passed away from AIDS.
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Bradley cracks down on university van usage

BY JIM FERRUZZA
for the Scout

University van policy enforcement will increase because of abuse of the existing policy.

The Facilities Department recently decided to make university van usage more strict by not allowing university personnel to travel further than 300 miles and not allowing student organizations to travel more than 70 miles.

"We haven't changed anything, we just started quizzing them more," Facilities Department General Services Supervisor Gloria Arrington said. "We just didn't ask enough questions, so we started asking better questions."

The Facilities Department has eight vans available for official use.

The vans are booked in advance because of the large requests the department receives.

Administrative Support to the Department of Education Leadership and Human Development Terri Preston said her department uses the vans for conferences.

"We were going to take a group to a professional conference," she said. "We had done it many times before, going to Chicago and back with no problems. But we had to attend a conference in Detroit. We found out that was way beyond their limit."

However, Preston was able to arrange other transportation.

"We rented cars and drove there," she said. "We had never asked to go out of state before. Now we know."

Administrative Support for the Sociology and Social work Department Yolanda Pennock said to use the vans, organizations need to fill out a form and after it's approved, it's good for the semester.

She said her department will use the vans a couple times a year.

"I request the vans, and other people drive them." she said. "I know that they have to have proof of who they are. We also have to list the pick-up and drop-off times and destination for approval."

Arrington said while the van usage policy hasn't changed, her department's enforcement has changed. She said departments weren't trying to misuse vans or circumvent the policy intentionally.

"If they didn't tell us, then we didn't realize what they were doing," she said.

For insurance reasons, the rear seats of all eight of the university's 15-passenger vans were removed, allowing only 11 passengers per van.

Use of university vans will soon be regulated more closely than before.
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Students can 'Speak Up!' at event

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Students who have complaints about the library, are wondering about food quality or have any other suggestions for Bradley will have a chance to have make their voices heard at Student Senate's annual Speak Up!

University President Joanne Glasser, Student Body President Jordan Ticaric and other members of Senate will be ready to answer questions and address complaints at the Nov. 27 event.

"The main goal of Speak Up! is to create a pleasant environment for the students and administration to directly communicate about the pressing issues on Bradley's campus," Senate Student Relations Chairperson Nick Rizzo said. "In this way, Student Senate can facilitate productive discussion and help address concerns that the student body has."

Complaints from students at last year's event caused many administrators to feel as though they had a target on their backs, Rizzo said. But he said it wasn't intentional.

"Our chief goal is to create an environment in which both parties feel comfortable in sharing their thoughts and concerns to better the university as a whole," he said.

Amidst the complaints, last year's event also produced results that students will soon see on campus.

Bradley's $4 million lighting plan, which will put 300 more light poles around campus and include higher quality lights, stemmed from complaints at last year's event.

Rizzo said Senate is expecting most complaints this year to come from unsatisfied stomachs.

"Whether it's the line at Geisert, the quality of food in the cafeterias or the price of food on campus, Student Senate is expecting some discussion regarding on-campus dining," he said.

The event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Michel Student Center Ballroom.

Those unable to attend the event have other alternatives to have their voices heard.

"If students are unable to attend they should notify the senator of their constituency of their concerns, write or e-mail senate or simply come to Student Senate's general assembly held every Monday 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Garrett Center," Rizzo said.

Retreat builds leadership skills

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Students hoping to build their leadership skills can attend TEAM Bradley, a leadership conference and weekend-long retreat on Jan. 25 and 26.

The program is sponsored by Leaders Instilling kNowledge through Cooperative Service, a leadership group comprised of only seniors. It will provide an opportunity for student leaders to interact, build relationships and share ideas.

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Senior electronic media major Joey Ortega said LINCS is developing different activities for retreat-goers to participate in.

The topics the retreat will cover include learning about different leadership styles, effective membership in groups, values and ethics, conflict resolution and networking.

Ortega said he thinks the networking workshop will be interesting because peers will discuss networking in their own experiences.

"Students can go to the Smith Career Center, but with this we're seeing it from other students' perspectives," he said. "Many of us have had jobs and internships now and we can talk about networking from our own experiences."

LINCS members implemented a structure for the retreat consisting of three different tracks Ortega said.

Freshmen and sophomores moving into leadership positions or hoping to learn more about leadership skills take a beginner's track.

Seniors looking to learn how to apply their leadership experiences to real-world situations can take an advanced track, and those who are current leaders wanting to expand their skills can participate in a middle track.

Ortega said he hopes this year's retreat will meet and succeed the standards past groups have set.

LINCS approached student groups on campus asking if they could refer people who have leadership potential.

The workshop is meant to develop leadership skills and assist student leaders in implementing ideas, but Ortega said students interested in getting to know student leaders on campus could apply for the retreat.

Senior public relations major Suzie Bilek said the retreat is beneficial to all students.

"It's about continual learning," she said. "We come into these leadership positions and people expect us to know all the answers. With [TEAM Bradley], you can further develop yourself as a person and make your group better."

She also said TEAM Bradley is open to students wanting to learn new and beneficial leadership skills.

Junior international studies and Spanish major Emily Stuba attended TEAM Bradley last year and said she decided to go because it sounded interesting.

"I heard a lot of good things about it in the past," she said. "[LINCS] had a lot of great speakers and activities lined up and I liked the flexibility of the three different tracks."

Stuba said she thought the retreat gave her new information about leadership, which is why she enjoyed herself.

"I really liked the retreat aspect of it," she said. "You kind of immerse yourself in it and you get energized."

Last year about 50 students attended TEAM Bradley, Ortega said, which was a higher number than in the past. Last year was the first year the retreat took place at a hotel rather than an outdoors area.

This year's location is to be announced but will take place in a hotel.

The weekend retreat costs $60 and includes a night in a hotel, meals and workshop costs. Applications are available in Sisson 141 and are due by Nov. 30.

FLU SHOT
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He said there's no way a person can get the flu from receiving a shot, but that's one of the reasons people may not get them. Although there are many flu strains, the shot is created to protect against the season's dominant one, Lofgren said.

Sophomore public relations major Marie Hoffman said she still got sick after getting the shot.

"I don't know if I'd get sick again, but I'm not willing to waste the money to try," she said.

However, Bostwick said the shot is 80 percent effective in protecting people from the flu.

"The flu shot exposes your body to the virus proteins to give it a head start," Bostwick said.

Lofgren said many people may mistake indigestion for the flu.

"Influenza is a respiratory disease that affects your lungs, affects your breathing," he said. "It could affect you pretty seriously."

Staying hydrated, getting eight hours of sleep a night and not sharing cups with others are good ways to avoid the flu.

"Hand washing – it's one of those things that mommy told you and you learned in kindergarten," Lofgren said. "But the kindergarten teacher and mommy were right. Wash your hands."

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in helping a student determine whether to return," Richmond said. "The department provides programs and assistance in achieving excellence, and if a student doesn't take advantage of them or know about them, it can affect them negatively."

Freshman special education major Ellen Bender said the faculty and academic opportunities influenced her to remain at Bradley after Fall Break.

"The professors' commitment to the students and their personnel success in class has made a huge difference for me," she said. "My classes have allowed me to be active in a real classroom as early as my first semester. And that doesn't always happen at other universities, so that has influenced my decision to stay here."

Junior French and business management and administration major Lisa Sireci said she thinks freshmen students stay at Bradley because the classes involve and encourage communication between professors and students.

"I love how the community related well to my high school experience with classes," she said. "I had started to settle into organizations I had joined, and I knew that choosing Bradley was the right choice for me."

Though she said her academic experience her freshman year was influential, she said many freshman don't have as beneficial an experience.

"Many freshman change their major and realize that Bradley isn't the best in what they now want to do or do not offer what they're now looking for," Sireci said. "Also, I'm sure a small proportion of students return home to keep the comfort and security that they crave and know it provides."

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PEACE CORPS
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culture," O'Rourke said.

Before he was sworn in as a volunteer on Nov. 18, 2005, O'Rourke lived with a Moldovan family for 10 weeks.

"I lived in a very poor village," O'Rourke said. "On the books we said our village had 2,000 people living in it, but because a majority of the Moldovan population is working illegally in other countries, we usually only had 1,500 or so at any time."

O'Rourke said the host family he lived with for two years was perfect for his experience.

"They took me in as their own son and treated me just as well," he said.

O'Rourke said a high number of Moldovans are illegally smuggled into other countries for work.

"My host sister actually took the gamble and paid 500 euros to be smuggled illegally into Italy," he said. "Today, she works as a nanny for an Italian family."

According to O'Rourke's U.S. Government Description of Service report, while in Moldova, O'Rourke partnered with the mayor's office "through grant writing, program initiation, project implementation, youth after-school programs and computer lessons."

With these grants, O'Rourke was able to implement projects including the renovation of a kindergarten's roof, kitchen, eating area and new windows, doors and playground.

He also coached the Grozesti High School boys' basketball team, which placed fourth nationally in 2007. He taught English to students and organized a community English club.

But this wasn't the only high point of O'Rourke's journey.

"I had great opportunities to travel all throughout the area," he said.

He spent time visiting or traveling through Romania, Hungary, Austria, Prague, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Turkey, Ukraine, Russia, Transnistria, Morocco, Gibraltar and Spain.

O'Rourke said his travels helped him come to an important realization about being an American.

"I thoroughly enjoyed looking back on America from overseas through a different set of eyes, which have been forever changed by the events of my Peace Corps experience," he said. "You really come to appreciate your American passport when you are surrounded by people who, for the majority, do not even have passports to even try and leave their country."

O'Rourke said his Peace Corps experience is one he hopes others will "definitely consider during their lives."

He said the Peace Corps is important in today's world because of the effect it has on society.

"I am going to remain a big advocate of the Peace Corps," he said. "At a time when our current diplomacy is terribly misguided, to say the least, Peace Corps provides motivated young American men and women to go to countries with great needs."

O'Rourke, who recently returned from his volunteer service in Moldova, said he has been able to reflect on the time he spent there.

"It might sound cheesy," he said, "But yes, I did join the Peace Corps to change the world. Maybe I myself haven't changed the world, but I have started a ripple that, along with the rest of the Peace Corps volunteer community serving all over the world, will eventually turn into a wave that will certainly make this world a better place."

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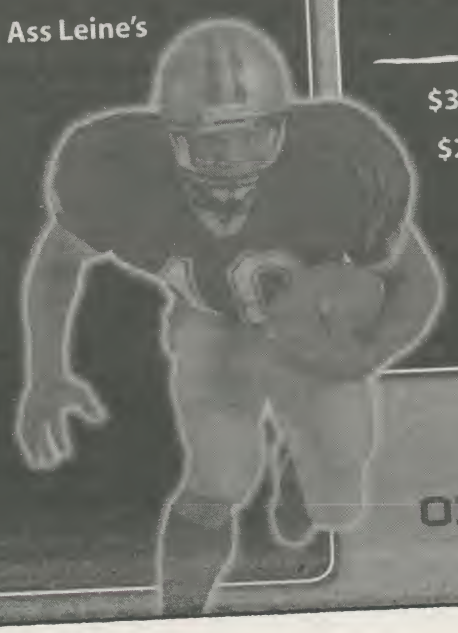

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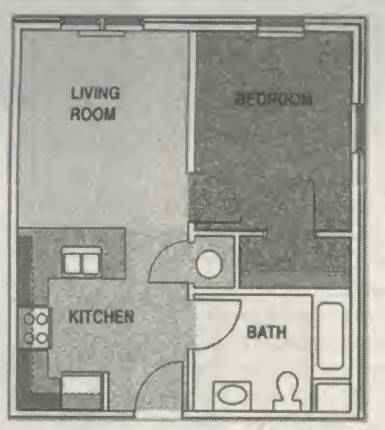

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Sophomore Chris Cutshaw steals the ball away from a Western Kentucky defender. Cutshaw scored his sixth goal of the season in Saturday night's game. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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Sophomore Chris Cutshaw added to Bradley's advantage with his sixth goal of the season in the 44th minute, and the Braves headed into halftime leading 3-1.

Bradley came out firing in the second half as well, getting five of its seven shots on goal, but only managed to net one additional goal in the final period.

Senior Drew DeGurian sent a cross from fellow senior Ken Hickman into the back of the net to seal the 4-1 victory for the Braves and ensure them a share of the Valley title.

DeGurian's goal was his team-leading seventh of the year.

The Braves return to action when they face Eastern Illinois this Friday in the semifinals of the MVC tournament in Omaha, Neb. Bradley earned the No. 1 seed in the tourney because it holds the tiebreaker over Creighton.

If the Braves hope to claim their first-ever MVC tournament title, they will have to overcome their struggles at Morrison Stadium, where they have never won. The Braves have an 0-11-2 all-time record at the stadium.

DeRose said playing at Creighton will be tough, especially if the Braves have to face the Bluejays, but he expects all the tournament games to be competitive

"It's at Creighton. They've lost one game this year so they're certainly the favorite," he said. "But the games have to be played, and I think every team has a good opportunity to get into the championship game. It's wide open."

The tournament got underway Wednesday night with opening round games pitting Evansville against Missouri State and Eastern Illinois against Drake.

Evansville advanced with a 4-3 win, while Eastern Illinois also moved on with 1-0 shutout victory.

Both Bradley and Creighton recieved first-round byes for earning the top-two seeds in the tournament.

BASKETBALL

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seven rebounds to lead all players. He also recorded three steals.

"I was just scrapping, just hanging around and letting the big guys battle and getting the loose ones that pop out of there," he said. "There's no better fast break than when your point guard gets the rebound, and that's what I tried to do."

Bradley received an offensive spark in the second half on a pair of 3-pointers by junior Theron Wilson.

Coach Jim Les said he was pleased Wilson stepped up after passing up scoring chances earlier in the game.

"I've got a lot of confidence in Theron's shot and I think he does too. We were preaching patience, and there's a fine line between being patient and being aggressive," he said. "We continue to encourage him to take good shots in rhythm and with confidence and we'll live with the results."

UIC 84, Bradley 75

The Braves looked sluggish from the get go in Saturday night's game in Chicago.

The Flames used a pair of early runs to take a 27-12 lead midway through the first half.

Bradley, which was one of the nation's best 3-point shooting teams last year, got a taste of its own medicine in the half. UIC shot 4-for-5 from behind the arc to help build its lead.

Meanwhile, the Braves struggled from long range, hitting just 3-of-12 in the half and 8-for-28 overall.

After struggling offensively for much of the first half, Bradley finally appeared to find a rhythm in the closing minutes, using an 18-5 run to close the gap to 34-32 at halftime.

The Braves couldn't keep that momentum going in the second half however, as the Flames quickly built their lead back to 12 points and maintained that lead into the final five minutes of play.

Daniel Ruffin

Sam Singh

The Braves made one last push late in the game, but it wasn't enough as they fell to the Flames 84-75.

UIC's Josh Mayo proved to be the star of the game, finishing with a game-high 34 points.

For the Braves, Ruffin recorded a double-double, but had a difficult game overall. He finished with 14 points and a career-high 14 assists, but also turned the ball over seven times and shot just 4-for-15 from the field.

Les said Ruffin tried to force the action too much.

"What I love most about Daniel and what makes him so successful is his will to win and his competitiveness," he said. "I think to a degree, and he admitted it, that he tried to put too much on his shoulders."

Crouch led all Bradley scorers with 19 points. He was the only Braves' player to find a rhythm offensively, shooting 5-for-7 from 3-point land.

Junior center Sam Singh added a career-high 13 points off the bench for Bradley.

Senior Matt Salley struggled in the contest, going 0-for-5 from the floor. He fouled out in just 22 minutes of play and finished with zero points.

Les said the Flames came prepared to play, while the Braves did not.

"UIC was up and ready to play Bradley," he said. "They played a heck of a game and I think in part because of who they were playing."

The Braves return to action Sunday afternoon when they host Maryland-Eastern Shore as part of the opening round of the South Padre Island tournament.

Braves Briefs:

• The Braves announced Wednesday that they have recieved signed National Letters of Intent from two recruits. Eddren McCain and Chris Roberts will both attend Bradley to play basketball next fall.

• The Missouri Valley Conference announced Tuesday its plans to keep the MVC men's basketball tournament in St. Louis for the next four years. The league's agreement with the Scottrade Center also includes an option for two additional years.

Senior forward Matt Salley jumps for a layup during Wednesday night's game. *photo by Sam Lemanski*

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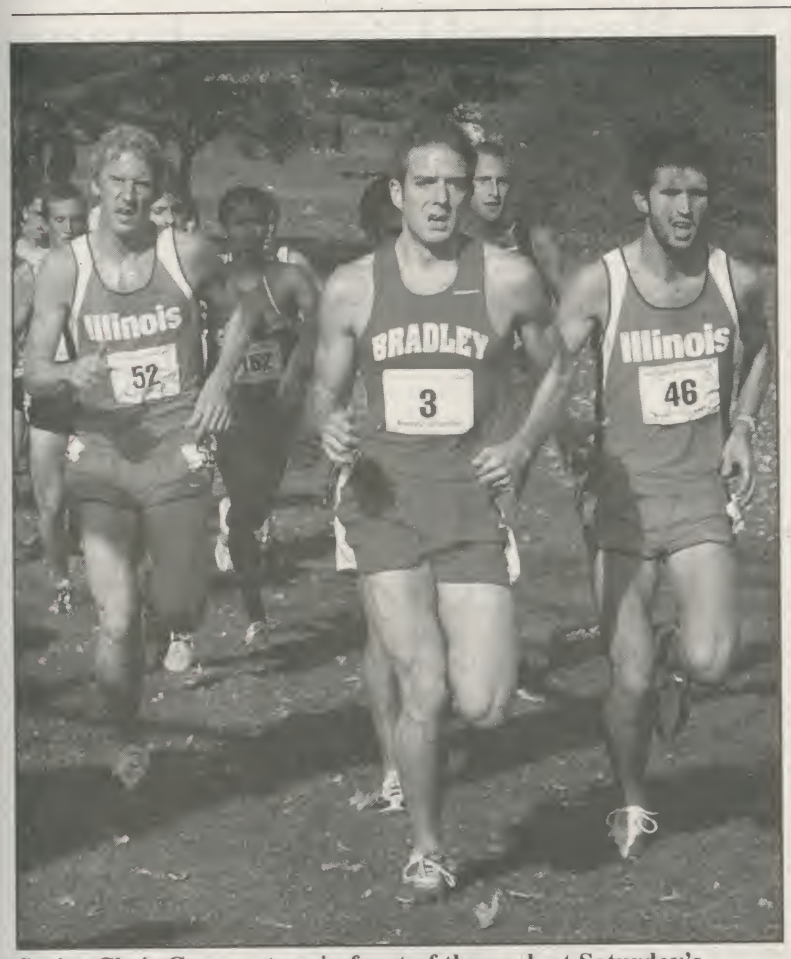

Senior Chris George stays in front of the pack at Saturday's NCAA Midwest Regional. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

The women's cross country team stays together during its race Saturday afternoon.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

Cross country teams wrap up seasons at Midwest Regional

BY CHRIS PENNANT
for the Scout

The cross country teams capped off their seasons this past weekend at the NCAA Midwest Regional, with the men's team finishing in 14th place and the women's team placing 21st.

Senior Chris George led the men with a personal record time of 31:52 in the 6K race, good enough for 58th place. Junior Katie Nowak paced the women with a 69th-place time of 21:56.

The Braves finished with 456 points to edge out Southeast Missouri State, Kansas State and Missouri Valley Conference rival Drake for 14th, while eventual regional champion Oklahoma State and runner-up Minnesota advanced to the NCAA Men's Cross Country Championship.

In the women's division, Minnesota placed first over Illinois, with those two teams going on to the NCAA Women's Cross Country Championship.

Rounding out the top Braves finishers were junior Nathan Ahart and senior Nathan Leech who clocked in with times of 32:20 and 32:28 for 77th and 88th places respectively.

Freshmen Mary Goldkamp and Marlana Haefelin came in 108th and 127th respectively, with times of 22:37 and 22:58 for the women's team.

The Braves' middle-of-the-pack finish could be seen as a disappointment for a team that started the season with two straight top-five finishes and a No. 15 ranking in the NCAA Midwest. However, Coach David Beauchem said he was happy with the way things played out last Saturday.

"The meet was a great end to our season," he said. "On the course I think both teams ran pretty close to their potential. We beat nearly every team we were capable of beating."

Overall, the season was a success for both the men and women. Leech and Nowak earned the Bradley Country Insurance and Financial Services Scholar-Athlete of the Week honors and Nowak was named to the MVC Cross Country Scholar-Athlete team.

Leech, George and fellow seniors Nick Palumbo and Shelby Lile will be depart at the end of the year.

"Every time we lose a senior, it takes a lot to replace them," Beauchem said. "The senior men have done so much for our program, both as individuals and a group. I am not sure how we will replace them."

Even with the key veteran losses for next year, Beauchem said he hopes to build from this year's successes.

"I think the biggest thing we need to build on is our expectation of success," he said. "The only way anyone is going to succeed in anything they do is to have that expectation of success and the belief in themselves to make it happen."

Bradley Braves Trivia

How many career wins does Bradley baseball coach Dewey Kalmer have?
a) 1006 b) 1428 c) 944 d) 754

Who led the Bradley men's basketball team in scoring last season?
a) Jeremy Crouch b) Daniel Ruffin c) Zach Andrews d) Both a and b

What sport was Caitlin Deeken originally recruited to play at Bradley?
a) Golf b) Cross Country c) Volleyball d) Basketball

What pick did Golden State use to draft Patrick O'Bryant in the 2006 NBA draft?
a) 10th b) 21st c) 9th d) 2nd

Who's is the only current NFL player to have attended Bradley?
a) Peyton Manning b) Marcus Pollard c) Plaxico Burress d) Antonio Gates

Answers: a, d, a, c, b

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Women's basketball drops pair of games to open season

Braves struggling to find offensive groove early in year

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's basketball team dropped its home opener on Tuesday falling 56-46 to Butler.

Senior Devyn Flanagan ignited a run late in the second half to help the Braves rally, but they weren't able to rebound from an 18-point deficit and lost the game by 10.

Flanagan finished with a game-high 13 points.

She said she thinks the team's main problem is its offense.

"People have to step up and shoot the ball when they're open," she said. "I think one of our main problems right now is just a lack of the offensive mindset. I think more people need to come prepared to shoot the ball when we're open."

Devyn Flanagan

Skye Johnson

Bradley (0-2) started the game slowly and the Bulldogs (2-0) quickly broke out to a 10-point lead. The Braves then went on a 6-0 run to pull within four points.

Butler junior Lade Akande scored the last points of the period to make it 28-22 at the half.

Bradley came out cold in the second half after finishing the first on a high note. The team went 1-for-8 from the field and missed its first two free throws to start the half, scoring just two points in the first seven minutes. Butler took advantage and began pulling away.

Coach Paula Buscher said the intensity level wasn't there for the Braves.

"We had a letdown in our intensity that let them get on the run," she said. "We're letting a missed shot, were letting a turnover affect us on the other end. This game is all about momentum, it's all about swings."

The Braves began to climb back into the game with a late run but it wasn't enough.

After being down 50-32 Flanagan hit a jumper to get Bradley going. She got to the free-throw line twice going 4-for-4 and sophomore Skye Johnson hit the Braves' first 3-pointer of the night to pull to within 10 with a score of 50-40.

Bradley was short on time to cap off its comeback. After trading points with the Bulldogs, time ran out and the Braves lost by 10.

Buscher said she thinks Bradley missed an opportunity to pick up a win.

"You've got to look for opportunities," she said. "We've got a lot of scorers and we'll turn it around. We're not happy with this at all. I thought we missed an opportunity tonight, but we've got to get this group on the same page, and we will."

The Braves shot just 33.3 percent for the game, going 1-for-5 from beyond the arc and 7-for-12 from the free throw line. They pulled down 31 rebounds, 10 offensively, but recorded zero second chance points.

Bradley opened the season against Northern Illinois last weekend but fell 54-48 in its visit to DeKalb.

Senior Rachel Merriman had a career-high 13 points and junior Kelly Krumwiede added 11 points and nine rebounds.

Bradley forced 16 turnovers in the first half but trailed 26-25.

The Braves started the second half slowly and quickly fell behind 33-27.

As the half went on, Bradley began to chip away at the lead and came within four points with a score of 44-39.

Back to back NIU threes gave the momentum back to the Huskies as they used a 10-2 run to pull away for good.

The Braves tacked on some meaningless points to end the game with a pair of free throws from Merriman and a buzzer beating three point shot from Johnson.

Bradley is still playing with injuries. Junior college transfer Monica Rogers is still out due to injury, and although Flanagan is playing, she's not 100 percent.

Flanagan said it will take some time to get all the way back to where she was.

"I was out for close to four weeks. I just got back into the last couple of practices," she said. "It's a matter of getting my legs back into it more then anything,"

The Braves will look to pick up their first win against Illinois-Chicago on Saturday when the Flames visit Robertson Memorial Field House.

Volleyball team loses final two road games

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

The volleyball team finished its road schedule losing 1-3 to both Southern Illinois and Evansville last weekend.

Bradley junior Katrina Goncher highlighted the Braves' play against SIU with 10 kills and six blocks. The game scores against SIU were 30-15, 24-30, 30-20, 30-15.

The Braves hit .028 in the game and racked up 38 kills compared to 34 attacking errors. Goncher led the team offensively, while senior Jenna Harrison had nine kills and ended the match with a team-best hitting percentage of .250.

Goncher said her team was competitive and had some strong moments during the match.

"I think this past weekend we really picked up our intensity and communication as a team," Goncher said. "We were more competitive than we have been lately and there were some moments in the match where I think we just clicked and had a really strong presence."

Katrina Goncher

Even though Goncher felt her team played well at times, she didn't deny the mistakes that cost the Braves the game.

"What hurt us were a few breakdowns that we had in the game we lost and we couldn't get back into a rhythm," she said.

SIU completely overtook Bradley at the net, posting 22 blocks in the four games, while also racking up 11 aces. The Salukis ended with a .228 hitting percentage and had a 64-54 edge in digs.

The loss against SIU ended the Braves' chances of entering the upcoming MVC Tournament in Springfield, Mo.

The Braves couldn't rally together on Saturday as they lost again to Evansville.

Goncher lead the Braves again and had a career-best 16 kills and attacked at a .353 clip. Bradley lost after four matches with scores of 25-30, 30-18, 30-27, 30-25.

After pulling off an impressive win in game one, the Braves couldn't keep the momentum going. Evansville rebounded to take the final three games.

After getting rolled over in game two, the Braves tried fighting back in the third match. At one point Bradley was down 25-24, but Sally Kelepka of Evansville got a kill and the Braves added a pair of errors that helped the Purple Aces win game three.

The Braves also were competitive in the fourth match. The game included 10 ties and three lead changes. Goncher and freshman Emily Austin each had a block to tie the game at 23-23.

But Bradley couldn't hang on as Evansville's Anne Teegardin came into the game and tallied three kills in the last moments to win the game for the Aces 30-25.

Coach Scott Luster said he was disappointed with both of last week's matches.

"It wasn't good enough," Luster said. "Passing and setting have been our Achille's heel all year and we just can't stay consistent with it."

The Braves will try to end their regular season on a positive note tonight as they host Missouri State at 7 p.m. tonight in Robertson Memorial Field House.

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TOP 14 PARTICIPANTS AS OF THURSDAY

NAME	POINTS
ERICA CLARNO	23
TRISHA KOWALEWSKI	23
STEPH RAMSEY	21
JOSHUA M. HENRY	21
MICHAEL JOSEPH	19
CASEY STARK	19
BARI ERAIS	18
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ROSE FREEMAN	18
RENEE FRERICKS	17
J.R. TAYLOR	17
JENNY VAN KIRK	17
REBECCA BISHOP	17

Trades they wish they never made

BY ALEX MAYSTER

As the winter months approach, the sports world becomes overtaken with rumors.

It's the time of year when baseball teams are looking to restock their rosters for next season, NBA teams are trying to find the final piece to push them into the playoff picture and football fans are already thinking about who they need for next year.

This year its "where will A-Rod end up" and "is Kobe coming to the Bulls?" Fans come up with creative ways to add an all-star to their hometown teams every year.

Looking back at some of the trades that have happened, maybe fans would have done a better job running a team.

We all know about the Cubs trading Lou Brock to the Cardinals for a bag of rocks, the Vikings trading everything – including the kitchen sink – for Herschel Walker and the Babe going to the Yankees for the rights to a play.

These are some of the worst trades in the history of sports, which got me thinking about some of the more recent bad trades in sports. Here are five of the worst trades in recent memory:

Falcons trade up to draft Michael Vick

This trade is just starting to gain a bad reputation. The San Diego Chargers held the number one pick in the 2001 NFL Draft and traded the pick to Atlanta a day before the draft.

In exchange the Chargers got Atlanta's first and third picks in 2001, a second round pick in 2002 and Tim Dwight.

The second and third round picks turned out to be Reche Caldwell and Tay Cody who never panned out, but the centerpiece was that the Chargers got LaDainian Tomlinson with the first-round pick.

Tomlinson went on to win an MVP award in 2006 and break the NFL touchdown record, while Michael Vick is out of the league and likely headed to prison.

Lakers trade Shaq

Shaquille O'Neal joined the Lakers to start the 1996-97 NBA season. After a few years of building chemistry with Kobe and the gang, and the addition of Phil Jackson, the team went on to win three straight NBA titles, all of which O'Neal was named MVP.

After not winning the next two seasons, the Lakers decided to trade Shaq to the Miami Heat for Caron Butler, Brian Grant, Lamar Odom and a first round draft pick. Shaq lead the Heat to the conference finals in 2005 and helped them win it all in '06. The Lakers haven't recovered since the trade, and now Kobe wants out.

Mariners give up Varitek and Lowe

The Red Sox sent pitcher Heathcliff Slocumb to Seattle in exchange for Derek Lowe and Jason Varitek. I know what you thinking, and I didn't know who Slocumb was either – I had to look it up. He was 31 years old at the time and went 7-15 for the rest of his career.

Lowe made history for the Red Sox in 2004. He was the winning pitcher in the clinching games of the ALDS, ALCS and World Series. He later went on to play for the Dodgers, but Varitek remains the catcher and captain of the Red Sox and just picked up his second World Series victory.

Oilers trade Gretzky

I'm not a big hockey fan so I'm going to keep this short and to the point. You can't trade Wayne Gretzky – he's the greatest hockey player of all time. The Oilers traded Gretzky, plus Marty McSorley and Mike Krushelnyski, to the Los Angeles Kings for Jimmy Carson, Martin Gelinas, $15 million in cash and the Kings' first-round draft picks in 1989, 1991 and 1993.

The Oilers won four Stanley Cups with Gretzky and have only won once since his departure. Gretzky racked up nine MVPs in his career and 10 scoring titles.

Atlanta trades Favre to the Packers

In another dumb move by the Falcons, they traded Brett Favre, arguably the greatest quarterback in the history of the NFL, to the Packers for a draft pick that ended up being a running back named Tony Smith. Smith hung around the league for three years with the Falcons.

Favre has started 267 consecutive games and won a Super Bowl for the Packers. Not to mention his three MVP awards, record for passing touchdowns and the fact the he has now defeated every team in the NFL.

These are just some of the ridiculously bad trades that have gone down. There have been bad ones in the past, and no doubt there will be even more bad ones in the future.

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One-on-One

Who will win the NBA championship?

Phoenix Suns

The NBA team going all the way this year is the Phoenix Suns.

After numerous strong seasons, the Suns are due to bring home a championship.

This year they will return two-time MVP Steve Nash, Shawn Marion, Amare Stoudemire and Leandro Barbosa. Phoenix also went out in free agency and picked up Grant Hill, who will be a great role player for the Suns.

The Suns are the fastest-paced team in the NBA and it's hard for other teams to keep up with them. They can completely dominate games with the outstanding passing from Nash and solid play from Stoudemire and Barbosa.

The only team standing in their way this year is the San Antonio Spurs.

After winning in the NBA finals last year, San Antonio returned this year just as good, if not better. The Suns will have to play their best come playoff time and this year they will. The window of opportunity won't be open forever and Nash and company need to get past the conference finals.

This will be the year for the Phoenix Suns. They have all the right pieces – it's just a matter of getting over the hump. No team deserves it more.

- Adam Kagan

San Antonio Spurs

The Spurs may not be the sexy pick, but they're the smart one.

The defending NBA champions aren't as flashy as the Mavericks or Suns or as star-studded as the Celtics, but they're easily the most fundamentally sound team in the NBA. That's a big part of the reason the Spurs have won four of the last nine titles.

Oh, and let's not forget the other reason San Antonio is so good, two-time MVP Tim Duncan.

The 6-foot-11, 260 pound power forward is one of the most dominant big men in league history.

He's averaged nearly 22 points and 12 rebounds per game for his career, numbers he's almost certain to duplicate this year.

Combine Duncan with all-star point guard Tony Parker, high-flying Michael Finley and lockdown defender Bruce Bowen and the Spurs have the most well-rounded lineup in the NBA.

San Antonio also features one of the league's deepest benches, which is sure to help it on its title run.

Other teams might get all the attention, but it will be San Antonio hoisting the championship trophy again at the end of the season.

- Adam Mettrick

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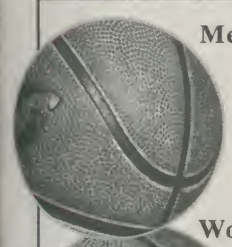

Men's Basketball

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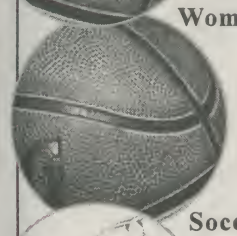
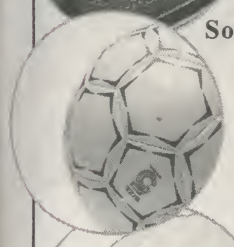
at Carver Arena	*at Carver Arena*



Women's Basketball

Saturday	Tuesday	Wednesday
at 2:05 p.m.	at 11 p.m.	at 5:30 or 8 p.m.
vs. Illinois-Chicago	*vs. Santa Clara*	*vs. Cleveland State or*
at Robertson Memorial	*at Anchorage, Alaska*	*Alaska-Anchorage*
Field House		*at Anchorage, Alaska*



Soccer

Friday - Sunday
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MVC Tournament
at Omaha, Neb.

Volleyball

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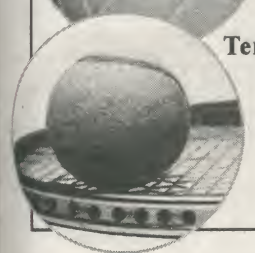
vs. Missouri State	*vs. Wichita State*
at Robertson Memorial	*at Robertson Memorial*
Field House	*Field House*



Tennis

Not in action this week

Sport SHORTS

Illinois downs top-ranked Ohio State

Another No. 1 bit the dust last Saturday as the Illinois football team defeated top-ranked Ohio State 28-21.

The Buckeyes were the top team in the country and were just two victories away from another trip to the national title game. After Saturday's performance they became the second top-ranked team to lose this season.

The defeat crippled the Buckeyes' chances for another championship and they are now tied for the top spot in the Big Ten.

The victory by Illinois was the first time the Illini beat a top-ranked team since 1956 and the first time it was done away from home. The defeat also ended Ohio State's streak of 20 Big Ten wins in a row.

Timberlake to bring "sexy back" to PGA tour

The PGA Tour announced on Monday that four-time Grammy Award-winnning singer, songwriter, record producer and actor Justin Timberlake will be the host at its Las Vegas event next year.

Timberlake will become the 14th celebrity to host an official tournament.

The Justin Timberlake-Shriners Hospitals for Children Open will be played Oct. 13 to 19, 2008 at TPC-Summerlin. Timberlake will play in the celebrity pro-am and also host a concert during the week.

The pop star plays golf regularly and competes in the PGA Tour's AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am every year. Timberlake said he will play as a competitor in the near future.

This Las Vegas event has taken place every year since 1983.

Sports

Women's basketball opens season with pair of tough losses. Page A14

Sophomore Grant Campbell heads the ball away from a Hilltoppers defender during Saturday's game at Shea Stadium. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Soccer team takes home third-straight MVC title

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

For the first 38 minutes of Saturday night's game against Western Kentucky, it looked as though the soccer team's chances at the Missouri Valley Conference championship might be in jeopardy.

That all changed in the final seven minutes of the first half, when a flurry of goals gave the Braves the lead and catapulted them to a third-straight MVC regular-season title.

Joe Donoho

Bradley (12-5-3) finished the season tied with Creighton atop the Valley standings at 4-0-2, the second time in as many years the two programs have tied for first. It also marks the first time in school history the Braves have gone unbeaten in MVC play.

The conference title comes on the heels of a difficult season for the Braves, who were forced to play the season while mourning the Aug. 12 death of redshirt freshman Danny Dahlquist.

Coach Jim DeRose said he hadn't expected such a successful season for his team following the tragedy.

"I would have never predicted it, but at the same time, I don't want to short the players by saying they couldn't do it," he said. "Anytime you win a conference championship, it's difficult. Hopefully there will never be a more difficult time than this year."

The Braves fell behind the Hilltoppers (3-12-4) early in Saturday's game, when Benard Airo scored following a corner kick in the fifth minute.

Bradley had several opportunities to tie the score early in the first half, outshooting its opponents 14-5, but came away frustrated each time. It wasn't until the 39th minute the Braves finally drew even.

Senior Stephen Brust headed home the tying goal with assists from senior Joe Donoho and sophomore Travis English opening the flood gates for Bradley.

The Braves scored again just 1:12 later on a breakaway header by Donoho.

Donoho said sophomore Brian Lock, who had an assist on the play, made a great pass to set up the shot.

"I owe all the credit for my goal to Brian, who played a perfect ball in to me," he said. "All I had to do was head it home."

Donoho's goal pushed the Braves lead to 2-1, but they weren't done scoring yet.

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Braves beat Cyclones after falling to UIC

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

After starting the season off on a sour note with a loss to Illinois-Chicago last Saturday, the men's basketball team rebounded in a big way with a win over Iowa State on Wednesday night.

Senior point guard Daniel Ruffin led the way for Bradley, scoring 20 points. Senior guard Jeremy Crouch added eight points and five assists as the Braves downed the Cyclones 65-56 to earn their first win of the year.

The two teams battled to a standstill in the first half, with neither team able to gain much of an advantage.

After falling behind by four midway through the half, Bradley used a 10-0 run to gain a six-point lead, but Iowa State answered right back with a 10-0 run of its own.

A 3-pointer by junior Tyrone Cole-Scott gave the Braves a one-point lead with 53 seconds left in the period, but the Cyclones answered with a basket on the other end and sent the Braves to the locker room down 31-30.

That would prove to be the last time Bradley would trail in the game, as the team opened the second half with a 9-0 run and never relinquished the lead.

Ruffin said the quick start to the period was fueled by the Braves' defensive effort.

"We discussed that we had to string some stuff together and make a run. The only way we could do that is make stops on the defensive end," he said. "I thought we came out, concentrated and did what we had to do."

A big part of that defensive effort came from the 5-foot-10 Ruffin, who had a career-high

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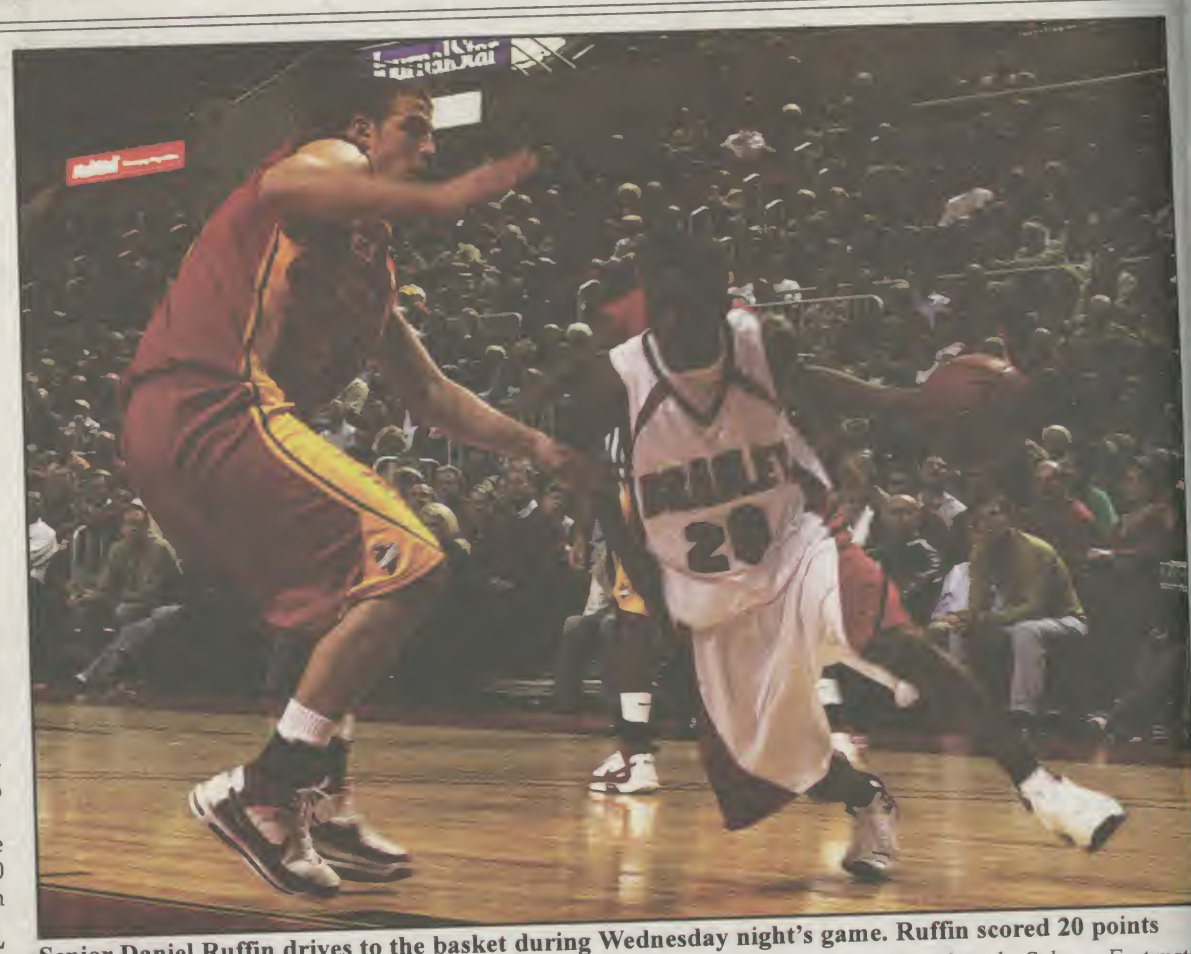

Senior Daniel Ruffin drives to the basket during Wednesday night's game. Ruffin scored 20 points against the Cyclones. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

M BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	3-0
ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	2-0
DRAKE	0-0	2-1
CREIGHTON	0-0	1-0
WICHITA STATE	0-0	1-0
BRADLEY	0-0	1-1
INDIANA STATE	0-0	1-1
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	0-0
EVANSVILLE	0-0	0-1
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	0-1

W BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
INDIANA STATE	0-0	2-0
CREIGHTON	0-0	1-0
ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	1-0
WICHITA STATE	0-0	1-0
EVANSVILLE	0-0	1-1
NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	1-1
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	1-1
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	0-1
BRADLEY	0-0	0-2
DRAKE	0-0	0-2

SOCCER	MVC	OVERALL
BRADLEY	4-0-2	12-5-3
CREIGHTON	4-0-2	10-1-5
EVANSVILLE	3-3-0	10-8-1
DRAKE	2-2-2	9-6-4
EASTERN ILLINOIS	2-3-1	12-5-3
MISSOURI STATE	1-3-2	6-10-4
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-5-1	3-12-4

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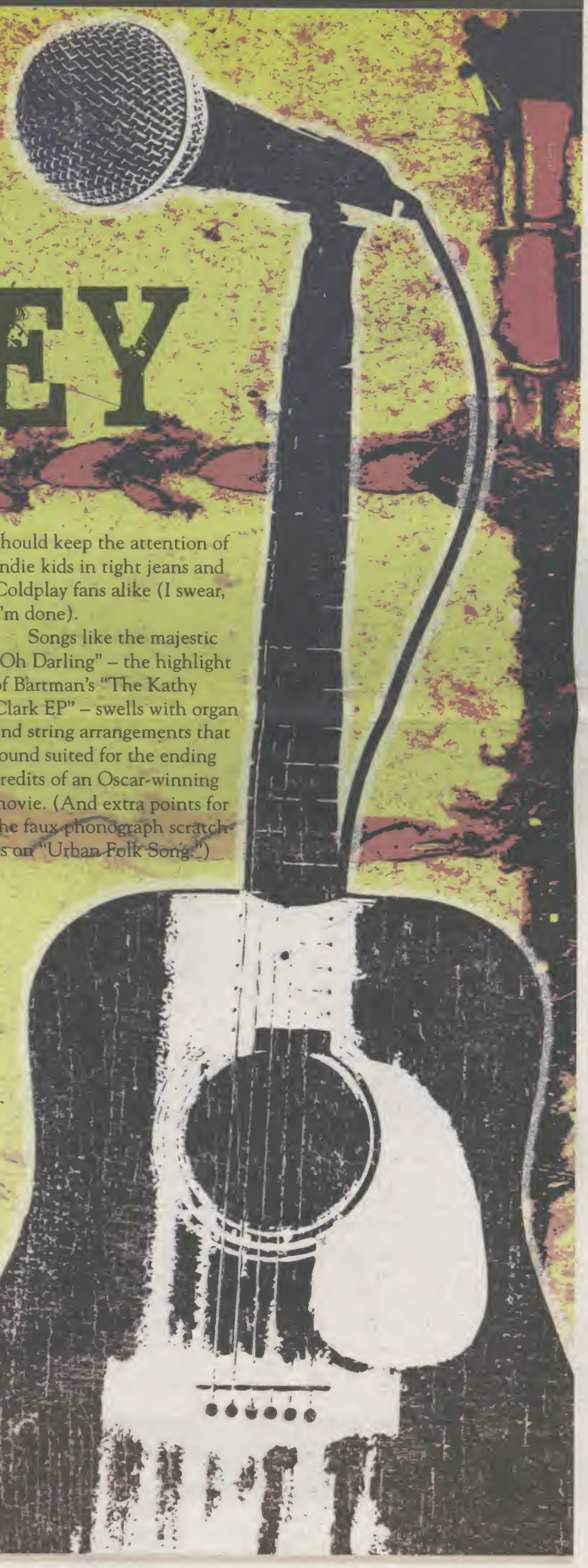
BATTLE AT BRADLEY



BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

An appearance by Jack's Mannequin may have been canceled to the dismay of many, but the Activities Council isn't leaving us high and dry for fall music.

ACBU is planning Battle of the Bands, where students can showcase their talents in front of their peers. The winner receives $100. The band in second place gets $75, third place $50 and fourth place $25.

Battle of the Bands will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Michel Student Center Ballroom, where roughly a classroom's worth of people caught Canadian rockers The Trews in August.

Last year Brad Bollock, a.k.a. "Blaise-B," won the battle. This year's "Battle" finds the reigning champ returning against Jared Bartman, The Sanctified and The Fools on the Hill.

Similar to last year's "Battle," this year's event will see four bands competing for the top spot. At press time, ACBU Coordinator Sandra Hall said the organization had received about seven applicants and were expecting more from last-minute performers.

"I know there are certain people out there who are going to be giving them to us tonight before we decide," Hall said Tuesday. "We have even more talent [this year], even more students who want to showcase their talents on-stage. We want to give them the opportunity to do that."

And while the concert comes not long after Jack's Mannequin was scheduled to make girls scream in Robertson Memorial Field House, Hall said it was purely coincidence, having had Battle of the Bands planned for some time.

"We just wanted to give students a place to showcase their talents, whether it's guitar or rap," Hall said. "It just happened timing-wise that the event was going to be around Jack's Mannequin."

Hall, along with co-coordinator Katelyn Brown, started planning Battle of the Bands in the spring when they took their new positions.

Who's going to make competitors hang their heads in shame this year? Put off partying for two hours on Saturday and find out. In the meantime, here's a little bit about a couple of the acts featured at this year's Battle of the Bands.

BLAISE B

Last year's winner certainly has the pathos of mainstream hip-hop down, rapping on the defensive even if he's already come out on top.

"I feel like an aged veteran," he gripes on one song, "constantly fighting a battle that I may never win."

The words flow out with a restrained but passionate frustration that owes a lot to Kanye West.

Unlike the sometimes one-dimensional West, Blaise can go from rapping in a steady cadence to spitting rhymes in a rapid-fire fashion reminiscent of Twista.

"I showed love / the least you could show is appreciation," he raps, and if the crowd is anything like last year's audience, Blaise should get a second round of appreciation soon.

JARED BARTMAN

Bartman is decidedly less summery – even the ukulele gets a chilly treatment – but just as commanding. The only problem is classifying his sound.

Is it the Shins crammed in a death cab? Modest Mouse on 'ludes? Comparisons aside, Bartman should keep the attention of indie kids in tight jeans and Coldplay fans alike (I swear, I'm done).

Songs like the majestic "Oh Darling" – the highlight of Bartman's "The Kathy Clark EP" – swells with organ and string arrangements that sound suited for the ending credits of an Oscar-winning movie. (And extra points for the faux phonograph scratches on "Urban Folk Song.")

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

"Night of the Iguana" by Tennessee Williams, 8 to 10 p.m. in the Hartmann Center. Tickets are $7 for students, $12 for faculty, $14 for adults.

"Bradley Jazz Combo" 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Dingeldine Music Center. Tickets are $5 for general public and free for students.

SATURDAY

ACBU presents **"Battle of the Bands,"** 8 to 10 p.m. in the Michel Student Center ballroom. Admission is free.

"Night of the Iguana" by Tennessee Williams, 8 to 10 p.m. in the Hartmann Center in the Hartmann Center.

SUNDAY

"Bradley Guitar Ensemble," 3 to 5 p.m. in the Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free.

"Night of the Iguana" by Tennessee Williams, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hartmann Center.

'American' classic

Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe star in masterful crime epic

photos courtesy of www.movies.yahoo.com

ERIK JOHNSON
for Voice

Plenty of big-name crime dramas since "The Godfather" have been called the "heir apparent" to its throne.

Every crime movie made since its release has been compared to it, judged by it and has lived in its shadow. But now, at long last, a movie has come along that truly deserves a seat alongside that classic crime film.

"American Gangster" tells the tale of Frank Lucas, a heroin king who rose above the Mafia on the drug market in just a few years.

It stars Denzel Washington ("Remember the Titans") and Russell Crowe ("Gladiator"), a truly epic duo, and is directed by master filmmaker Ridley Scott ("Hannibal").

Our story begins with Lucas (Washington) getting one last lesson from his mentor before said mentor inexplicably passes away.

In a bid to replace his old boss on the streets, Lucas travels to Vietnam to set up a connection for a massive amount of incredibly pure heroin. Dubbed "Blue Magic," this heroin is twice as good for half the price and Lucas quickly rises to the top of the drug market.

He brings all his brothers into the business and soon becomes the most dangerous man in New York.

"American Gangster"

Denzel Washington
Russell Crowe

Grade: A+

Enter Detective Richie Roberts (Crowe). Roberts has an honest streak but, in a world full of corrupt cops and bribed officials, this streak brings him more harm than good.

However, it's this honest nature that has him selected to lead a federal narcotics task force based in New Jersey.

In compiling a list of all the drug lords and dealers in the area, he gets a quick snapshot of Lucas at a boxing match and quickly becomes obsessed. As he uncovers Lucas' organization, he comes to understand the true scope of what he's dealing with and the struggle commences.

The film combines all of its elements to form what is easily among the best five films this year, standing proudly next to giants like "300," "Transformers" and the final "Pirates of the Caribbean" film.

The cinematography is brilliant, using a wide variety of shots and angles to keep you feeling like you're part of the action. The score is also masterfully done, perfectly accenting the emotions behind every scene.

The true thing that sets this movie apart, however, is the acting. Without question, it's the most well-acted film I've seen in at least a year. Though it's to be expected from actors like Washington and Crowe, every character was portrayed perfectly.

Each performance was spot-on, right down to the valets and ushers. If Washington doesn't at least get an Academy Award nomination for his performance, I expect to see a flying pig on stage at the ceremony.

"American Gangster" was truly a great film. Words cannot describe how good it was. Every element came together to form a true masterpiece. Every shot, every line, every note in the score added an exact touch to the movie that came together to form an epic tale that left me speechless.

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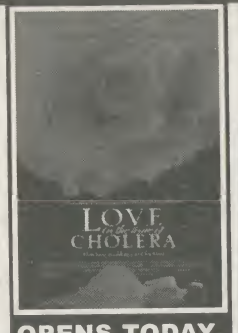
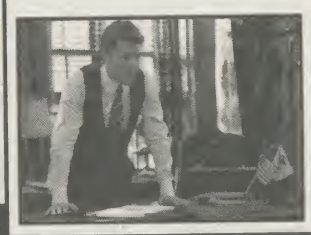


OPENS TODAY

Voice's movie pick of the week:

"Lions for Lambs" R



Starring:
Tom Cruise,
Robert Redford,
Meryl Streep

Bradley Theatre presents "Night of the Iguana"

When: 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Hartmann Center

Admission: $9 students, $14 faculty, $17 public. Call x2650

Intense 'night'

Bradley Theatre Department's production is dramatic, impossible to categorize

BY MARK HEMMER
for Voice

It would seem nearly impossible to encompass an entire theater production under a single term.

However, to call Tennessee Williams' "Night of the Iguana" anything but intense would be an inaccurate description.

The production begins with Maxine Faulk, played by senior theatre arts major Florence Ann Romano, and a younger local from Puerto Barrio, the location of her Costa Verde Hotel, in a room together.

Emanating from the room are the unmistakable cries of lovemaking. From the first moment of the play, the tone is set and suggests that the struggle between dignity, spirituality and sexual lust has just begun.

A tour bus makes its stop at the Costa Verde, the Rev. T. Lawrence Shannon, played by senior theatre arts major Andrew Head, makes his first appearance and the play picks up quickly.

Shannon is leading a tour through Mexico and is making an unsanctioned stop at the Costa Verde. His ladies are a bit perturbed about the dishonesty of the tour, and they and Shannon have an ongoing struggle about whether they will stay or go.

Shannon's character jumps off stage immediately as a tormented soul. Even while standing still, you can almost see him writhing on the inside.

Locked out of his church for fornication and heresy, Shannon has long struggled with his upbringing, his concept of God and his compulsion to lay younger women.

When Hannah Jelkes, a traveling artist played by senior theatre arts major Laura Miller, and her grandfather Nonno, played by junior theatre arts major Devin Kelly, show up at the Costa Verde looking for a room, Shannon finds himself attracted to a woman more his age.

Upon arrival, Jelkes gains the ire of Faulk, who wants the Reverend for herself.

The triangle of dialogue and emotion between Shannon, Jelkes and Faulk is captivating and makes up the better part of the play.

The acting was spot-on and Head deserves credit for keeping up with such a demanding character.

Shannon spends half of the play screaming and the other half thrashing around the set. It was a commendable effort that made Shannon's character believable.

Also deserving a tip of the hat is the impressively calm and well-spoken Miller who portrayed Jelkes with the steady dignity required of her character.

Romano did her job well as she made for a very colorful and animated Faulk.

Freshman music education major Jerry Ourada said the play was "good, interesting and a very unique selection."

He also said he liked the set design.

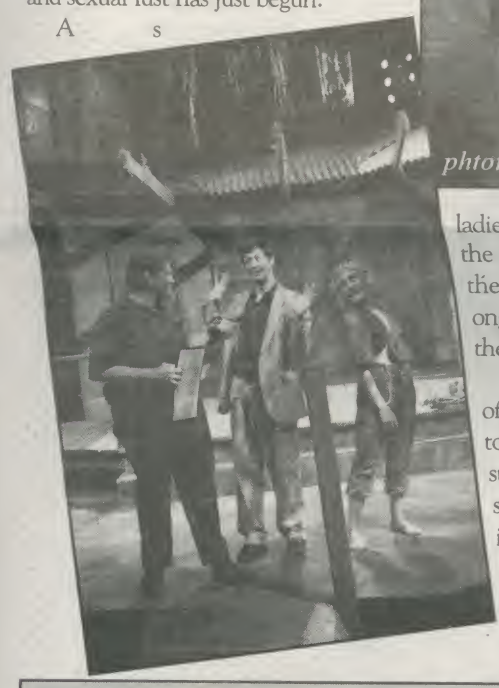
"The acting was surprisingly good for such a tough play," freshman political science major Lisa Beltrame said.

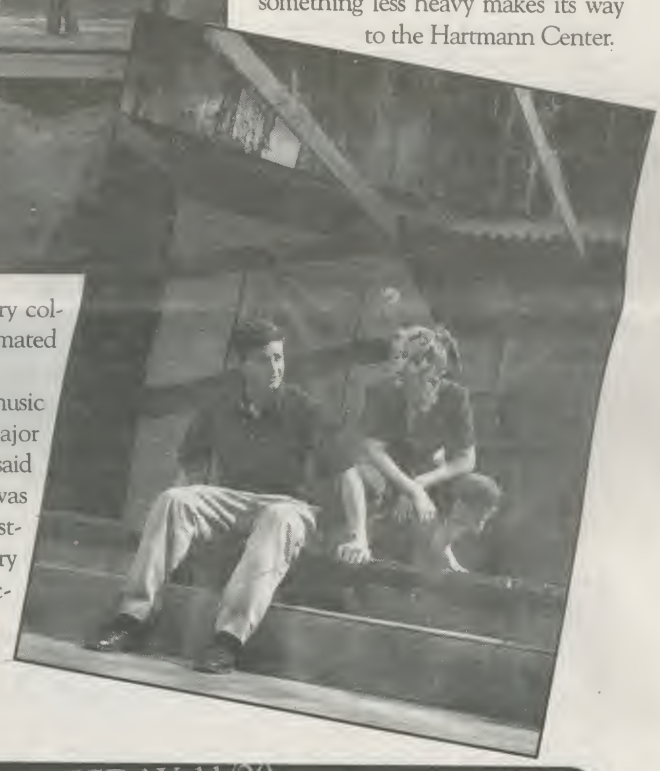
The story never really lets up, which creates a tiring theater experience. So many crises and dynamics are dealt with in such a small period of time – I found myself winded just trying to digest it all sitting in the audience.

It's a production that calls for a certain mindset to completely put yourself in the story. I'm not sure I was adequately prepared for the bombardment that's "Iguana."

The production is difficult to recommend. The dialogue is saturated with deep issues of religion, love and holding onto a last shred of dignity.

If you're in the mood for substance, look no further than this Tennessee Williams classic. But if you're in a lighter mood, I would suggest holding onto your money until something less heavy makes its way to the Hartmann Center.





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TUESDAY 11/20

Amy Winehouse - "Frank"
Nine Inch Nails - "Y34RZ3R0R3MIX3D"
Sebastian Bach - "Angel Down"
Donald Fagen - "The Nightfly Trilogy"
Freeway - "Free At Last"

HARD ROCKERS MISS POINT WITH NEW RELEASE

page design by Antonio Gentile

BY JUSTIN TABATABAI
for Voice

I have to be to the point. Listening to the newest installment from the four-piece band Nonpoint leaves much to be desired.

From the moment I first pressed the play button on Ruckus, I was blasted with songs that emulated the band's most popular single "Bullet With Your Name," from its previous album to the very essence.

It seemed like the entire album was directed to follow the popular single, from the dull guitars to the repetitive vocals.

To a metal connoisseur, listening to this album is like eating a sandwich made only of bread.

The first song on the album, "Wake Up World," rings with an airy guitar riff and then builds pathetic momentum to a distorted commentary of how the world is messed up – all the way to the end of the song.

The next track, "What I Do Best," picks up exactly where the first song left off, with boring verses piled on top of boring choruses. Then the disc goes on … and on … through the songs "Vengeance," "March of War" and "Bring Me Down" until the song "Breathe" starts to play, and you say to yourself "What?"

The song "Breathe" is the only track that sounds like it doesn't belong. It alone carries the difficult responsibility of bringing dynamism to the album, and it succeeds somewhat with a slow melodic violin that jumps into an annoying guitar piece with bass and sissy, whining vocals.

Even now I'm listening to the song, and I'm fighting the urge to press the "next song" button.

I just gave in.

The next song, "Hands Off," sounds like the rest – repetitive and boring. The remainder of the album sounds like different mutated clones of "Bullet With Your Name," the only song by Nonpoint I can say I moderately enjoy.

It's just really difficult to sit and listen to this CD. There's so much potential but to hear none of it come up at any point in the album is a huge letdown.

When I play any song on this CD, I feel like I'm constantly waiting for the peak to hit – some crazy head-banging bridge or even a little solo.

But it never comes.

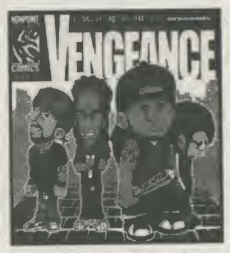
To put it simply, this whole record might as well be a set of B-sides the band never plays live. Who knows? Maybe that's what it is.

Overall, this is boring music, although thankfully not as boring as Nickelback or similar radio bands.

This group just needs to put more effort into creating music that satiates fans' desires of high-energy music that would make earthquakes shiver in fear.

This album doesn't convey any of that. If I could say anything to the band, I would say, "No, stop doing this – stop listening to the radio and copying what you hear onto a CD. You aren't Nickelback."

I would suggest this album to nobody except extremely devoted Nonpoint fans or the select few who enjoy wasting money.



Nonpoint

"Vengeance"
Bieler Bros.; 2007

Grade: D

HOLIDAY ABOMINATIONS

Turducken, ham-flavored soda and Tofurkey supplement typical holiday food

BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

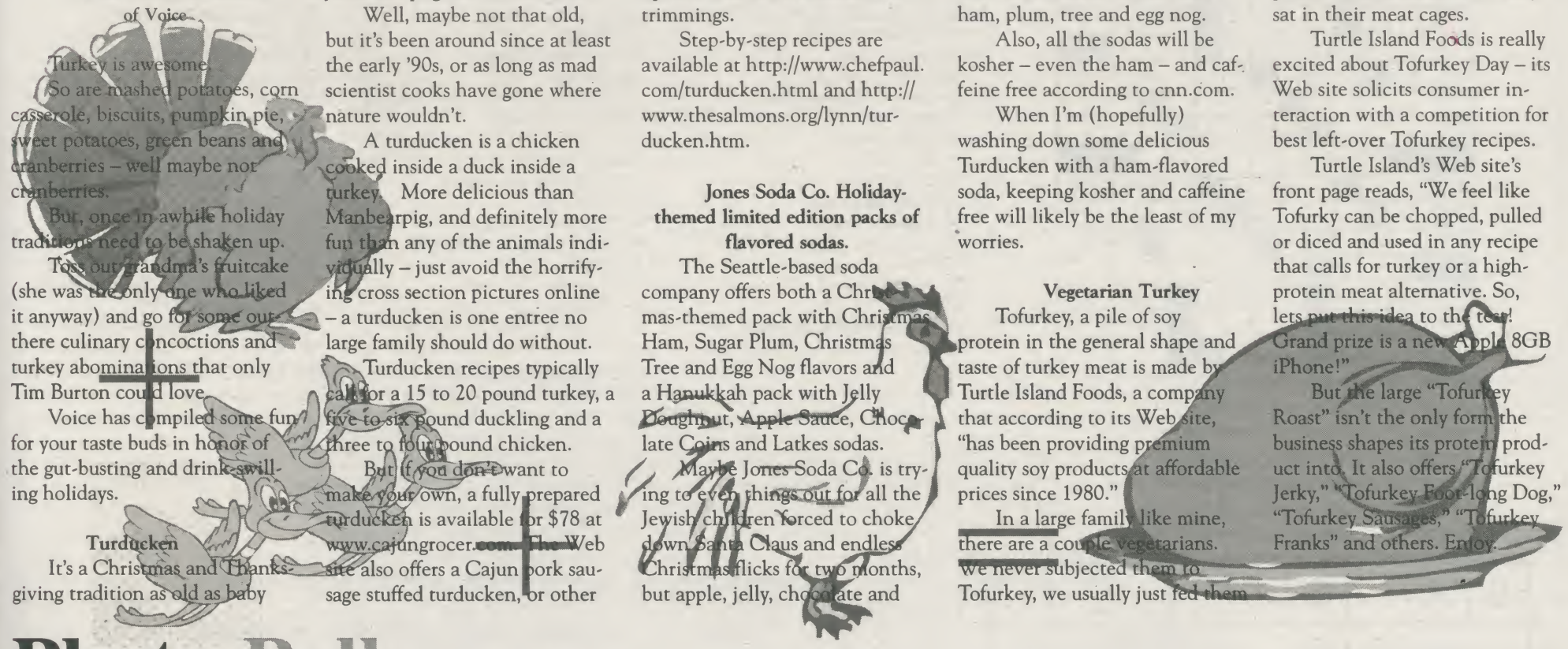
Turkey is awesome.

So are mashed potatoes, corn casserole, biscuits, pumpkin pie, sweet potatoes, green beans and cranberries – well maybe not cranberries.

But, once in awhile holiday traditions need to be shaken up.

Toss out grandma's fruitcake (she was the only one who liked it anyway) and go for some out-there culinary concoctions and turkey abominations that only Tim Burton could love.

Voice has compiled some fun for your taste buds in honor of the gut-busting and drink-swilling holidays.



Turducken

It's a Christmas and Thanksgiving tradition as old as baby Jesus and pilgrims themselves.

Well, maybe not that old, but it's been around since at least the early '90s, or as long as mad scientist cooks have gone where nature wouldn't.

A turducken is a chicken cooked inside a duck inside a turkey. More delicious than Manbearpig, and definitely more fun than any of the animals individually – just avoid the horrifying cross section pictures online – a turducken is one entree no large family should do without.

Turducken recipes typically call for a 15 to 20 pound turkey, a five to six pound duckling and a three to four pound chicken.

But if you don't want to make your own, a fully prepared turducken is available for $78 at www.cajungrocer.com. The Web site also offers a Cajun pork sausage stuffed turducken, or other options that arrive with all the trimmings.

Step-by-step recipes are available at http://www.chefpaul.com/turducken.html and http://www.thesalmons.org/lynn/turducken.htm.

Jones Soda Co. Holiday-themed limited edition packs of flavored sodas.

The Seattle-based soda company offers both a Christmas-themed pack with Christmas Ham, Sugar Plum, Christmas Tree and Egg Nog flavors and a Hanukkah pack with Jelly Doughnut, Apple Sauce, Chocolate Coins and Latkes sodas.

Maybe Jones Soda Co. is trying to even things out for all the Jewish children forced to choke down Santa Claus and endless Christmas flicks for two months, but apple, jelly, chocolate and latke sounds a lot better than ham, plum, tree and egg nog.

Also, all the sodas will be kosher – even the ham – and caffeine free according to cnn.com.

When I'm (hopefully) washing down some delicious Turducken with a ham-flavored soda, keeping kosher and caffeine free will likely be the least of my worries.

Vegetarian Turkey

Tofurkey, a pile of soy protein in the general shape and taste of turkey meat is made by Turtle Island Foods, a company that according to its Web site, "has been providing premium quality soy products at affordable prices since 1980."

In a large family like mine, there are a couple vegetarians. We never subjected them to Tofurkey, we usually just fed them pieces of old lettuce while they sat in their meat cages.

Turtle Island Foods is really excited about Tofurkey Day – its Web site solicits consumer interaction with a competition for best left-over Tofurkey recipes.

Turtle Island's Web site's front page reads, "We feel like Tofurky can be chopped, pulled or diced and used in any recipe that calls for turkey or a high-protein meat alternative. So, lets put this idea to the test! Grand prize is a new Apple 8GB iPhone!"

But the large "Tofurkey Roast" isn't the only form the business shapes its protein product into. It also offers "Tofurkey Jerky," "Tofurkey Foot-long Dog," "Tofurkey Sausages," "Tofurkey Franks" and others. Enjoy.

Photo Poll

"Where are you going shopping on Black Friday. If you're not, why?"

"I'm not because it is too crazy, and I like my space ... and people are grumpy!"
Elizabeth Grzywa
sophomore
marketing

"Aurora Outlet Mall."
Gina Bertalmio
senior
nursing

"I won't be shopping. I will be sleeping!"
Jami Sheehan
senior
dietetics

"Northpark Mall."
Olivia Maciolek
senior
business management and administration

"Kohl's opens at 4, then Best Buy and Target."
Joey Ortega
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"Radio shack, Target, the mall and wherever there are sales."
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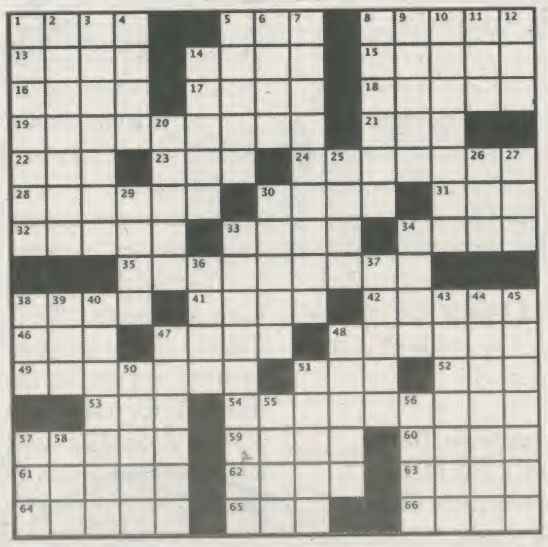

Across
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5- Step in ballet
8- Unaccompanied
13- Potpourri
14- Liver fluid
15- Storage center
16- Knitting stitch
17- Quantity of paper
18- Last letter of the Greek alphabet
19- Queen of Egypt
21- Convent dweller
22- Cereal grass
23- Some
24- Ancient Egyptian king
28- Be present
30- Baht spender
31- Bump off
32- Tantalize
33- Moderately cold
34- Russian range
35- Emotional burden
38- Creamy-beige color
41- Fencing sword
42- Depart
46- Metal-bearing mineral
47- Alcoholic drink of fermented honey
48- Carved
49- Dingy
51- Convert into leather
52- No longer young
53- Implement used when rowing a boat
54- Alike in every way
57- Fragment
59- Trial
60- Identical
61- Prevention dose
62- Solely
63- Mid-month times
64- Prevent
65- Handwoven Scandinavian rug
66- Juniors, perhaps

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4- Han ___ was a "Star Wars" character
5- Reverence for God
6- Chemical used on trees
7- Visual signaling apparatus
8- Title of reverence for God
9- Madagascar monkey
10- Uncovered
11- Beverage made with beaten eggs
12- JFK posting
14- Stigma
20- Cartoon part
25- Light ring
26- Wood sorrel
27- Norse goddess
29- Son of Isaac and Rebekah
30- Carried
33- Electronic component
34- Manipulator
36- Honey producers
37- Slope
38- Greek goddess of the dawn
39- French vineyard
40- Reverberating loudly
43- Pear-shaped fruit
44- Membranous covering
45- Boundless
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56- Fertility goddess of Egypt
57- Turf
58- Tint

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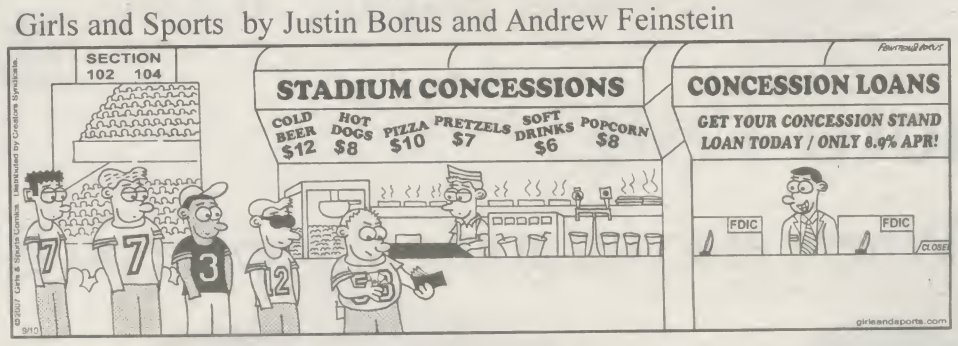

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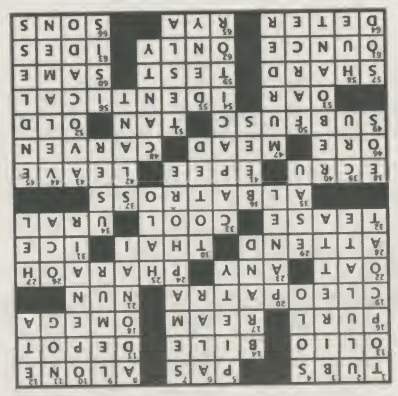

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Survive Black Friday

The Scout's guide to holiday shopping

Story and page design by Erin Wood

The holidays are just around the corner. And so is the biggest shopping day of the year.

The day after Thanksgiving, commonly known as "Black Friday," means dollars for retailers and deals for shoppers. But the day can be distressful if you don't have a strategy.

Rising before the sun, sitting in traffic, standing outside in the cold, pushing through crowds of people and waiting in never-ending lines discourages many consumers from leaving their houses at all that day. Sitting at home eating leftover turkey sounds better to some people, but they're paying a lot more for presents.

The pros outweigh the cons for most shoppers on Black Friday because they can get all their shopping done at once and save hundreds of dollars. And what college student can pass up saving a few extra bucks?

So unless you plan on making picture frames out of Popsicle sticks and macaroni noodles this year, get your game face on and get out there.

Be Prepared

It isn't a good idea to "wing-it" on Black Friday. You'll just end up being one of those bewildered and bruised shoppers who gets shoved by all the people who know what they're after.

Take time to write out a list of whom you're shopping for and what they want. You can do this days in advance, which will give you time to check up on those people who haven't yet told you what's on their wish lists.

And don't forget about details. Ask your friends and family members about sizes and colors and make a note of it on your list. You can't be too organized.

Once you get out in the battlefield, don't forget to cross items off your list as you buy them. It's easy to get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle and forget about what you've bought and what you still need to tackle.

Clip Those Coupons

Making a list is almost pointless if you can't match it up with the best deals.

Your hometown newspaper will be stuffed with circulars and coupons on Thanksgiving. So when you've had your fill of pumpkin pie and relatives, sneak away and study the advertisements.

Aside from must-have coupons, the ads will also tell you what time stores open and let you know about any "door buster" deals or free giveaways. Sometimes these are worth standing in line for, even if they aren't on your list.

Look for coupons and deals online too. The Web site www.blackfriday.info is "the official site for all the 2007 Black Friday ads." With lists of ads and coupons, the site also provides links to some of the best online deals.

Plan a Route

Once you've got your list and coupons ready, plan your day. Figure out which stores you want to hit and map out the shortcuts.

Prioritize. Don't go to the store that's giving out free Santa hats to the first 100 customers if another is offering half-off plasma TVs from 6 to 7 a.m.

Decide which store and which items on your list are most important. Consider standing in line at least 30 minutes prior to the store's opening if there's a deal you can't live without. Chances are, other shoppers can't live without it either, and they'll be prepared to run and fight for it.

Executive Team Leader at Peoria's Target Sharon Merritt said shoppers should have a strategy and know what's most important on their lists to buy.

"Head for the items you really want first," she said. "You can shop around the store after you've got the items on your list. But don't miss out on that one item. Other people will be after it too and it could sell out."

Know the Basics

If you're serious about Black Friday, you have to know the essentials. Set your alarm early so you can get up and get shopping.

Merritt said customers started standing in line at Target at 4 a.m. last year – two hours before the store opened.

"The lines start earlier and earlier," she said. "You have to know where you want to go and figure out what time other people will start getting there."

Eat breakfast before you go and pack some snacks for later. You'll spend as much time in line at a food court as you will in a checkout line, so don't waste time with restaurants or even fast food. Pack a snack you can eat on the drive between stores.

Wear comfortable shoes because you're going to be walking and standing for the majority of the day.

Try not to pack too heavy. If you can avoid carrying a purse, leave it home because it will only give you more to worry about. In the large crowds Black Friday brings out, it's easy for someone to steal from you.

"Carry as little as possible," Merritt said. "It's more for safety. If you can get by carrying your stuff in your front pockets, that's the best idea."

Once you're in the store, leave the cart behind if you can. Cart jams will only slow you down. So if you're capable of carrying everything, it's the best way to go.

Be Patient and Have Fun

While the sales floor may look like a Civil War reenactment, stand back and laugh. If you're going to go into the day uptight and impatient, you should probably stay home with your leftover turkey.

Don't kick off the holiday season with road rage and elbowing. Everyone is tired, including the sales people. Try to spread some holiday cheer – or at least be patient.

It might be difficult to leave your boxing gloves behind, but come to terms with the fact that you might not get every item on your list at the lowest price.

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Celebrating sweet success

Freshman Paul Tracy fights a defender for the ball during Wednesday night's game against Indiana. The Braves beat the Hoosiers 5-4 on penalty kicks to advance to the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history. **See A16 for the full story.** *photo by Bob Hunt*

A night in the life of a University Police officer

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

Editor's note: To understand what an average Saturday night is like for a University Police officer, the Scout requested a ride-along.

An account of the events from Nov. 17 are detailed in this story.

At the start of her 11 p.m. shift, Nora Fales thought it was going to be a quiet night, but by 4 a.m., she knew differently.

The University Police sergeant was dispatched to the second floor of Williams Hall at about 11:05 p.m. responding to a call about an alleged assault.

The victim claimed he was brushing his teeth in the bathroom when two intoxicated males came into the room. The two began to yell at the victim, claiming he had stolen their cell phones and made insults about their mothers. Soon after the argument, the two hit the victim in the face.

When police arrived at the scene statements were taken, along with the two suspects' descriptions and possible residences.

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Jack's Mannequin back on track to Bradley

Jack's Mannequin frontman Andrew McMahon canceled several college concerts this fall, but the band rescheduled and will perform at Bradley Feb. 10.

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Popular piano-rock group Jack's Mannequin will perform at Bradley on Feb. 10.

The Activities Council originally booked the band for Oct. 20 in Robertson Memorial Field House, but frontman Andrew McMahon canceled concerts at four colleges, including Bradley, because of exhaustion.

Management for Jack's Mannequin said in an October press release the band toured for 14 consecutive months immediately after McMahon recovered from cancer. But the band members said they would make up the concerts as early as February 2008, and they are fulfilling their promise.

Special Events Reserve Fund Coordinators Antonio Gentile and Hallie Dusenberg worked to fit the band's schedule with field house openings.

"I didn't allow in my head for the option of them not coming," Dusenberg

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Elevator issues still plaguing dorms

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

The University Hall elevator fell three stories earlier this year, but Ron Doerzaph said nothing has been repaired.

"There was nothing wrong," the Facilities Management director said. "All that was wrong is that it was overloaded with too many students."

At the time of the incident, freshman business major Krisha Kucharski told the Scout no capacity sign hung in the elevator.

A sign now hangs in the elevator indicating it can hold 2,000 pounds. Kucharski said there were about 15 students in the elevator when it dropped.

Doerzaph said he wants to change the signs to indicate the number of people the elevator can hold because, "weight doesn't mean much to anybody. You look at a bunch of people and you say, 'how much does this weigh?'"

Doerzaph said student vandalism or misuse have caused most elevator problems.

He said students often steal signs indicating elevators' maximum capacities.

Shortly after the U-Hall elevator fell, a state inspector checked its oil, performed a weight test and determined the elevator is safe to ride.

However, freshman nursing major Britanie Pillsbury said the elevator is out of order on a weekly basis.

"It's scary to ride on and it's shaky," she said.

This year, Doerzaph said the university has called an elevator inspection company to campus about 50 times for problems varying from weight issues to broken buttons.

Doerzaph said the Williams Hall and U-Hall elevators have the most problems because they are used more, as there is only one in each building.

However, sophomore criminal justice and psychology major

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
41 / 22
Partly sunny.

Saturday
34/ 33
Snow and freezing rain likely.

Sunday
40 / 21
Wintry mix of snow and rain.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Stay warm and save energy this winter.
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Soundtracks better than the movies they accompany.
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Bradley Briefs

Comedian Jo Koy will visit campus 7 p.m. tonight in the Michel Student Center ballroom. The event is hosted by the Activities Council.

"New Faces" will perform 8 to 10 p.m. tonight and Saturday in the Hartmann Center. Tickets are $7 for students and $9 for adults.

The Bradley Symphonic Winds/Bands will perform from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students.

The Bradley String Studio will perform from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students.

Dr. Ingrid Collomb-Clerc will speak on the topic of "X-rays and Neutrons for the Study of Bilogical Macromolecules" from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in Olin Hall 164.

The Activities Council will show "The Boure Supremacy" from 8 to 11 p.m. today in the Marty Theater. Admission is $1.

Around the World

City considers liquor license extension

The Peoria City Liquor Commission voted to recommend the city council reconsider its Oct. 23 decision not to extend its 4 a.m. liquor license district to include the Excalibur nightclub.

The council also voted to extend the district for Club Apollo another year.

Commissioner Frank McCabe told the Journal Star if Club Apollo gets too many noise complaints, it will lose its 4 a.m. status after the one-year extension ends.

Commissioner Drew Cassidy said the liquor commission should have included more than one minority tavern.

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O.J. Simpson pleads not guilty to charges

O.J. Simpson pleaded not guilty to charges of kidnapping and armed robbery of two sports memorabilia dealers. His co-defendants also entered not-guilty pleas.

The three men had 12 charges brought against them.

All three were charged with kidnapping, armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, coercion and conspiracy charges. The kidnapping charge carries a life sentence with the possibility of parole, and the armed robbery charge carries a mandatory prison sentence.

Simpson continues to deny he ever asked the other defendants to bring weapons while taking the memorabilia.

www.usatoday.com

Step-brother says he helped Peterson move wife's corpse

A relative of former police Sgt. Drew Peterson claims he helped Peterson move a large container out of his home on the day his wife went missing.

After the relative made the allegations public, Peterson's attorney made furious denials.

Peterson's step-brother Thomas Morphey claims the container was in an upstairs bedroom, and they moved it into Peterson's sport utility vehicle.

After learning about Stacy Peterson's death, Morphey became distraught and tried to kill himself.

Peterson continues to claim he had nothing to do with his wife's disappearance. He believes his wife left him for another man and is alive and well.

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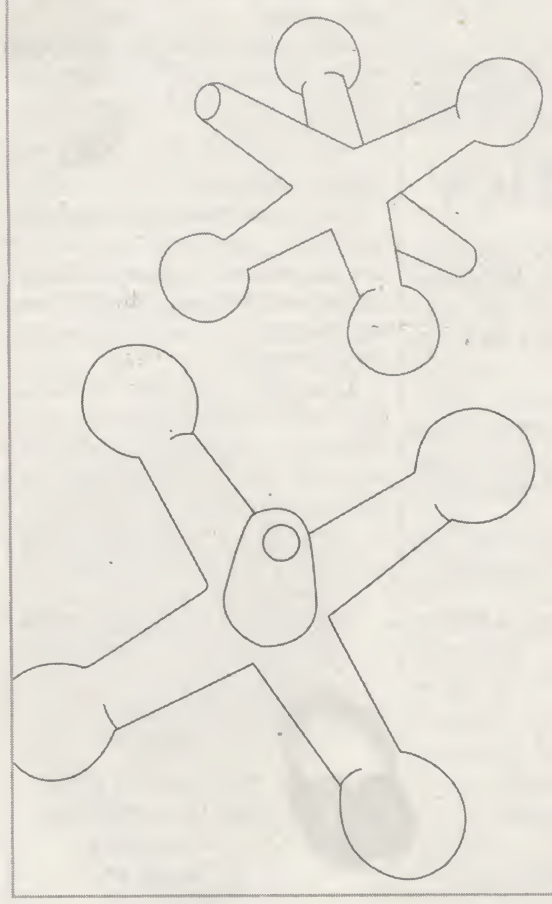

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Jack's Mannequin

Friends, family remember Jennifer Buckman

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Jennifer Buckman

Bonnie Buckman said her daughter will always be remembered for her friendly smile.

"She would help anyone no matter who they were," Bonnie Buckman said. "She was no stranger to anyone."

Jennifer's sister Jamie plays varsity basketball at Morton High School, and Bonnie Buckman said Jennifer was "her little sister's number one fan."

Jennifer, a junior transfer student, died Nov. 16, more than 12 hours after firefighters freed her from her overturned car on Interstate 155, about a mile south of the Birchwood Street exit.

Friends remember Buckman as a caring person who was always on the go.

"No matter how busy she was, she was always willing to help me," Ellen Bender, a member of Buckman's Alpha Chi Omega pledge class, said. "She always had my back, and she was always there when people needed her."

Bender said Jennifer was on her way back to Bradley after working at her family's photography studio in Morton.

Jennifer reportedly lost control of her car, which struck the corner of a concrete embankment. It rolled several times before landing on its roof in the median. Jennifer was wearing her seat belt, police said.

She was unresponsive at the scene and taken by ambulance to OSF St. Francis Medical Center, where she died at 1:40 a.m.

Preliminary results from a Nov. 16 autopsy revealed Jennifer died of multiple blunt force injuries.

Bender said she and some friends in Alpha Chi were supposed to go out to dinner Nov. 15, and Jennifer said she would give Bender a ride.

"I called her, and she didn't pick up," Bender said. "She always picked up her phone, so I knew something was wrong. I didn't make the connection until later."

Bender said Jennifer often offered to drive friends places, even when it was out of her way or didn't fit into her busy schedule.

"She was always busy running around doing something," Bender said. "But she would go out of her way to help other people."

Jennifer was also a good listener, Bender said.

"Jen was so good to talk to," she said. "I used to just vent to her, and she would listen. She was a really good friend, and I miss her a lot."

Jennifer was also a member of Women's Choir, which will dedicate its Dec. 9 concert in memory of her.

Bradley and Alpha Chi will host a memorial service Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. The location is to be announced.

Speak Up! addresses campus issues

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Martha Franquemont asks 'Are part-time faculty required to have office hours?' at Speak Up! Tuesday evening in the Michel Student Center ballroom. *photo by Mark Skala*

More than 75 students attended Student Senate's Speak Up! Tuesday night.

During the event, students voiced questions and concerns, and the administration responded.

Administrators in attendance included University President Joanne Glasser, Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky and Business Manager Ken Goldin, among others.

Questions and concerns addressed several aspects of administrative policy such as sports, academics, safety and dorm maintenance.

Cafeteria issues came up multiple times. Students complained about cafeteria cleanliness and the inability to know meals' ingredients.

Goldin said he'd watch for cafeteria messiness.

Also, Food Services may look into providing ingredient listings.

Students later complained about cafeteria hours, primarily that they are open limited hours on weekends.

Goldin said previous students said they wanted the cafeterias only open for brunch.

However, if students want different cafeteria hours, he said Food Services would look into changing them.

Parking near St. James Apartment Complex was also an issue students brought up at least twice.

One student complained her visitors had to park on campus and walk back to her apartment so they wouldn't get a ticket.

Goldin said he's aware of the problem and is contemplating an area for guest parking, but he didn't state specifics.

Parking for intramurals was also addressed. One student said there isn't available parking for students participating in intramural sports at Meinen Field.

Charmin Hibberd, director of conference facilities and parking, said St. James students become upset when they don't have places to park.

"The problem is, there's not enough parking. That's just the bottom line," she said.

Another complaint was there aren't buses provided for students who live near St. Louis to go home.

Galsky said he proposed the route to Peoria Charter Coach last year, but the company declined. The representative said the company tried it three years ago and lost money. Galsky said he'd try again this year to get a different response.

Students brought up both new and reoccurring concerns. Reoccurring issues include tuition increases, the recycling program and the proposed distribution of condoms.

Galsky said Bradley isn't changing its policy on condom distribution. The university provides students with sex education, and they know where they can get condoms if they need them, he said.

Other areas addressed were campus aesthetics, Markin Family Student Recreation Center progress, University Hall cafeteria renovations and expanding campus Internet bandwidth.

Student Body Vice President Nick Fahnders said he was pleased that students voiced their concerns about topics such as the cafeteria hours.

Senate recently conducted a survey about cafeteria hours.

"[Senate] wants people to show the administration that they really care so the administration has no excuse not to listen to us," Fahnders said.

He said some students weren't satisfied with the *administrators' responses to their questions.*

"People at my table whispered they weren't answering questions fully, and I wouldn't disagree with that," he said.

Fahnders said this year's Speak Up! was better than last year because students weren't afraid to address issues.

Also, he said last year the administration stopped taking questions when the food arrived. This year, they still answered questions, and some stayed after for specific questions.

Task force finds quiet campus, issues no tickets during visit

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Operation Campus/TAP didn't issue any tickets during its Nov. 17 visit to campus.

Illinois State Police Master Sgt. Tony Lebron said the task force "didn't find anyone out," which is why no tickets were issued.

Student-posted signs in Harper/Wyckoff Hall warned students of Campus/TAP's arrival on campus, but University Police Chief Dave Baer said he doesn't know how students knew about task force's appearance beforehand.

"An officer heard about [the signs] and went over and saw a couple signs posted in the dorm," he said. "Maybe someone took a wild guess and posted them, or maybe it was a prank."

Lebron said he also didn't know how the students who posted the signs found out about the visit.

Lebron said in years past, the dates of task force visits were ones he selected based on campus activities.

"I believe [the visit] in October was during national alcohol awareness week or something," he said.

He also said the task force doesn't always choose its visit dates based on Bradley activities.

"We choose the weekend in March around the [Illinois High School Assocation basketball tournament]," Lebron said.

Sophomore psychology major Jade Peters said she usually hears about Campus/TAP from friends in fraternities.

She said she hears about the task force coming to campus at least once or twice a month, but lately she said it seems the task force has been to campus "every three weeks or so."

But talk of the task force coming to campus doesn't stop Peters from going to parties.

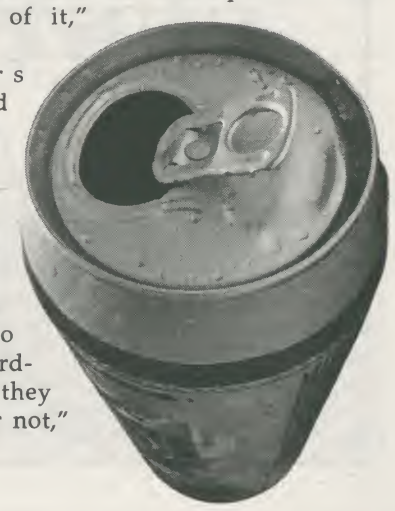
"I go out regardless unless everyone is making a big deal about [the task force] being here," she said. "I guess the task force wasn't really a threat in previous years, so now it's getting to us mentally."

Lebron said the task force issues MOVN tickets to students as opposed to regular state police citations. These tickets carry a $375 fine but don't appear on students' records, whereas state police citations are only a $75 fine but require an appearance in court.

State police citations also cause those ticketed to have their licenses suspended, Lebron said.

Peters said she didn't notice if Campus/TAP came to Bradley last year but notices its effect this year.

"I think that people this year are just making it a bigger deal because of the price of the ticket and the consequences that come out of it," she said.



Peters also said she thinks Campus/TAP's effect on campus is minimal.

"People are going to drink regardless of if they are here or not," she said.

SONOR starts early with smoking ban awareness

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

Students have seen two different kinds of signs on campus doors over the past few weeks reminding them of the Smoke Free Illinois Act which begins Jan. 1.

"We put the signs up early to let students know that the law was coming into effect," SONOR President Amy Donnelly said. "We also put information about the cessation services the university offers if students want to quit before they have to walk out in the cold to smoke."

One sign is a no-smoking sign required by the state. A larger second one has a picture of a foot and reads "15 feet," indicating the distance away from buildings people must be to smoke.

Executive Director of Residential Living and Leadership Nathan Thomas said the state-mandated signs were put up early because it was convenient.

"To be honest the adhesive works better in warmer weather, and we had people available to put them up," he said.

Donnelly said SONOR used to focus on alcohol but received a tobacco grant this year so it turned its focus.

She said SONOR wants to educate students about social norms on campus, not tell them drinking or smoking is wrong.

Sophomore political science major Ted Orphan said he thinks the signs are stupid.

"A lot of people hate them so much they tear them all down," he said.

Orphan said he doesn't disagree with the law, just the signs SONOR has put up.

"The smaller signs on the doors are fine," he said. "But the bigger ones are just excessive."

Freshman psychology major Hayley Braatz said the signs don't bother her.

"I can see both sides of the argument," she said. "The anti-smoking people have their right to breathe clean air, and I don't think smokers should be allowed to take away that right. But on the other hand, smokers are losing places they can smoke. First it was inside and now it's within 15 feet of a doorway."

Thomas said college students are affected in a different way than others because dorms fall under the guidelines of the law.

He also said the university hasn't set any type of punishment for students who smoke within 15 feet of doorways.

"We're hoping it will be a self-police thing and that students will respect the rules," he said. "If there are complaints about a particular student we will handle it on a case-by-case basis. I would imagine the punishment for a first offense would be a small fine or community service."

'15 Feet' signs are posted around Bradley's campus referring to the Smoke Free Illinois Act campaign, which takes effect Jan. 1. *photo by Annette Klausegger*

University Police Chief Dave Baer said he's not aware of any sort of ticket the city or state has created for breaking the new smoking laws.

He said university police could potentially talk to a student violating the law if there was a complaint, but until there's some sort of ticket the police would probably just refer them to the university judicial system if it was a persistent problem.

Tuition will increase for all students next fall

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Tuition will likely increase about 6 to 6.5 percent next year, said Financial Assistance Director Dave Pardieck

Current tuition is $21,000. If the percentage increase is enacted, students can estimate spending $22,500. The increase is similar to last year's, Pardieck said.

Tuition talks continue throughout this semester and into spring. The proposed increase will go to the Board of Trustees in April.

Pardieck said if the increase were approved, it would be about the same increase amount as last year.

Tuition fluctuations happen annually. Pardieck said the majority of universities experience tuition hikes.

The increase is largely because of overhead expenses such as health care costs and personnel expenses.

For Bradley to recruit and maintain quality faculty, it must be competitive with other schools in terms of salary and benefits, Pardieck said.

There are additional expenses such as rising energy costs that attribute to an increase.

Vice President for Business Affairs Gary Anna addressed the issue at Speak Up! on Tuesday, an event that lets students address administration with complaints and suggestions.

"We frequently review pricing and affordability issues at Bradley," Anna said.

He said he realizes students pay a substantial amount of money to attend Bradley.

One student asked why the university doesn't implement frozen tuition rates at Speak Up!

A fixed annual tuition rate throughout a student's tenure wouldn't necessarily be beneficial for the student, Anna said.

Bradley would have to make tuition higher to account for future expenses and inflation.

Anna said by adjusting the amount annually, Bradley doesn't have to overestimate future expenses.

Pardieck said Bradley is a good deal compared to other private Midwestern universities of similar size.

He said Bradley is about $4,000 less than these schools.

Schools such as DePaul, Loyola and Drake don't compare to Bradley's value, he said.

However, Bradley is typically more expensive than public universities.

"We are more expensive than those schools, but certainly we wouldn't compare ... the value of the Bradley experience to those schools," Pardieck said.

Nonetheless, he said Bradley works to keep costs down as much as possible.

"We take some pride in the fact that we've been able to maintain such a modest price point," Pardieck said.

Bradley keeps costs low by implementing "good financial management," he said.

Additionally, Pardieck said endowments are managed well.

"Ultimately our goal – and I think what students expect – is how well are we delivering value," he said.

Bradley gives students financial and merit scholarships. It provides almost $40 million annually in institutional scholarships and grants.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said students with financial need will see changes in their financial packages.

"People who get financial aid see their package increase with the tuition," she said. "People in need will always get what they need."

Anna said academic scholarships aren't typically increased at the same rate as tuition. However, Bradley periodically reviews the scholarship amounts.

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Snow removal looks to improve this winter

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

This time last year, the campus was covered in snow.

But campus grounds keepers are more prepared than last winter to remove snow because of new strategic plans and additional equipment.

"This year we are concentrating on the dorms and their sidewalks along with the sidewalks leading to the academic buildings," Grounds Superintendent Stan Glazier said. "Our goal is to get the operation of campus up and going faster this winter."

Glazier said improvements include additions to equipment and manpower.

Two new salt spreaders were added to the eight or nine machines used by the grounds crew to clear the snow from streets, sidewalks and parking lots. Also, three more employees joined the crew of six members this year, Glazier said.

He said the university has contracted two local snow plowing and removal services to help with faster clearing.

The university will call one company if heavy snow requires streets around campus to be cleared and another company will use its in-loaders and trucks to clear and haul snow away during large snowfalls.

"Compared to last year, the addition of contractors and equipment to our manpower and machinery will help improve our faster clean-up of the snow," Glazier said.

Volunteers from other departments will help with the snow removal as well. Depending on their experience, they may operate the machinery to plow or spread salt. Others will clear sidewalks, ramps and entrances with shovels he said.

Junior nursing major Stefanie Luce said she hopes the university will put more effort into snow removal.

"Keeping the sidewalks clear and making sure to put salt down before the snow actually falls will help prevent student frustration and accidental wipeouts," she said. "It was frustrating walking to class last year since it would take longer to get there, the sidewalks and intersections were always slippery and snow was piled high, blocking my walking path."

Luce also said extra carpets should be placed in the entryways of buildings to eliminate melted snow tracked around the buildings.

"You would think you were safe from falls once you got inside, but there's that one spot you never see, and you do an embarrassing slip," she said. "Especially when your jeans are soaking wet, it's uncomfortable and annoying."

Junior political science major Brian Piotrowski said he thought the university did the best it could last year during the unexpected snow day. However, improving snow removal would eliminate frustration.

"I think some improvements can include starting to plow more when the snow is falling and not when it is all done," he said. "They also have the problem that there is no place to put the snow. They just put the snow where commuter students park."

Piotrowski also said he didn't like dodging piles of snow.

"Around my fraternity house, Bradley didn't plow the sidewalks on Bradley Avenue that fast," he said. "There were days where I had to fight my way through the snow because the sidewalks were not plowed. But after a while when I walked to class, the sidewalks by the buildings were plowed."

Glazier said students can help make the snow removal process easier and faster during snowfall by removing cars from snow routes. He also said to avoid parking on Elmwood Avenue and the visitor's parking lots after midnight.

"This makes the removal process harder when cars are in the way of our equipment," he said. "Moving your car to another location would eliminate large snow piles and make our job easier and faster."

Students navigate through campus after last year's snowstorm.
photo courtesy of Scout archives

SABRC allocates most money for music, comedy

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

The Student Activities Budget Review Committee recently released the budget for the spring 2008 semester, allocating a total of $80,000 to 15 organizations.

The committee allocated the largest amount of money, $14,000, to pay for R&B artist Trey Songz. The second largest allocation is to pay for four comedians and a DJ for Laff Jam, a cost of about $12,000.

SABRC allotted 28 percent, the largest part of the budget, to comedy events like Laff Jam, improv group Baby Wants Candy and other various comedians.

The committee allocated funds to five music events, including the band Patchouli for an Earth Day Concert and rap artist SB. Music events took up the second largest part of the budget at 25 percent.

Four lectures were allocated funds for the spring semester, including presentations on racial unity, women in the military and the role of Facebook in students' lives. Lectures took up 16 percent of the spring budget, the third most-funded category.

Six novelty events, including inflatable activities for Siblings Weekend, Sex Ed Bingo and an Earth Day Picnic, received about $8,600 or 11 percent of the budget.

The committee allocated about 10 percent of the budget to performing arts events including a magician, poet, one-man play and a student talent show.

SABRC approved mostly administrative costs, such as promotions for semester programs, advertising campaigns, office supplies and equipment for the Tech Crew and the Edge. These administrative requests accounted for about seven percent of the total budget.

About half of the organizations that requested allocations received them, according to the SABRC spring 2008 budget presentation.

Each semester, every full-time student pays a $35 activity fee. Of that fee, $26 goes to the SABRC general fund. The other $9 goes to a Special Events Reserve Fund, which is used to fund major events that cost over $15,000, such as Jack's Mannequin.

The committee's goal is to allocate the general fund fee to various student organizations for events, Director of Student Activities Michelle Whited said.

"[SABRC members] look at what has campus-wide appeal," she said. "They make sure they reach a diverse audience."

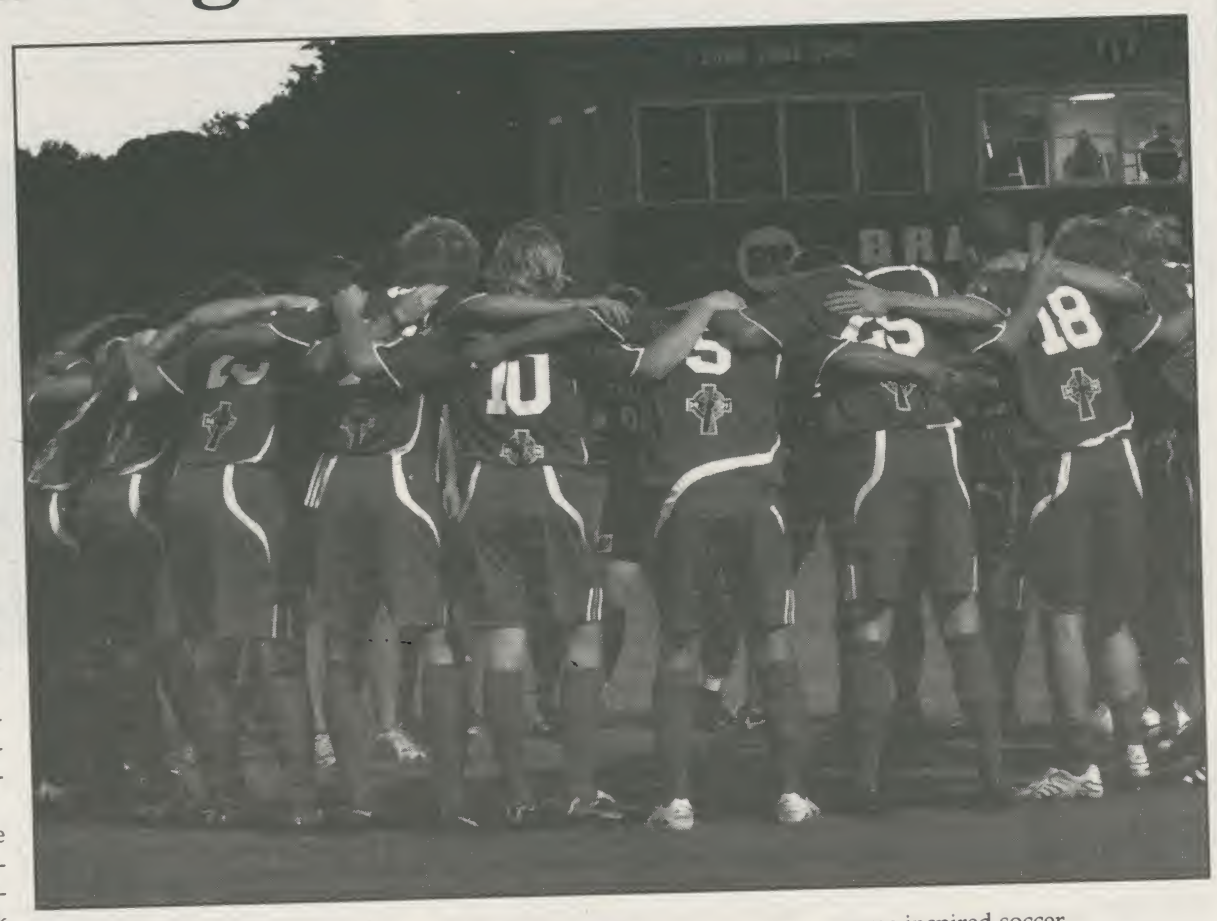
Student organizations must give a presentation to the committee, which then has the opportunity to ask questions.

"They make sure the funding is being used in organized ways," Whited said.

SABRC also reviews video and audio submissions by musical groups and comedians to determine if the material is appropriate and interesting for students.

Editorial

Soccer team gets well-deserved win



As the Bradley soccer team began preparing for the season this summer, expectations were high.

The Braves were once again projected to finish atop the Missouri Valley Conference standings and have a chance at making the NCAA tournament.

But those expectations were thrown out the window Aug. 12 when redshirt freshman Danny Dahlquist was killed in an off-campus house fire.

Suddenly, winning was the last thing on the player's minds.

Practices were cancelled as the team mourned the loss of a teammate and friend, and things only got worse with the revelation that three more teammates were being charged with starting the blaze that lead to Dahlquist's death.

When the team resumed practicing a few days later, the prognosis for the season was vastly different, and understandably so.

"For the first time ever, we're not putting those NCAA tournament goals and conference championship goals up there. I think this year we're going to really start very small," coach Jim DeRose said two weeks after the tragedy.

But three months later, those goals have come to fruition.

The Braves won both the regular-season and conference titles, and with Wednesday's win over Indiana, they earned Bradley's first ever trip to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

It's an impressive feat no matter how it's viewed, but when seen in the full context of the situation, it becomes that much more astounding.

The loss of a friend is always a difficult thing to deal with, and it must have been especially difficult for a group of young men who spend so much time together playing the sport they love. Many of the players played with or against each other on prep teams long before they came to Bradley.

Three months ago, it would have been nearly impossible to foresee the type of success the team enjoys now. Nobody would have been surprised if the Braves struggled this season.

Not only were they forced to cope with the loss of a teammate, the team also had to find a way to play with a roster depleted of depth by the departure of the three players charged with starting the fire. All three were expected to be key contributors this year.

Yet through it all, the team has prevailed. DeRose and the players said at the start of the season they wanted to use Dahlquist's memory as an inspiration to play on, and they've certainly played some inspired soccer.

The Braves are 9-1-2 in their last 12 games and show no signs of slowing down.

What the players have done this year is truly amazing. They triumphed in the face of tragedy and adversity, turning in the greatest season in program history, and did so with great class.

No matter what the final result is in this Saturday's Sweet 16 match, DeRose and his players deserve the utmost praise for their accomplishments this year.

Opinions from other campuses

Federal law leaves many children behind

UNIVERSITY WIRE – When President George W. Bush's pet project, the No Child Left Behind Act, was established in 2001, its main purpose was to pressure educational programs to increase the performance of primary and secondary schools in the United States.

The act was designed to honor its title and leave no child behind.

Why is it, then, that certain groups of students in the Los Angeles Unified School District are still struggling to keep up with others when it comes to reading levels?

According to a Los Angeles Times article, a new federal report showed that while math scores in the Los Angeles Unified School District are continuing to rise, reading levels are tanking among fourth-graders. LAUSD ranks among the lowest levels in the nation for comparable urban districts.

One reason, which many educators have long complained about, is that NCLB was equipped with a lot of federal demands and accompanied by little or no federal money to implement programs to boost educational needs.

The situation is creating a wide "achievement gap" between Latino and African-American students (the majority in the LAUSD) and their fellow white and Asian classmates.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell tossed his nickel opinion into the fray by positing that black children learn "raucous" ways at church, but get in trouble for doing so at school.

He tried to reference school-reform consultant Glenn Eric Singleton, but made some people uncomfortable. See, O'Connell is white and Singleton is black, making some squirm in their skin over what were deemed sweeping racially insensitive generalizations.

O'Connell's blunt comments, at the very minimum, sparked discussion about what can and should be done to help create more viable ways to help underrepresented and underperforming students keep up.

There are many factors urban youngsters must overcome that don't necessarily apply to their white and Asian counterparts in less-impacted school districts. Socioeconomic status, language barriers and limited resources have a great impact in the students' success. It's important to consider these issues in the dialogue.

The next step for the school system, and for educational leaders like O'Connell, is to find a workable solution to lift those numbers, not just in reading skills, but also to raise college enrollment in the strained communities.

Solutions begin at the university.

Our very own California State University Long Beach students are trying valiantly to help minority and underprivileged students. Just last year, the Educational Opportunity Program Student Organization put together the Books Alive! Literacy Festival.

The goal of the event was to get elementary school students who come from low-income families excited about literacy and college, to start planting that little educational seed for the future.

Educational leaders can take a tip or two from our dedicated CSULB students, who once wore the shoes of the elementary students they reach out to inspire. If more programs like Books Alive! are provided, the low numbers could possibly get a little bit higher.

According to the CSULB Department of Teacher Education's website, for the past 20 years, its program has evolved with the times. The department has taken into account that different students require different needs. Preparing future teachers could prove to be the fundamental key to the problem.

These CSULB teachers-in-the-making provide possibly the greatest impact in a young student's life. That should be reason enough for school systems to hire teachers dedicated to wanting the best for their students.

Discussions about how to fix the systemic problems can continue ad nauseam and nothing will be cured. Bush needs to put our money where his mouth is.

Until the federal government infuses funding to complement its mandates and requirements for higher performance scores, many children will be left behind, and the NCLB will remain just an act – one nobody will want to pay astronomical admission prices to see.

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Young girls have new rock model

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Barbie's monopoly over little girls' hearts and playtime has reached a startling halt.

Enter the toy aisle this holiday season and find the new girl on the block—Disney channel phenomenon Hannah Montana.

The ordinary-by-day, secret-pop-star-by night tween is expected to dominate the children's retail market this season. And it wouldn't be by surprise – "Hannah Montana" is already the number one show for kids ages 6 to 11 and 9 to 14, and the star's 56-city sold-out tour is the number one most searched event on Ticketmaster, according to USA Today.

One desperate parent clutched a Hannah statue for six days straight to get his hands on tickets to "The Best of Both Worlds" tour, where the show's star Miley Cyrus will perform as Miley Stewart, the average school girl, and Hannah Montana—Miley's rock-star pseudonym.

Although thousands of fans are disappointed about their inability to score tickets to this season's hottest tour, they have other options to get their Hannah fix.

They can purchase the character's concert performance doll equipped with multiple outfits, a tour bus and backstage dressing room. Or if they already have that, board games, toothbrushes, T-shirts, DVD players, bike helmets and endless other options are available. Toys R' Us even has a Hannah look-a-like wig.

Walk further down the aisle and see Barbie has fewer options to offer. Ordinary dolls with standard pink outfits sit next to "Barbie as the Island Princess," a toy created from its same-named DVD that has yet to mark high sales, analysts said.

Barbie sales were down 19 percent in the last sales quarter ending Sept. 30. It was the third quarter in a row the doll's sales declined.

Although it first seemed saddening to see my generation's premier doll losing steam, it now seems healthier and more beneficial to young female doll owners.

Growing up, my only choice of a doll to play with was Barbie.

If Barbie were real, she would be seven feet tall with a waistline of 18 inches and a bustline of 38 to 40 inches. She would need to walk on all fours because of her impossible proportions, according to www.empoweredparents.com.

This hardly seems like a good image to not only suggest, but also to expect young girls to look up to.

And although Hannah Montana may not be real, Miley Cyrus is.

And Cyrus is doing something no other child star has done before.

She's not only giving young females nationwide an item to put on atop their Christmas lists, but she's also giving them a real role model to admire.

Cyrus is your everyday girl.

She's admitted to being afraid of fireworks and getting in trouble for losing her credit card two days after receiving it. She said she's allowed to date, but her parents are "like weird" about it. And although she's become extraordinarily famous, she's yet to front the tabloids or be under a negative spotlight.

Cyrus is the typical teen – except for when she blew out 15 candles on her birthday cake last Saturday, she did it in front of 15,000 fans.

On "Hannah Montana", Miley Stewart gets bullied by her peers, jealous of her friends and doesn't make the cheerleading team.

When she messes up, she laughs it off and talks about it with her friends and family.

When young girls play with the Hannah doll, they see her as having these characteristics.

Her imperfections are allowing young girls to relate to her, versus Barbie's continuously "plastic" image.

Sure, there's been "Cheerleader Barbie," but there's never been Barbie-doesn't-make-the-cheerleading-team-so-has-to-be-the-ridiculous-looking-mascot doll.

Barbie probably won't be hitting the clearance racks anytime soon. But right now, American girls need Hannah.

They need Miley Cyrus to overshadow Britney Spears' negative image in the spotlight, and they need the Hannah doll to play with and cope with the fact that their ordinary problems are just that – ordinary.

If the coolest girl on TV is experiencing the difficulties, it's not going to seem as hard for her dolls' owners to face those same problems.

Rock on, Hannah Montana. Keep making 14-year-old girls think G-rated TV is cooler than MTV, and who knows … you're wholesome image may even have some influence on the rest of us.

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College Republicans

Republican ideals unclear to some

Most Bradley students were no older than freshmen in high school when George W. Bush was elected president, and all of us were too young to really realize what his father did when he was president.

When I sat at the Activities Fair this fall, I noticed many people associated the entire Republican party with only one aspect: Bush.

But many Republicans don't agree with his policies, and he isn't a good example of true Republican values.

Republicans believe in a fiscally conservative government, and not every Republican is a religious fanatic. Although the "religious right" does tend to be Republican, many Republicans aren't socially conservative, just fiscally conservative. Republicans believe in paying less taxes and having people be more responsible for themselves.

There are some things Bush has done that do hold true to Republican values. The one point most liberals fail to realize about Bush's tax cuts is he also lowered taxes for the lowest-income Americans, doubled the child-tax credit (which effects low and middle income families), and made it easier for people who don't file long form for their takes to be able to deduct charitable donations. However, most of his policies don't align with the party.

Republicans also believe in a limited government with free markets. Most Republicans agree government isn't as efficient as the private sector, because unfortunately, it isn't necessary to balance the budget. By limiting what power the government has and giving more freedom to Americans, more can get done efficiently.

Another factor is Republicans tend to want to be stricter on illegal immigration than Bush. Most Republicans are against amnesty, because it's a slap in the face to immigrants who have came here legally.

Most Republicans aren't horrible people who think we should completely close our borders and not let anyone into our country. We just think people should come here legally so they pay taxes and Social Security. Doing so would prevent them from draining a system they don't pay into. I'm not saying this is the only factor draining these systems, but it's common sense that if more people are paying into the system, more money will be in it.

One of the most important aspects to remember, especially with an election as important as the one coming up, is you need to know and understand the good and bad as to why politicians do what they do.

Ideas that sound good in reality may be bad for the country as a whole. Be informed when you make your vote because it isn't just whom you're voting for, but what he or she stands for. When it comes to politics, you definitely can't judge a book by its cover.

If you want to learn more about real Republican values, check out the next College Republicans meeting on at 8 p.m. Monday in Baker 256.

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Christmas spirit harder to embrace

I've done everything I can to get into the spirit of the holiday season.

I rose before the sun on Black Friday – Christmas list and coupons in hand. I stood for a half hour in the Kohl's checkout line that wrapped around the store. I bounced down the aisles in sync with the Christmas carols projecting from the stores' speakers.

I decorated my miniature Christmas tree and placed it on my nightstand underneath my window adorned with multicolored lights. I helped my mom hang garland and red bows on the pillars outside our house.

I changed the wallpaper on my cell phone and computer to white, falling snowflakes. I changed my ring tone to 'NSYNC's "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays," and I have been jamming to Clay Aiken's "Merry Christmas With Love" in my car. I sang Christmas carols with my friends downtown at Yulelike Peoria.

When we got the first snowfall Sunday, I stared out my bedroom window hoping it would stick to the grass and trees and accumulate.

But despite the effort I've put forward to welcome the holiday season, I still can't seem to get into the mood. Part of the problem is that Thanksgiving came earlier this year and the weather just recently became cold to match the season.

Instead of having a week of classes and then a few days of finals before Winter Break, we aren't officially finished until Dec. 19.

But I can't blame the calendar makers for making Thanksgiving come early, and I can't blame Bradley officials for letting us out later because of it. I also can't hold the meteorologists responsible for letting the temperature rise into the '70s in November.

In the end, I can't find anyone to point fingers at for not letting me get into the holiday buzz. I feel like Charlie Brown when he was trying to find the true meaning of Christmas. But that's not really it because I already know the true meaning of Christmas. It's about the birth of Jesus Christ, being charitable to our fellow man, celebrating the gift of giving and spending time with friends and family.

So now what? Do I accuse myself and other American shoppers for getting wrapped up in the materialism of holiday shopping? Do I blame the people who look past Jesus and venerate inflatable Santas instead?

I can't point fingers at anyone because Christmas shopping and Santa are almost as important to my holiday season as Jesus and family are.

But I think I've found the answer. The holiday season isn't what it used to be because I'm growing up. Christmas gets farther away from how I remember it as a child, and I haven't wanted to acknowledge that. I'm 21, and I refuse to accept that Santa isn't going to eat my chocolate chip cookies I put by the tree and Rudolph isn't going to eat the carrots I throw in the yard.

Instead of studying for final exams and putting out a newspaper, I want to go back to the times when my mom Saran-wrapped my feet to keep them warm during the Festival of Lights parade in East Peoria. I want the adrenaline I got when I snuck into the living room to see if Santa had come yet. I want to watch "Prancer" and still believe it's a true story.

But that's not happening, and I need to come to terms with it. Everybody wants to be 10 years old again, including me, but it's not realistic. And I'm hoping that because I finally figured that out this year, I can enjoy the holiday season and be thankful for the Christmas I have.

But I can't promise I won't cry during "Prancer" or sneak downstairs to see what Santa brought.

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Beat the winter blues with seasonal events

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
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The trees throughout Bradley's campus are almost rid of all their leaves, signaling the beginning of the end of the first semester.

This also means winter is in the not-too-far future.

With the weather being as warm as it was for October and the majority of November, being thrown into the cold can be quite a change for students.

Once a sweatshirt was enough to battle the fall chill in the air, more and more students are busting out the winter hats and coats to protect themselves.

Freshman education major CJ Plunkett said, "It used to take me five minutes to get ready for class. But now, with all my layers, I have to actually wake up in the morning."

The "Indian summer" (a longer period of warm weather after the summer season) was a welcome one, but there are some people who look forward to the cold weather.

Freshman theatre major Andrew Kuhlman said, "I like the approach of fall better than I like summer, but sometimes it gets too cold for my liking."

The almost immediate change of weather is one that has seemed to bring a halt to quad activities. Where there were once students playing Frisbee and football on the quad, there's nothing but fallen leaves and browning grass filling the scenery.

This cold shouldn't put a damper on student activity, however. There are many things students can do to beat the cold and boredom to fill their study breaks.

A winter staple across the country is ice-skating and as luck would have it, Peoria is home to such a place to do that.

The Peoria Owens Center offers open skating to the public throughout the week. Admission is $4. Skate rentals are available for $2 for those who don't have their own ice skates.

Sophomore math major Katie Cannella said the skating rink was a good break from the normal life.

"We went there with the Res Life staff last year and we had a lot of fun," she said. "It was something different to do for a change."

For those willing to brave the cold and experience the holiday as a community, the Festival of Lights is the place to be.

Each year, East Peoria hosts the festival to kick off the holiday season.

East Peoria Festival of Lights is one of the largest nighttime light festivals in the nation, offering festive floats filled with funky and flashy lights sure to bring out the child in all of us.

The Festival of Lights runs until Dec. 31 throughout East Peoria.

For those looking for a less active experience, the Peoria theatre community is a great place for a night of relaxation and enjoyment.

Peoria Players Theatre offers a very entertaining holiday theatre experience with "Christmas in the City," a holiday-inspired musical song and dance revue of some Christmas classics sure to delight those looking to get into the spirit of the season.

"It's a very light-hearted Christmas show that will get you in the holiday season," said freshman theatre major Kelly Kooken.

"Christmas in the City" shows tonight and runs through Sunday with two shows on Saturday. Tickets are available for $11 for students at the Peoria Players box office.

Bradley Theatre Department is also keeping busy with two steady weekends of theatre for those not wanting to leave campus.

"New Faces 2007," a night of one-act plays directed by the department's directing class and performed mainly by freshman and transfer students who have never been on the Mainstage runs at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow.

Performers in 'Christmas in the City' at Peoria Players Theatre sing and dance to Christmas music. *photo courtesy of Peoriaplayers.org*

Tickets are on sale for $7 at the box office for a discount with a student I.D.

Opening next weekend, the Bradley Theatre's Ministry of Experimental Theatre debuts the second show of its season with Neil Labute's "The Shape of Things."

Running Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8, "The Shape of Things" deals with the concept of love, art and everything in between through a college student's perspective. Tickets will be on sale at the door of the Lab Theatre on the night of the performances.

Whatever you decide to do, beating the cold is a top priority, especially with extreme cold that can sometimes hit the Midwest.

So whether you are out skating up a storm or sitting at Starbucks with some friends and a warm drink, just remember to bundle up and enjoy the season.

After all, there are only 13 days until study day. Don't burn out (or freeze up!) too early.

Students get heated over building temperatures

BY JIM FERRUZZA
for the Scout

Some students were sweating in their classrooms before Thanksgiving Break.

Heat was on in most buildings though the temperature outside was around 65 degrees.

"I just think that it's a waste of money," said junior English major Kelsey Wideman. "They need to coincide what's outside with what's inside. They need to automate it."

Though the weather has been characteristically cold the past week, the month of November was unseasonably warm.

Utility Supervisor Leroy Nielson said some buildings don't have updated equipment, so it's difficult to regulate the heat to match the outside temperature.

"Normally when we get into this time of year, we have already winterized the chillers," he said. "There is still ventilation, but sometimes when it gets to 65 or 70 degrees it's not sufficient."

Nielson said newer buildings such as Bradley Hall are easier to regulate than ones such as Westlake.

Nielson said the warm weather caught him off guard.

"It's kind of difficult to backpedal once we're set," Nielson said. "We might be forced to run the chillers all year long in the future."

Sophomore English major Anna Christianson said she noticed the heat problem.

"It was really, really hot in all of the classrooms to the point that it was uncomfortable," she said.

And sophomore English major Amber Schultz said she was uncomfortable in classes as well.

"It's either way too hot or way too cold in all of the buildings," she said. "I think they need to control the heat according to the outside temperature. It would be nice for them to do it soon because winter's coming and I don't want to be miserable."

Nielson said the department turns on the heat whenever the outside temperature drops below 55 degrees.

"We turn on the heat according to the outside temperature, no matter what the time of year. But of course, sometimes the weather doesn't cooperate," he said. "Sometimes we aren't prepared for an unseasonable change in the weather."

Nielson said it isn't always easy keeping up with the weather.

"Once the heat has been turned on, we modulate the heat." he said. "Sometimes we have to turn it all the way down."

Comfort is the Facilities Department's main concern, Nielson said, although cost is also something it considers.

Nielson said the department stays busy taking calls about heat complaints.

"All the complaints or trouble calls come in to central," said Nielson. "They are then assessed and a work order is drawn up. The work order is then given to an engineer, a mechanic, or even a plumber depending on the nature of the job to be done."

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Student Patrol in action, watching over campus

Patrol is eight members strong, may add two more

BY CLARIBEL ROCHA
for the Scout

Brittney Richardson, one of the first students who applied for the Student Patrol, had her first shift last month.

"The first weekend was pretty intense," the sophomore chemistry major said. "Walking around in the cold for eight hours was definitely more of a shock to my body then I thought it would be, but after the next day I was used to it."

The Student Patrol is making its rounds on campus despite a slow start because of a lack of students applying for the positions. University Police will possibly hire two more students, Police Sgt. Sean Davis said.

"Right now there are about eight people on staff," Richardson said. "I have worked with four of them, and they are all extremely nice and easy to get along with."

She said she has yet to see anything overly suspicious.

"Besides calling in some safety hazards such as lights and checking a few emergency phones, I didn't see anything that interesting," Richardson said.

Currently the students patrol from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. Each patroller is allowed one 10-minute break per hour and one 30-minute break per shift.

"The program is still a work in progress," Davis said. "Adjustments will be made if they are needed."

Its mission is to assist the police in detecting and reporting crimes, Davis said.

Student patrollers walk around campus and surrounding neighborhoods in pairs wearing lime green vests and observe and report crimes, suspicious activities and possible hazards.

They check emergency phones and only escort when asked by students or told so by a lead officer.

On some occasions, the patrollers can be asked to give verbal or written statements and testify in court on incidents witnessed.

Patrollers only carry flashlights and radios and aren't allowed to carry any weapons.

The shifts are usually made up of two teams of two, but students might see three, Davis said.

"I know the hours are somewhat odd, so I try to rotate the teams as often as possible," he said.

Freshman psychology major Meghan Condon said she feels safer knowing the patrol service is out when students need it most.

"The program is a good idea because a lot of people don't realize they need help getting back to their dorm when they're intoxicated, they don't call the escort service, so the patrollers walking around could help insure safety especially for those students," Condon said.

Freshman nursing major Carrie Burns said she feels more comfortable knowing there are people out ready and willing to help when there could be no one else around.

"I know being a patroller kind of ruins your weekends but I would consider applying to become one knowing there are many students benefiting from the service," she said.

The patrol service's no. 1 priority is to insure safety, Davis said.

"[Student patrollers] are an extension of [the police]," he said. "They are to be witnesses, testify and basically be our extra eyes and ears."

Students interested in becoming patrollers must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license, be a Bradley student, pass background investigation and have no prior criminal convictions.

The patrollers undergo training to learn how to properly use radios and are expected to know streets, campus buildings and surrounding landmarks.

The students are paid and anyone is eligible to apply, even if they don't qualify for work study.

The program is financed from what was left of the student escort fund.

Students interested in becoming patrollers can apply at the University Police Station located in the parking deck.

Blood drive honors late student athlete

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

It was tougher than any battle she'd faced on the tennis court while wearing her Bradley uniform, and tougher than any test she'd taken as an honor student.

When student-athlete Megan Fong lost her battle to leukemia in 2002, Executive Athletic Director Virnette House-Browning said she knew the Athletic Department's annual blood drive should be renamed in her honor.

"Her outlook and the way she dealt with her battle was really motivating to all of us," House-Browning said. "We decided what an amazing tribute it would be to her."

The annual Megan Fong Memorial Blood and Bone Marrow Drive will take place noon to 6 p.m. Thursday in Robertson Memorial Field House.

The event is open to all students, faculty and the general public.

Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old, 110 pounds, in general good health and not have donated blood in the last eight weeks.

Those who have gotten a tattoo within the last year or have recently spent extended time outside the U.S. are ineligible.

Event coordinator Jessi Searby said there were 52 people signed up as of Tuesday. The Athletic Department is hoping for at least 72 participants.

"Right now the sign-up sheet is set up so three people will be donating every 15 minutes," Searby said. "We'd really like to fill that up and add an extra spot so we have four people donating at a time."

Searby said walk-ins may also donate.

"We can't guarantee that they'll be seen as soon [as those signed up], but walk-ins are encouraged because there's always going to be people who have low levels of iron [and are ineligible]," she said.

Between filling out paperwork, donating blood and taking time to recover and eat, donors are expected to be in and out the door in about an hour.

House-Browning said it's a critical time for blood donations.

"Around the holidays there's always a need for blood," she said. "And they're trying to get blood for [those affected by] the fires out in California."

Participants will also have the opportunity to sign up for the bone marrow donors' database.

"They'll take a swab inside your mouth so you'll be in the registry," House-Browning said. "It indicates what type of match you are, and you go into the database until needed."

Although some may never be called to donate their bone marrow, others may be called soon after.

Minorities are especially encouraged to join the registry because they have low numbers in the database, House-Browning said.

When Fong was diagnosed with leukemia and needed a transplant, there were only three donors that matched her in the registry. One of the matches was herself - from when she signed up at the Bradley Athletics blood drive.

Those interested in donating blood or signing up for the bone marrow registry may contact Jessi Searby at x4856, or sign up at www.givebloodgivelife.com.

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Experts warn holidays attract criminal activity

BY HIRDESH MATTA
of the Diamondback (U. Maryland)

UNIVERSITY WIRE – The Christmas tree goes up, the menorah comes out. Finals are done, and students finally have a few weeks to kick back as the new year arrives.

In many ways, the holiday season is a boon for University of Maryland students. But it can also be an opportunity for those looking to take advantage of the unsuspecting.

Crime on the campus usually hits a low point as the population takes a dive, police say. But in the city and surrounding region, robberies often shoot up.

Take 2005, a historic year for robberies in College Park, Ma., which was hit with a spree of incidents during November and December. A man was robbed in his front yard at gunpoint Nov. 12 of that year. Later that month, a student was robbed at gunpoint walking home. That same week, a Shanghai Cafe delivery man was robbed while delivering food and a student was robbed outside of Potbelly's.

The following week, Best Western Hotel on Route 1 was robbed on two separate occasions and Pizza Boli's was the site of yet another robbery.

Robberies got so out of hand that Prince George's County Police had to assign the city a robbery suppression team.

Major Kevin Davis, commander of District 1, commented that the number of students walking alone late at night, some of whom were intoxicated, could have led to the increased number of robberies.

On Wednesday, however, Davis said, "2005 was unique." He added that a hotel holding 19 rooms of victims of domestic violence from Washington was an element that attracted people from outside the jurisdiction to come to College Park, which contributed to the crime spree.

The holiday season thus far has been a success, Davis said. Robberies haven't been a particular problem. He warned, though, that the holiday season is still young.

University Police Spokesman Paul Dillon said on-campus crime tends to drop off during the holidays simply because the population decreases drastically, making for fewer potential victims.

But off campus, he said, domestic violence seems to increase because families are coming together and property crimes increase because of more opportunities for thieves.

To stay safe, Dillon advises students to not drink an excessive amount of alcohol as it is "almost always a factor in domestic-related violence."

Arnett Gaston, an international criminal justice consultant and lecturer in the criminology and criminal justice department who has been a law enforcement executive for more than 30 years, agreed with Dillon that property crime and personal crime tend to increase in some jurisdictions during the holiday

Gaston's explanation is that people are not as aware during the holidays and more opportunities are available to criminals.

"Crime is an opportunistic event," said Gaston. "And whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself, it will be taken advantage of."

He cautioned against wearing new clothes or leaving gifts in plain sight inside vehicles.

"Want to stay safe? Stay home," Gaston joked.

Gaston said College Park is like most college towns as it's open, allowing escape to be easier than in urban and suburban areas.

"The access to and the escape from your victims are enhanced by the fact that it's a college town," said Gaston.

Study shows passive IM breakups popular

BY KATHERINE LACKEY
of the Daily Collegian (Penn State)

UNIVERSITY WIRE - To avoid the "it's not you, it's me (but it's really you)" conversations that frequent break ups, a new poll shows teens are using instant messaging as a way to avoid awkward situations.

"It's much easier to let someone down [online], to say 'I don't want to go out with you' ... even talking to them on the phone is awkward," said Erin Gifford, an AOL spokeswoman. "I think a lot more people are turning to instant messaging to have an awkward or negative conversation ... you can just sign off and that's the end of the conversation."

Afraid of confrontation, rejection and facial expressions, AOL Instant Messenger users are going online to avoid personal conversations, a new Associated Press-American Online (AOL) poll indicates.

In the poll, 22 percent of respondents indicated they used instant messaging to ask for or accept a date and 13 percent said they used it to break up with someone.

But graduate student Megan Fleischer said she would not go out with a guy if he asked her via instant message.

"I think that's kind of sad," Fleischer said. "If a guy asked me out on an instant messenger, I wouldn't think he was too sincere."

Junior engineering science major Owen Malinowski said he has used instant messaging to ask out a girlfriend he was already dating, but never for a first date.

He added he would never break up with someone using an instant messenger.

"I think that's kind of a cowardly thing to do," he said. "Do it in person or at least over the phone if you can't see them."

Senior political science major Brooke Peltz said she thinks people's values are changing.

"Ten years ago, you wouldn't have broken up on AIM," she said.

The poll also indicated that users are instant messaging outside the realm of the traditional AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) computer application, a fact that will be highlighted by a new partnership between AOL and Gmail, a Google-based e-mail, Gifford said.

Within the next few weeks, AIM will become even more prevalent online through its integration with Gmail, which will allow users to access their buddy list through Gmail's chat box, Gifford said.

"You will be able to have your Gmail open and chat with all your Gmail buddies and have your AIM buddy list as well," she said.

The AP-AOL poll also found that 43 percent of teens used instant messaging to type things they wouldn't necessarily say in person.

Malinowski said it helps that you can't hear the other person if you're telling them something they don't want to hear.

"All they can do is type back," he said. "They can't scream or anything."

But many students indicated that much of a conversation is lost in translation when using instant messaging instead of talking on the phone or in person.

Fleischer said it is not easy to express sarcasm or humor through instant messaging.

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Candice Holt said she got stuck in a Harper Hall elevator on the seventh floor earlier this year.

"The doors started to open and they didn't open and you couldn't push them open," she said. "Mostly I just freaked out, and there wasn't much thinking it was more of, 'oh my God I need to get out of the elevator.'"

Illinois Director of Elevator Safety Bob Capuani said the number of people that can ride in an elevator is determined by a universal code and varies among elevators.

"It depends on the dimensions of the cab and capacity of the car," he said. "There's an equation in there that would calculate that."

Doerzaph said the state requires an elevator inspection company to test elevators once a year. However, a company visits campus more when unexpected problems and situations arise

"If the elevator is reported that it's stuck, we try to find out if there's anyone on it, and no matter what, we send the operation engineer that's on campus over to the elevator and he'll report back," Doerzaph said. "If he can't reset it for whatever reason, then the university calls the elevator company."

Doerzaph said he isn't sure if all university elevators are up to state codes because he's unsure of regulations.

RIDE-ALONG
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While Fales was talking to the floor's resident adviser, a male came into the hallway to vomit in a garbage can. After talking to that person, it was obvious he was intoxicated, and an ambulance was called to treat him.

When a second officer went to get the Breathalyzer, she observed another obviously intoxicated male in the Williams lobby.

At about 1 a.m., Fales was informed that there was blood in the mens' bathroom on the fourth floor of Williams. She later found out the student had hit his head and left blood on the floor and walls.

Fales called an ambulance. When the paramedics arrived, they decided the student should be taken to the hospital.

After the two drunken men were taken care of, Fales, the assault victim and the RA returned to the police department to fill out what she called a huge part of her job – the paperwork.

While back on patrol, Fales stopped at several university buildings such as Dingeldine Center and the bookstore to make sure they were secure. She said this is one of the many things university police officers do several times during their shifts.

After performing these checks, Fales was dispatched to a noise complaint, another common job of officers. The residents of the St. James apartment were leaving as Fales approached the apartment. They apologized and promised the noise would stop.

Fales was then dispatched to the St. James Apartment Complex again after a cab driver said a patron refused to pay her fare. When she got to the scene, Fales was told one of the patron's friends paid the fare.

Fales received a 911 call shortly after from the Gamma Phi Beta sorority house where someone had thrown a cell phone through a large plate glass window, shattering a part of the chandelier.

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JACK'S
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said. "I knew there could be some problems with scheduling, but I knew it was going to work out."

Dusenberg said Feb. 10, a Sunday, was the only date that worked both for Jack's Mannequin and the field house.

She said the band brought a lot of hype when they were originally scheduled, and she hopes students will have the same response the second time around.

"I'm hoping they will all be as excited as they were the first time," she said. "It's going to be a really good show, so I hope everyone comes out."

Director of Student Activities Michelle Whited said scheduling the band luckily worked out.

"I think those people who had bought their tickets were excited about it, and I think they'll be even more excited," she said. "And I hope the students who hadn't really thought about it will reconsider and be excited too."

When Jack's Mannequin canceled, ACBU planned to book a different show for this semester but decided who was available wasn't worth the money.

Whited said she's unsure if there will be two shows in the field house next semester.

"We'd like to try to do two shows," she said. "It's a timing issue at this point. We're not ruling out another show, and we're going to see what we can do. But I can't say for sure if that's going to happen."

Senior political science and journalism major Amber Huett started a Facebook group called "Jack's Mannequin Love" because "nobody had started a group, and I was filling the void Bradley felt."

Huett said ACBU made a smart choice in scheduling Jack's Mannequin.

"I think the band has a good message, and there was a lot of initial support compared to other bands we've had," she said. "They just have a great sound, and you can relate to them."

Huett said she will be in the front row and first in line for the concert.

"Just so everybody knows and doesn't get their hopes up," she said.

Tickets are $5 for Bradley students and $20 for the public. They will go on sale after Winter Break.

ACBU will not accept tickets for the Oct. 20 concert. Tickets can be exchanged or refunded in the Student Activities office in January.

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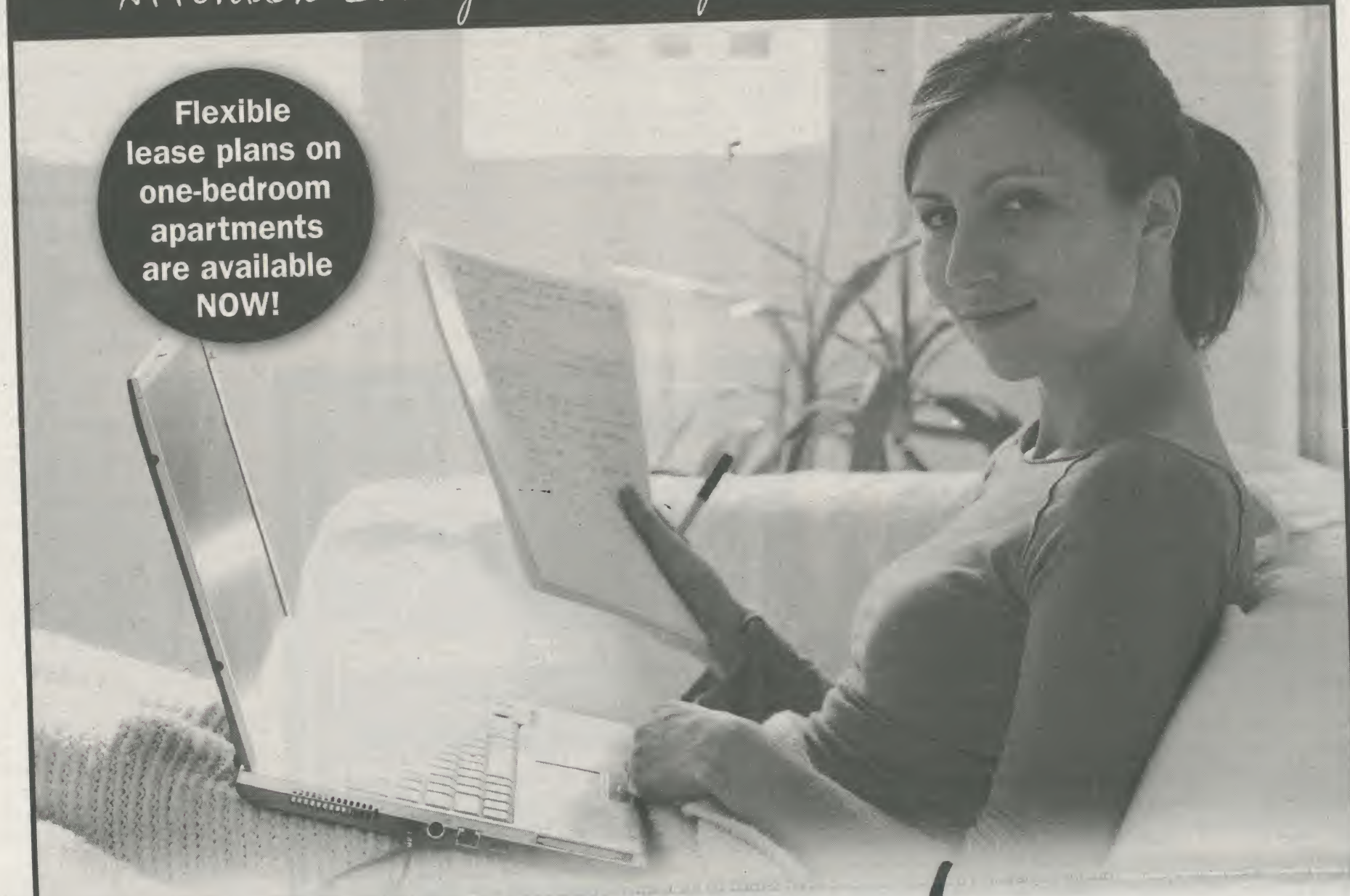

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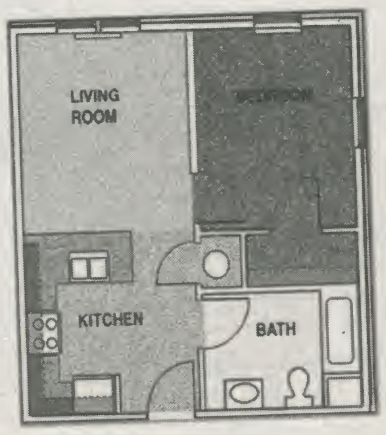

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SOCCER

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Sophomore Chris Cutshaw came through with a goal on his attempt to give the Braves a 5-4 lead in the shootout, and Haynes came through with a save on the final shot to win the game.

The win moves the Braves into the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history. They travel to Maryland this weekend to take on the Terapins for a shot to advance to the quarterfinals.

Bradley 2, DePaul 0

After Bradley failed to advance in each of its three previous trips to the NCAA tournament, Brust made sure the fourth time would be different.

Brust knocked home the game-winning goal in the 61st minute when he gathered a loose ball in front of the box and sent it into the upper left corner of the net.

"The ball popped right to me in the box, and I knew it was going in," Brust said. "It was me and the goalkeeper, and I knew who was going to win."

Bradley would tack on another goal late in the game to down DePaul 2-0 in Saturday night's first-round game. The win marks the first ever NCAA tournament victory for the soccer team.

The Braves entered the game on a roll, having beaten No. 7 Creighton on Nov. 18 to win the first Missouri Valley Conference tournament title in program history.

"It's been a year of firsts for us," Bradley coach Jim DeRose said. "Hopefully this cements these kids' legacy."

Playing in front of a crowd of 1,129 in below-freezing temperatures, the Braves battled the Blue Demons to a standstill for the first 60 minutes of play.

Bradley missed an opportunity to get on the board midway through the first half when a shot by freshman Ephraim Beard hit the post. The team didn't generate another scoring chance in the period and had to settle for a scoreless tie at the half.

"I think we were pretty bummed out when we missed the chance in the first half," DeRose said. "The guys were a little down at halftime, but we just defended hard in the second half, and Stephen came through with another timely goal."

The Braves finally broke through a stingy DePaul defense with Brust's goal 16 minutes into the second half. The goal marked the second-straight game in which he's netted the game-winner.

DeRose credited Brust's late-season scoring surge to his conditioning.

"This is where fitness and strength and all the stuff in the weight room comes in," he said. "He still has a lot in a tank, and that says a lot about him."

The Blue Demons entered the game as one of the top defensive squads in the country, posting 11 shutouts and boasting a 0.71 goals against average. DeRose said he thought heading into the game that goals might be hard to come by.

"One of the things we wrote up on the chalkboard was 'one chance, one mistake, one finish', and that's really what it came down to," he said. "I thought it was going to be a 1-0 game, and we were fortunate to get that one chance."

DePaul had an opportunity to tie the game in the 77th minute when Steffen Vroom sent a ball sailing towards the right side of the net following a restart, but freshman Rudy Garcia was waiting on the right post to knock the ball away and preserve the lead.

Sophomore Justin Bigelow added an insurance goal for the Braves in the 83rd minute, and senior goalkeeper Mike Haynes made a pair of second-half saves to earn his ninth shutout of the season.

Sophomore Grant Campbell races a defender to the ball during Bradley's 2-0 win over DePaul on Saturday night. *photo by Bob Hunt*

BASKETBALL

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"Our lack of defense and concentration led to easy baskets for Vanderbilt, and we weren't able to overcome that."

Bradley came out much stronger in the second half, opening with a 9-0 run to close the gap to nine with 17:14 remaining.

The two teams then battled back and forth for the next 15 minutes of play, with the Braves slowly carving away at the Commodores lead.

A layup by junior Theron Wilson trimmed the deficit to one point at 85-84 with 2:40 left on the clock and gave the Braves a chance to tie the game when he was fouled on the play. However, Wilson failed to convert on the ensuing free-throw.

Bradley had four more chances to tie or take the lead but couldn't capitalize, and Vanderbilt eventually put the game out of reach.

Despite the loss, Ruffin said he was happy with the way the team responded in the second half.

"The game wasn't over. We still had a shot at it and we just had to get it to striking distance. We came out, played hard and played together," he said. "It was disappointing but in all honesty, I thought we fought hard. We dug ourselves a deep hole but we were able to overcome that."

Sophomore Andrew Warren finished second on the team in scoring with 18 points. Wilson and Crouch added nine points apiece.

Bradley 67, Iowa 56

The Braves' first game in South Padre Island proved to be more successful.

Ruffin and Crouch dominate the game against a young Iowa backcourt, leading Bradley to a 67-56 win over the Hawkeyes.

"It was a big game for us," Ruffin said. "It was kind of a statement game, and I thought we came out with great intensity and great focus."

Ruffin finished the game with 24 points and seven assists, while Crouch added 14 points of his own.

Iowa (4-3) jumped out to an early 15-8 lead with 13:45 remaining in the first half, but a 19-2 run by Bradley gave the Braves a 10-point lead, and they wouldn't trail again.

Along with the 38 combined points for Ruffin and Crouch, the Braves also received a solid effort by Wilson, who pulled in a game-high 11 rebounds. Wilson also finished the game with eight points and three steals.

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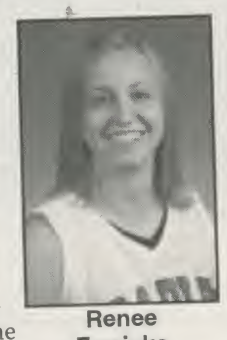
Frericks ties school record, Braves punish EIU Panthers

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

Renee Frericks' record-breaking performance Tuesday led the women's basketball team in its 26-point rout of in-state rival Eastern Illinois.

The sophomore guard's eight three-pointers broke the Robertson Memorial Field House record and tied the school record.

Frericks showcased her sharp-shooting ability from beyond the arc all game long and led Bradley to an 83-57 victory. The 26 points were the first of the season for Frericks, who nearly tripled her career total of nine points.


Renee Frericks

"Since I came here I've been working hard, especially in the off-season, at shooting," Frericks said. "My teammates were setting me amazing screens tonight and I hit some wide-open shots. [Breaking the field house record] means a lot because this place has so many great memories and it's just nice to be part of it and to be remembered."

Coach Paula Buscher said she thought Frericks' strong performance was due to the hard work she has been putting into the program.

"The best thing I can say about Renee is that she worked her butt off all summer long," she said. "Renee and Jenny Van Kirk as freshmen last year didn't get much playing time and both of them put in the time [in the off-season] and I think it shows. She opened it up and now she's going to have to learn to come off screens even better because people are going to start guarding her tighter."

Frericks and Van Kirk aren't the only players who have been working hard.

After dropping both games at the Great Alaska Shootout, Buscher said she thought the team needed work.

After getting in early Friday morning from Alaska the team practiced that night followed by two-a-days on Saturday and went hard in practice on Sunday.

Megan Klingler

The hard work paid off as Bradley (2-4) came out strong to start the game. After quickly falling behind 9-8 the Braves went on a 23-3 run led mostly by four three-pointers from Frericks and three baskets by junior Megan Klingler.

The Panthers (0-6) traded points with Bradley the rest of the first half until the final seconds when Frericks connected on her fifth three-pointer of the night to give the Braves a 44-22 lead at the half.

Buscher said she was happy with the way her team performed.

"They came out with a whole other level of intensity and aggressiveness," she said. "This is a team that has a lot of potential. We're pulling it out of them right now and I'm really proud of the way they came out tonight."

The Braves started the second half slow allowing EIU to go on a 13-3 run, but Frericks put an end to the rally with her sixth three-pointer of the night. She went on to hit two more shots from behind the arc in the Bradley victory.

The Braves scored a season-high 83 points and it was the first time the team went over 70 points this year. The offensive explosion was largely due to the team's 46 points off the bench.

Junior Monica Rogers was the team's second leading scorer with 14 points.

Senior Devyn Flanagan scored just three points leaving her eight points shy of tying Karen Richardson for 25th all-time on the Braves scoring list, and 11 points short of joining the 800-point club.

Van Kirk got her first career start and had a solid game scoring five points and recording four rebounds in her 17 minutes of action.

Bradley looks to continue its success on Saturday when the team makes its first trip ever to Arkansas to take on Arkansas-Little Rock.

Volleyball team wraps up season

BY ADAM KAGAN
of the Scout

The women's volleyball team wrapped up its season Nov. 16 and 17 when they were swept by Missouri State and Wichita State 3-0 at Robertson Memorial Field House.

Missouri State (25-7) exposed Bradley (3-28) with its explosive offense beating the Braves, 30-28, 30-21, 30-19. Freshman Emily Austin had a solid outing with 11 kills, while sophomore Amy Reichel added nine kills.

Bradley rallied from a seven-point deficit to almost win the opening match.

The Braves were only behind 27-23 when freshman Melissa Collins and senior Jenna Harrison each were able to make kills and close within two points at 27-25.

Harrison added another kill to close the score again, but the Braves still trailed 29-27. However, Missouri State's Sara Staubach ended the match with a kill to win 30-28.

Missouri State overtook the Braves in the last two matches.

In Game Three, Missouri State had its best offensive outing of the day hitting .359. They limited Bradley to a .031 attacking percentage. The Braves came within four points of tying the match, but the Bears closed out the match 30-19 and won their 15th consecutive match in the all-time series.

The Braves ended the season against No. 23 Wichita State. The Braves lost all three matches 30-18, 30-20, 30-27. Harrison had one of her best performances against the Shockers tallying up 11 kills and attacked at a .556 clip, while also contributing three blocks to help lead the team.

Wichita State (26-5) blew over Bradley in the first two games, but the third saw two lead changes and 11 ties before Wichita closed out the match 30-27. The Braves trailed 24-21 at one point and rallied to close the lead to 26-25. However, the Shockers led 29-27 before their own Lindsey Eckenrode ended the match with her ninth kill of the night. The win was Wichita State's 19th consecutive victory.

The Braves hit .190 as a team, but could never keep up with Wichita State's potent offensive, which hit .324. The Braves' Kaitlyn Comiskey helped Bradley defensively with 17 digs.

Overall, the Braves have had a disappointing year. They finished with a 3-28 record and only won two games in their conference. The team only won a single game on the road the whole year. The volleyball team also saw coach Scott Luster leave after his long tenure with Bradley.

Although the season ended in disappointment, there were some high points. Harrison was named a first-team Missouri Valley Conference Scholar Athlete. She's the 12th player in the history of Bradley volleyball to be named first-team MVC Scholar-Athlete honors.

Harrison finished the season second on the team with 230 kills and a .228 kills per game average. She also led the Braves with a .252 attack percentage. Harrison's 69 block assists were second on the team and her 77 blocks and 0.76 hitting percentage ranked third on the squad.

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Tragic death of Sean Taylor a shame

BY ADAM KAGAN

The NFL lost one of its fiercest players this week.

Washington Redskins' safety Sean Taylor passed away at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning after being shot in the upper leg. Taylor was in his home early Monday morning and was attacked by an intruder.

It's always sad when a person loses their life, but in the case of Taylor, it's an especially sad story.

The 24-year-old, known as a troublemaker for most of his career, was just starting to get his life together, yet it was taken from him before he ever had a chance to show the world the type of man he was becoming.

Following the attack on Monday morning, Taylor was airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he was put in intensive care. Taylor was listed in critical condition, and doctors weren't sure if the Pro-Bowl safety would recover.

When it came time for Monday Night Football, NFL analysts and reporters were optimistic Taylor would recover. ESPN's Chris Berman reported Taylor had squeezed a nurse's hand.

Unfortunately, Taylor didn't make it through the night.

The bullet damaged the femoral artery, causing massive blood loss, and despite the optimism from the media, doctors feared for the worst from the start.

The attack in Taylor's home was the second time in eight days an intruder broken into his home.

Taylor and his girlfriend had been sleeping, but awoke when they heard noises inside the house.

Taylor grabbed a machete he kept in his room to protect his girlfriend and one-year-old daughter, Jackie. The intruder burst through the bedroom door and fired two shots at Taylor. One bullet missed, but the other hit him.

Police arrived at Taylor's home at 1:45 a.m. Taylor's girlfriend and daughter weren't injured during the intrusion.

In high school Taylor was a standout player at Gulliver Prep in Miami. After his career there, he played at University of Miami, where he had an All-American season before being drafted fifth overall in the 2004 NFL Draft by the Redskins.

During his four-year NFL career, Taylor was reserved, but popular in the locker room. He was also known as an intelligent and social man.

Taylor was mostly quite. However, teammates and coaches said when Taylor did raise his voice his team would always listen.

Upon entering the league, Taylor caused a lot of problems for himself and his team. After being drafted, he fired his agent and skipped the entire rookie symposium, costing him $25,000 in fines.

During his rookie season, Taylor was pulled over for drunk driving and was arrested. He was later acquitted, but the ordeal became a very large distraction for the Redskins for over a month.

In addition, Taylor was fined multiple times for late hits and other infractions over his first three seasons.

Taylor's worst episode occurred during a 2006 playoff game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Towards the end of the game Taylor got into an altercation with running back Michael Pittman and spit in Pittman's facemask on national television.

The NFL, media, fans and other players found Taylor's actions despicable. He was fined $17,000 and the NFL was beginning to have a dim view of the troubled safety.

Taylor also endured a yearlong legal problem after he was accused of brandishing a gun in front of a man who Taylor thought stole some of his vehicles. After getting through all this trouble Taylor plead no contest and was given 18 months probation.

This year, no one thought any different of Taylor until the season began. His teammates started noticing big differences in his personality. Many thought his new baby daughter had changed him for the better.

His coaches noticed huge difference in his play as well. Though Taylor made the Pro-Bowl last year, his coaches have always labeled his play as erratic.

This year, Taylor had made major strides in his game. He was put in the true safety position and was able to use his speed and power to run down passes and receivers.

Teammate Clinton Portis was one of the many players that had seen a significant change in Taylor.

"It's hard to expect a man to grow up overnight, but ever since he had his child it was like a new Sean," Portis told www.espn.com.

Redskins' wide receiver James Thrash said he also noticed huge differences in Taylor.

"From the first day I met him, from then to now, it's just like night and day," Thrash told www.espn.com. "He's really got his head on his shoulders and has been doing really well as far as just being a man."

Now that Taylor has passed away, the NFL and all of its fans will never get to see the "New Sean" everyone was talking about.

It's a shame this young man will never have the opportunity to progress into the All-Pro safety his team knew he could be. It's a shame he'll never get to see his daughter grow up and have a family. It's a shame we'll never get to see the upstanding player and man Taylor was becoming.

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One-on-One

Who will win the NCAA men's basketball title?

Kansas State

Kansas State will be cutting down the nets in San Antonio this year after it survives March Madness and walks out the number one team in the nation.

Now hear me out on this one. I know the team dosen't get all the publicity like the Dukes and North Carolinas of the college basketball world and you probably won't hear Digger and Jay Bilas picking them, but the Wildcats have a team to reckon with this year.

The team is led by freshman sensation Michael Beasley who is arguably one of the best players in the nation and has the potential to be the top pick in the draft.

Teaming Beasley with junior forward David Hoskins forms a duo that should separate Kansas State from the rest of the country.

Even though Bob Huggins left to coach at his alma mater West Virginia, the team has been well prepared this year. Former assistant Frank Martin was promoted to head coach and will lead the team to a successful season.

The Wildcats are off to a solid 5-1 start this year with just one loss to George Mason, but that always happens just ask Michigan State, North Carolina and UConn.

Kansas State in '08.

- Alex Mayster

UCLA

As much as I'd like to pick my Bradley Braves to go all the way this year and bring home a national title, that's just not going to happen.

This year's national champions will be the UCLA Bruins.

There's a lot to love about UCLA this season, and not just because of the addition of 6-foot-10 freshman center Kevin Love, who is averaging nearly 20 points and 11 rebounds per game this year.

The 7-0 Bruins also feature junior guard Darren Collison. A preseason All-American, Collison averaged nearly 13 points and six assists per game last year. Along with some help from junior guard Josh Shipp, Collison likely help Love carry the bulk of the scoring load all season.

Opponents will also have their hands full with junior forward Luc Richard Mbah a Moute, not to mention their mouths full trying to pronounce his name.

The top team at the beginning of the season rarely comes through with a championship at year's end, but this year will be different.

After coming close each of the past two seasons, this is the year UCLA finally breaks through and brings the title back to tinseltown for the first time since 1995.

- Adam Mettrick

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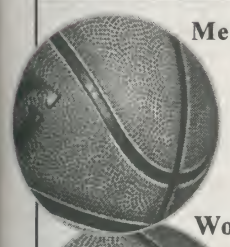

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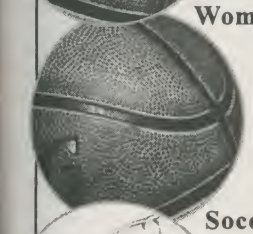

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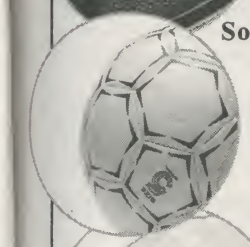

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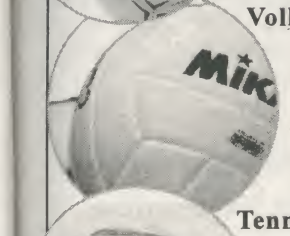
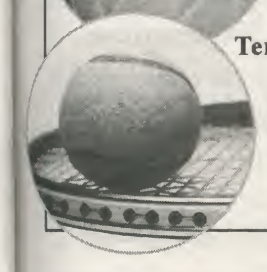


Volleyball

Not in action this week



Tennis

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Sport SHORTS

Cubs resign Wood

The Kerry Wood era isn't over in Chicago just yet.

Wood agreed Monday to a one-year $4.2 million deal to remain with the Chicago Cubs through the 2008 season.

The right-hander can also earn an additional $3.45 million in performance bonuses.

Wood, 30, made the switch from starting pitcher to reliever last season after being plagued by shoulder and elbow injuries throughout his career. He finished the year with a 1-1 record and a 3.33 ERA.

The right-hander didn't make his first appearance of the year until Aug. 5 because he was recovering from shoulder surgery. He finished the season with in 22 relief appearances.

Several other teams expressed interest in signing Wood this offseason, but ultimately, he said he wanted to remain with the Cubs, the team he has pitched for his entire career.

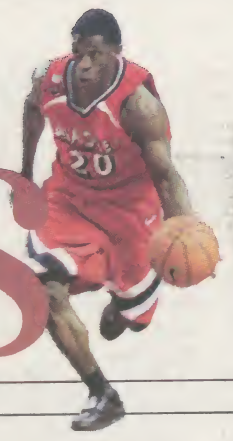
Williams' comeback attempt cut short by injury

Ricky Williams' comeback attempt didn't last long.

The Miami Dolphins' running back, who was attempting to return to the NFL after a one-year suspension for violating the league's substance abuse policy, suffered a torn chest muscle in his first game back.

The injury will end the season for Williams, who carried the ball six times for 15 yards in Miami's 3-0 loss to Pittsburgh on Monday night.

Williams sustained the injury in the first half of the game when Steelers linebacker Lawrence Timmons stepped on his shoulder in an attempt to recover a fumble by Williams.



Volleyball wraps up season with pair of losses. Page A14

Bradley advances to Sweet 16

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

With a lead of 5-4 in a penalty kick shootout, Mike Haynes needed to make one save to propel the Braves into the Sweet 16 of the NCAA men's soccer tournament.

The senior goalkeeper came through with a diving stop to his left, tipping away the shot and securing the win over national powerhouse Indiana.

The game got off on a sour note for the Braves (15-5-4) when the Hoosiers' John Mellencamp scored on a shot from the top of the box in the game's first minute.

Following the goal, Bradley's defense tightened up and didn't yield another goal to the Hoosiers (13-4-5) for the rest of the contest.

The Braves evened the score at 1-1 in the 68th minute when senior Stephen Brust blasted a shot from 15 feet out into the lower left-hand corner of the net. The goal was Brust's fifth of the season and his fourth in the Braves' last five games.

Both teams then missed a pair of chances to take the lead late in the contest, forcing the game into a 10-minute overtime period.

Neither team was able to gain much of an advantage in the extra period, and the game moved into a second overtime.

The Braves were outshot 3-1 in the period, but their defense held out. The score remained tied 1-1 after two rounds of overtime, sending the game into a best-of-five penalty kick shootout to decide the winner.

The Braves got the first shot in the shootout, and Brust converted with a shot into the left side of the net.

Both teams connected on their first four penalty kicks, putting extra pressure on the final two shooters to make their shots.

see **SOCCER** Page A13

Senior Stephen Brust dribbles the ball past an Indiana defender during Wednesday night's second-round NCAA tournament game. *photo by Bob Hunt*

Basketball wins twice on 3-game road trip

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

After an upset loss on the road to start the season, the men's basketball team picked up two wins on its recent road trip, defeating Iowa and Loyola-Chicago.

The Braves (5-2) relied on the hot hand of senior guard Jeremy Crouch to climb back into the game against Loyola on Wednesday night after falling behind early. His five three-pointers helped the Braves rally and led them to a 64-47 defeat of the Ramblers (2-3).

Loyola got off to an early 9-0 lead, and controlled the game for most of the first half.

The Braves began to rally behind senior point gaurd Daniel Ruffin after being behind 36-26 in the second half. He hit a layup to bring the team within eight, and later sank two free throws to give the Braves a 42-40 lead they never relinquished.

Bradley ended the game on a 24-7 run and cruised to an easy victory. Crouch led the team in scoring with 21 points, and Ruffin added in 10 points and six assists.

Vanderbilt 95, Bradley 86

Trailing by 18 points to Vanderbilt at halftime, the Braves knew they needed to redeem themselves in the second half.

They did just that, clawing back to within one point with 2:40 left in the game before falling short in their efforts and losing to the Commodores 95-86 in the title game of the South Padre Island Invitational.

Bradley was led by Ruffin, who finished with 23 points, six assists and three steals.

"Overall I thought I did pretty well," he said. "I was just trying to do what I could to help my team."

Vanderbilt (5-0) jumped out to an early 8-0 lead, but Bradley fought back and kept the game close until midway through the first half, when the Commodores' offense exploded.

Vanderbilt went on a 23-2 run over the final seven minutes of the half, leading by as much as 24 at one point, and headed into the locker room with a commanding 53-35 lead.

Ruffin said a lack of attention to detail cost the Braves in the first half.

see **BASKETBALL** Page A13

Bradley gets commitments from several recruits

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The fall signing period has begun, and the Braves have been pulling in commitments from all over the country.

The men's basketball team brought in two recruits already, one from the prep level and the other from junior college.

Eddren McCain, a 6-foot point guard, is a proven winner who has lead his team to three consecutive Louisiana Class C state titles and was named to the all-state team last season. He scored 24 points in last year's championship game and was named the game's MVP.

Chris Roberts will transfer to Bradley from Navarro Junior College in Corsicana, Texas. Roberts is an athletic wing who scored over nine points per game as a freshman last year.

Coach Jim Les told www.bubraves.com he was excited about this year's class.

"We are really excited about these two additions to the Bradley basketball program," he said. "Not only are both players extremely talented basketball players, but they are also quality individuals and good students."

The women's basketball team signed four players so far this year.

"I think it's a great class," coach Paula Buscher said. "We've got a little bit of everything. Michelle Lund is a prolific scorer, we have Leah Kassing who's a big strong kid inside. They're going to be young, but I think it's a very good class."

Kassing is a 6-foot-3 center from Brown County High School in Mt. Sterling and is the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. She has been all-state honorable mention the past two years and will look to continue her success in her senior season.

She will join the class along with fellow recruits Lund, MacKenzie Westcott and Hanna Muegge.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

M BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	5-1
BRADLEY	0-0	5-2
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	4-1
ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	4-2
CREIGHTON	0-0	3-0
DRAKE	0-0	3-1
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	3-1
INDIANA STATE	0-0	3-2
WICHITA STATE	0-0	3-2
EVANSVILLE	0-0	1-3

W BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
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DRAKE	0-0	3-3
EVANSVILLE	0-0	3-3
NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	2-2
BRADLEY	0-0	2-4
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	1-4
WICHITA STATE	0-0	1-4
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	0-4

On the Record

"It will look so good between my two Indy 500 trophies."

— IndyCar driver Helio Castroneves on what he will do with his "Dancing with the Stars" trophy

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A PUB AND A CLUB

Cam's fills void in Farmington bar circuit

BY ED MCMENAMIN
of Voice

Cam's fills the building on Farmington Road known to older Bradley students as The Lady, but it's not simply a new sign on an old building.

Co-owners and friends since high school Cam Brewer and Clay Doblestein purchased the building about five months ago and started major renovation projects.

The results are clean, open spaces befitting a bar that could serve students at a large state school, one of the new establishment's primary goals, Brewer said.

The Lady's old, nearly black flooring was completely re-sanded, one of the large staircases was removed, and new ceiling fans and flat screen TVs were added throughout during several months of work.

"We did everything ourselves," he said. "It took us about two straight weeks in there sanding [the floors]. It looks brand new. We ripped a lot of stuff out. Now, while your friends are sitting in the back bar watching TV, you can see them from the front door. Before it was kind of choppy and it messed up the flow of everything."

After The Lady's kitchen burnt down last school year, previous owners built a large beer garden in the back, a feature that went mostly unnoticed by the over-21 crowd when it turned into a underage dance club.

With the Smoke Free Illinois Act taking effect Jan. 1, the beer garden – featuring two full bars – will provide a warm outlet for smokers.

"Were going to have a whole section with heaters and a little fire pit type thing," he said. "We'll have a lot of fun events out there."

Landscaping projects will begin in the outside area once spring arrives. Also, he said two 60-inch TVs in weather-proof casings will be added outside.

One of the first outside activities this winter will be an after party following the annual Polar Bear Club swim in Peoria.

Brewer said he has attended similar after parties at bars for Polar Bear Clubs in other cities.

"We'll have a beer sponsor," he said. "Everyone will come all bundled up, and after a few hours everybody has their coat off."

Another promotion beginning soon is "Best Seat In The House."

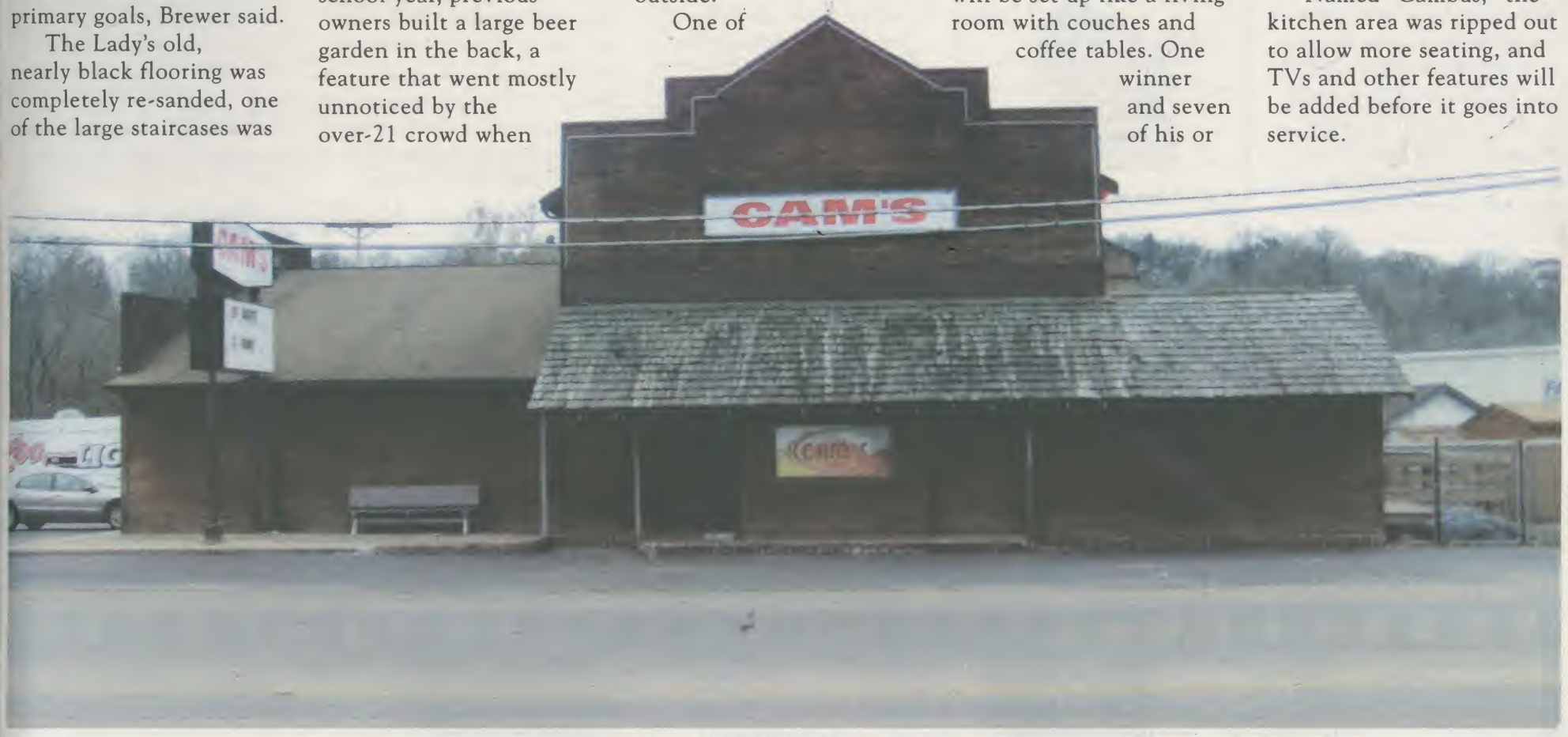
During football on Sunday, the dance floor will be set up like a living room with couches and coffee tables. One winner and seven of his or her friends get to sit in luxury, watch the game and receive unique bonus specials from the bar.

Brewer described his new establishment as mainly a sports bar, but with features that make it club-like on weekends.

"You can come in here and watch the game," he said. "But at the same time on Friday and Saturday we have a DJ – you can come and dance."

The Pickle may be gone, but Brewer said Cam's has purchased a retro RV to shuttle patrons to and from the bar.

Named "Cambus," the kitchen area was ripped out to allow more seating, and TVs and other features will be added before it goes into service.



THIS **WEEK IN** PEORIA

TODAY

ACBU presents **"Jo Koy,"** 7 to 8 p.m. in the Michel Student Center ballroom. Admission is free.

"New Faces," 8 to 10 p.m. in the Hartmann Center. Tickets are $7 for students and $9 for adults.

SATURDAY

"The Bourne Ultimatum," 9 to 11 p.m. in the Marty Theatre. Tickets are $1 for BU students with ID and $1.50 for all others.

"New Faces," 8 to 10 p.m. in the Hartmann Center. Tickets are $7 for students and $9 for adults.

SUNDAY

"Bradley Symphonic Winds," 3 to 5 p.m. in the Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is $5 for general public and free for BU students.

"Aesthetic Underground Open Mic," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria, 305 S. Water Street. Admission is free, donations encouraged.

Carell changes gears in heartwarming dramedy

photos courtesy of www.movies.yahoo.com

BY MARK HEMMER
for Voice

The characters in "Dan in Real Life" spend the duration of the film struggling to learn how to use their abilities to love for the benefit of those they care for.

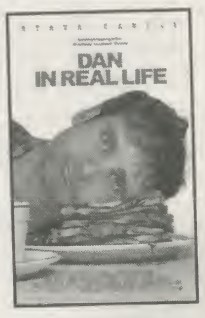
Dan Burns, played by Steve Carell ("The 40 Year Old Virgin"), is a newly single father of three girls and an advice columnist vying for syndication.

The movie begins with Dan tackling the task of differentiating between being an authoritative figure to his girls and giving them the affection they need after the passing of their mother.

Dan manages to earn the disapproval of all three daughters by either denying them driving privileges, keeping them from boys or ignoring them altogether.

With his own family in the midst of transition, Dan has to visit his family for a reunion of sorts. Shortly after his arrival, he decides to run an errand by himself and goes to the local bookstore. While in the bookstore he meets a woman and after a conversation over coffee, he falls in love in her.

The smitten Dan returns back to the house and his family shares his excitement over this mystery girl. Dan admits that it's unlikely that anything would come of it because she has a boyfriend. Just as he was set to describe her, she walks into the room and into the arms of his brother Mitch, played by Dane Cook ("Employee of the Month"). Dan stares in devastation at the random woman who turns out to be his brother's girlfriend.



"Dan in Real Life"

Steve Carell
Juliette Binoche

Grade: A

From there, Marie, the bookstore girl, played by Juliette Binoche ("Chocolat") and Dan become entrenched in desire and tension. Mitch continues to remain oblivious to Dan's heartsick gaze and Marie's shifting loyalties.

While the plot is mired in coveting, smothering and heartbreak, the diverse cast's superior acting can't be called into question. The cast includes some new faces as well as some silver screen veterans.

Ever-improving Carell fills the lead role expertly. Carell portrays every emotion Burns goes through with a rare accuracy and vividness. He proves the acting range he showed glimpses of in "Little Miss Sunshine" wasn't a fluke.

Carell's versatility is evident and he shows incredible potential to shine in more challenging roles, adding to an already impressive resume.

The rest of the cast accents Carell's breakout performance. Even the oftcriticized and distracting Cook gave a genuine and subtle effort as Dan's brother Mitch.

Binoche is effortlessly seductive and interesting as Dan's object of desire.

Allison Pill, Brittany Robertson and Marlene Lawston play Dan's daughters Jane, Cara and Lilly, respectively. All three girls turn small roles into big parts of an already busy movie. I was impressed with how easily all three younger actresses were able to blend into a talented cast.

Visually, the movie was gorgeous. Every shot was crystal clear and the filming of different angles and vantage points was effective.

"Dan in Real Life" is written and shot in such a way that fills me with hope that maybe Hollywood can still get it right. The movie is captivating long after it has left the screen, even without cars running into helicopters or snakes on planes.

The only spectacular feature of "Dan in Real Life" was carefully crafted dialogue and a story told largely through facial expressions and body language. Luckily, that makes up the entire movie and that's what makes "Dan" a cinema classic and a new movie to add to my personal list of favorites.

If human-based screenplay puts you to sleep, the second installment of "Alien vs. Predator" is coming out on Christmas. But if you ever wanted to ponder the very concept of love and family, "Dan in Real Life" will get your wheels turning and affirm your faith in today's movie industry.

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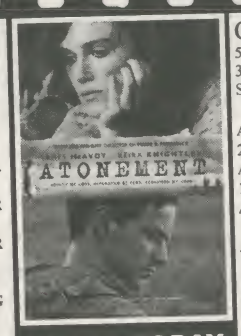

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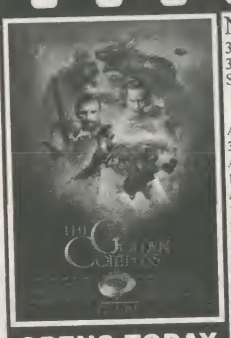

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PERFECTIONIST'S RETURN WORTH THE WAIT

BY MATT BENTEL
for Voice

I hate perfectionists.

There's something suspicious about them. Or maybe it's annoyance. Either way, it's been more than four years since ska-punk outfit Streetlight Manifesto released a record, and I blame it on frontman Tomas Kalnoky's obsession with perfection.

Its debut record, "Everything Went Numb," was one of the tightest, most perfectly produced independent records of the last 20 years. That, and the insanely catchy, creative songs featured on "Everything," made Streetlight Manifesto one of the premier ska-bands in the scene, quintessential listening for any punk kid.

After a few tours, a couple burglaries and one re-recording of Kalnoky's former band's record, "Keasbey Nights," Streetlight Manifesto finally released its sophomore record, "Somewhere In The Between."

Kalnoky is walking a fine line with this new record. After the success of the critically acclaimed "Everything Went Numb," he was forced into the position of writing "Everything Went Numb II" or taking a risk and trying something new.

In true ironic fashion or purposeful intent, he took the road somewhere in between and wrote the perfect complement to "Everything Went Numb."

"Somewhere in the Between" doesn't stray too far from the sound Kalnoky has developed for Streetlight Manifesto, but he gives his audience something genuine and new to listen to. He uses his perfectionist attitude to make Streelight's strengths even stronger and solidify its position in an often exclusive scene.

"Somewhere" comes thundering at you with the opening track, the horn explosion that's "We Will Fall Together," as if to say "Hey! We're still alive!"

Kalnoky takes this time to set the tone of the record and present a theme that's constantly revisited throughout the record.

Though disguised through bleak, pessimistic and often religiously oriented language, the idea Kalnoky is trying to convey through his narrative-style lyrics is that we make mistakes. We sin, and one day we will die, but live in the present and take assurance you are not alone.

Ultimately, Kalnoky is sticking with his optimistic, happy-go-lucky attitude, exemplified in the title track when he sings, "So you were born, and that was a good day / Someday you'll die, and that is a shame / But somewhere in the between was a life of which we all dreamed /And nothing and no one will ever take that away."

Kalnoky and Co. don't let up for one minute, thanks in part to Kalnoky's need for perfection. Whether it's a horn solo ("Would You Be Impressed?"), a spitfire verse ("The Blonde Lead The Blind"), a multi-layered vocal arrangement ("The Receiving End Of It All") or a distorted guitar-driven transition ("Watch It Crash"), Streetlight always has something going on, preferring substance over filler.

Even during slow soft parts ("Down, Down, Down To Mephisto's Cafe," " One Foot On The Gas, One Foot In The Grave"), there's still a deep concentration of attention as one waits to see exactly where Kalnoky is going to go.

One of the most notable improvements on "Somewhere" is the use of horns. Not that the horn section was sub par on "Everything," but it's exceptionally brilliant on the new record, fleshing out the melodies and structures so humbly kept in rhythm by Kalnoky's guitar.

Up and down, "Somewhere In The Between" will not disappoint any fan, and will calm hostilities towards the band garnered over the four plus years between records. In the vain of a constant pursuit of perfection, Streetlight Manifesto has created the perfect complement to its debut record, making for a wonderful listening experience.

VIDEO/TUESDAY 12/4
DVD RELEASES

"Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"
"24: Season Six"
"Superbad"
"Rocky: Complete Saga Edition"

MUSIC RELEASES
TUESDAY 12/4

Daft Punk - "Alive 2007"
Godsmack - "Good Times, Bad Times: 10 Years of Godsmack"
Kylie Minogue - "X"
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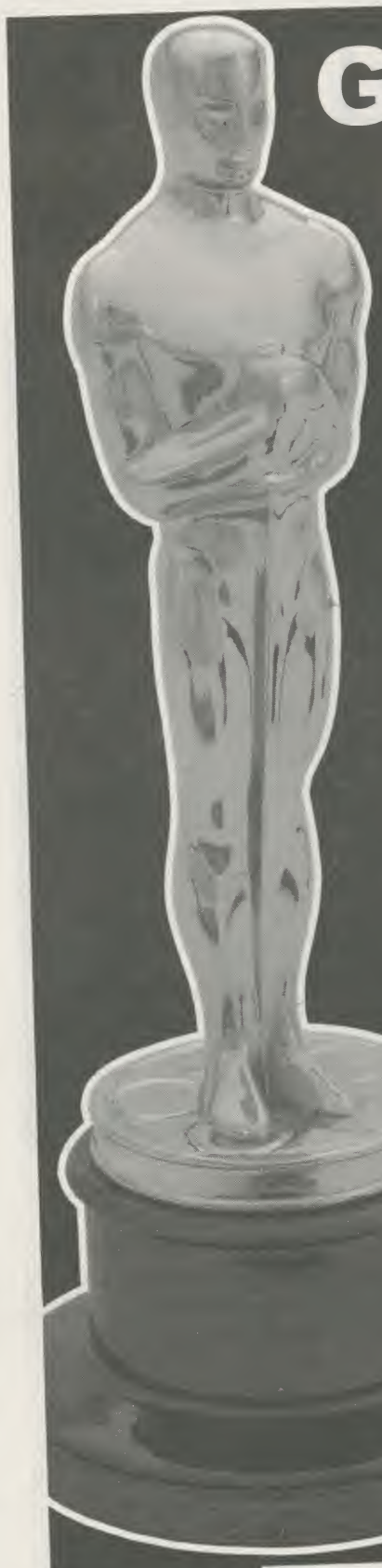

GANGSTERS, WARS AND ONE CREEPY BARBER

AS WINTER SETS IN, OSCAR SEASON HEATS UP

BY LISA FITCH
for Voice

Oscar buzz can be a foreign concept to those outside tinseltown.

Individuals outside the glitz and glamour of the world's movie capital are surely aware of it, but not often until the month of February rolls in. However, to Hollywood natives, the Academy Awards' publicity train can seem never-ending.

In Los Angeles, with full-page "For Your Consideration" ads heavily adorning both Variety and The Hollywood Reporter, the Oscar season has officially begun.

That begs one question to award show-watching moviegoers: which films have a chance ending up in the Best Picture five?

At the forefront is **"Atonement,"** drawing in many positive advance reviews from both the Toronto International Film Festival and Venice Film Festival. Based on Ian McEwan's award-winning novel, "Atonement" weaves a tale of British romance that spans several decades.

Caught up in the trifles of love, 13-year-old Briony Tallis forever changes the course of several lives when she accuses her older sister's lover of a crime he didn't commit.

"Atonement" has everything going for it – strong source material, an equally strong studio with Focus Features and rising talent with actors Keira Knightley and James McAvoy. The film is directed by Joe Wright, famous for "Pride and Prejudice."

The only thing holding "Atonement" back is excessive praise. The better reception a film gets, the more movie floggers try to tear it apart.

Oscar predictions get a little hazy after "Atonement," but the Coen Brothers latest, **"No Country for Old Men,"** is a serious contender. "No Country" is also based on a novel, this time by the Pulitzer-winning author Cormac McCarthy.

In true Coen style, the film's focus is more on the journey than the destination, specifically the violence and mayhem that ensues after a lowly welder stumbles upon some dead bodies, a stash of heroin and more than $2 million in cash in the desert.

Much like "Atonement," "No Country" is riding a wave of praise after its premiere at the Cannes Film Festival. But its filmmakers are in the same predicament as Martin Scorsese was until the 2006 Academy Awards.

If the Coen brothers can garner more than just their typical cult following with "No Country," the film has a fighting chance with the Academy.

At first glance, **"Charlie Wilson's War"** has Best Picture written all over it. The star-studded vehicle has Oscar darlings Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts alongside recent Best Actor winner Phillip Seymour Hoffman and nominee Amy Adams. To top it off, Mike Nichols, the Oscar-winning director of "The Graduate," is helming "Charlie."

While everyone involved in the film is an awards magnet, with a Christmas release date, it has yet to be seen by most critics. It's a possible preordained contender, but only if it turns out to be any good.

Already in theaters, **"American Gangster"** follows the same formula as "Charlie," with Oscar-winning actors Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe carrying the movie with three-time-nominated director Ridley Scott.

Set in the 1970s, "Gangster" centers on a New Jersey detective working to bring down the drug empire of a heroin kingpin who's smuggling in his wares from Vietnam.

While "Gangster" has enjoyed both critical and box office success, 2007 has become an incredibly competitive year for nominations. Also, America has already geared itself up for crime dramas, with "The Departed" taking home the gold last year.

"Gangster" is a definite wildcard, one that will likely be dependent on the box office performance of late contenders such as "Atonement" and "Charlie."

Another belated addition to the pack is director Tim Burton's **"Sweeney Todd."** With Johnny Depp playing the sinister barber himself alongside Helena Bonham Carter, "Sweeney" has the star power to carry the film to success with audiences, but the Academy hasn't typically been kind to musicals.

However, with last year's successful "Dreamgirls," Burton's latest may yet find a home within the Academy's top five. But as another Christmas release, "Sweeney" is as equally disadvantaged as "Charlie," making both films' chances to build enough momentum for nominations a difficult task.

Nevertheless, not all later releases are set to the wayside and **"Juno"** is evident of this. Looking to be 2007's "Little Miss Sunshine," the coming-of-age comedy "Juno" follows the story of an offbeat teen who gets pregnant but makes the decision to give her child up to the "perfect" set of parents.

"Juno" has been a crowd pleaser at festivals, and Oscar does like to give the indie set a shot for the top prize. But to guarantee a nomination, "Juno" will need to collect at the box office.

This isn't an impossible task, however, as "Little Miss Sunshine" had the highest per-theater average gross of all films shown in the United States every day for the first 16 days of its release.

Oscar predictions are a tricky business. No one quite knows what the Academy is ever thinking, with the 2005 upset of "Crash" taking home the Oscar for Best Picture being an obvious example.

Nonetheless, on Feb. 24, movie buffs across America will gather around their TVs to see exactly what's running through the Academy's head.

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SUITED FOR THE STEREO, NOT THE SCREEN

SOUNDTRACKS TO LESS-THAN-OSCAR-WORTHY FILMS MAKE A BIG NOISE

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

Loading up a soundtrack with chart-topping artists is a blatant cash-grab by the record labels, but the right collection can draw in people who haven't seen the movie – or wish they hadn't.

In addition to serving as a ready-made mix for the road, a soundtrack can sometimes give listeners a handful of otherwise unavailable tracks by their favorite artists.

Avoid these movies at all costs, but don't skip on the soundtracks, which provide original thrills their film counterparts lack.

"Cruel Intentions"

It's a little known fact the smug, pampered kids in late '90s teen flicks had pretty righteous taste in music.

The acting in this 1999 drama makes the other films on this list look like candidates for the American Film Institute. But between cheeseball lines like "You have beautiful legs, I'd love to photograph them," Blur and Marcy Playground pop up like raisins in a bowl of soggy bran flakes.

Most of these songs make the bands' more popular hits seem tepid in comparison. Marcy's "Comin' Up From Behind" is just as seductive as the band's best known hit, "Sex and Candy," and the stark "Colorblind" rivals any of Counting Crows' radio staples.

"Batman and Robin"

You probably remember how horrifically bad the fourth "Batman" installment was. Unfortunately, the soundtrack didn't enjoy the same notoriety. It's a shame for anyone who listened to rock music 10 years ago.

Exclusive tracks from '90s mainstays like Smashing Pumpkins (flirting with electronica for the first time), Bone Thugs-N-Harmony and Goo Goo Dolls lead the pack.

R.E.M.'s "Revolution" isn't a cover of the Beatles classic, but like that song, it finds the band at its nastiest and most political, with snarky lyrics and mean distortion competing for airtime.

Meanwhile, R. Kelly makes it rain on "Gotham City," as excellent a reminder as any of his talent before he made a downpour on videotape.

"Godzilla"

The soundtrack to this 1998 remake is just as monstrous as the title character, and we don't even have to put up with Matthew Broderick.

Except for an ill-advised "Godzilla remix" of Green Day's "Brain Stew" – with each line punctuated by a canned roar – this soundtrack scores on all fronts.

Collecting one-offs and outtakes from various rockers, this is a rollercoaster ride careening through the genres, from Ben Folds Five's "Air" to the house stylings of Jamiroquai on "Deeper Underground."

Puff Daddy rips Led Zeppelin for the war-stomp of "Come With Me," and Jimmy Page himself hammers out the guitar riffs (with help from producer Tom Morello of Rage Against The Machine).

Speaking of RATM, hardcore fans likely know this is the only place to find the band's rarity "No Shelter," which surely deserved a better fate. (Highlight: singer Zach de la Rocha calling out the film for distracting the public from "the real killer.")

"Vanilla Sky"

An A-list cast couldn't save this horrible adaptation of a foreign film that somehow made it past customs at the border.

The soundtrack is far more memorable and cohesive, with one-time Rolling Stone journalist and "Vanilla Sky" director Cameron Crowe putting his latest mix tape out there for the masses.

An eclectic mix collecting Radiohead, Paul McCartney, The Monkees and Sigur Ros makes for one of the most cerebral soundtracks in recent memory. However, under the pseudonym of her "Vanilla Sky" character, it's an actress whose impression lasts the longest.

"I Fall Apart" is among the creepiest of love songs, as a literally-crazy-in-love Cameron Diaz gets sad when her romantic interest goes out alone. Heavy vocal tweaking makes her sound like a star, but this song makes the soundtrack a must.

"Next Friday"

The sequel to Ice Cube's 1995 hood classic was a complete goof, but the beats were as hot as Uncle Elroy's mansion in the sunny suburbia of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

Many of the artists here are now either in hiding (Eminem), no longer with us (Aaliyah) or just plain forgotten (Lil' Zane, anyone?). However, where the first "Friday" soundtrack leaned to the west (possibly mirroring the mounting coastal tensions in hip-hop), the compilation pulls in celebrities from all coasts.

Cube's "You Can Do It" still brings the house down at parties, and "We Murderers Baby" is a misty-eyed anthem to loyalty from a time when Ja Rule was pushing street tales rather than junior high love letters set to music.

Oh, and did I mention this album's got the only NWA song recorded since 1991? Throw in a revitalized Wu-Tang Clan, and you're ready to blow out speakers from LA to New York.

Photo Poll

What's your favorite winter activity?

"Downhill skiing because I like being out of control."
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"Sledding because I like going in and have hot cocoa after the cold."
Allison Freel
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"Throwing people in the snow."
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"Snowball fights because they are a reason to throw things and have fun with friends."
Vincent Deamon Jr.
junior
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"I like to make snow angels and build snowmen."
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"Snowmobiling because it is an adrenaline rush."
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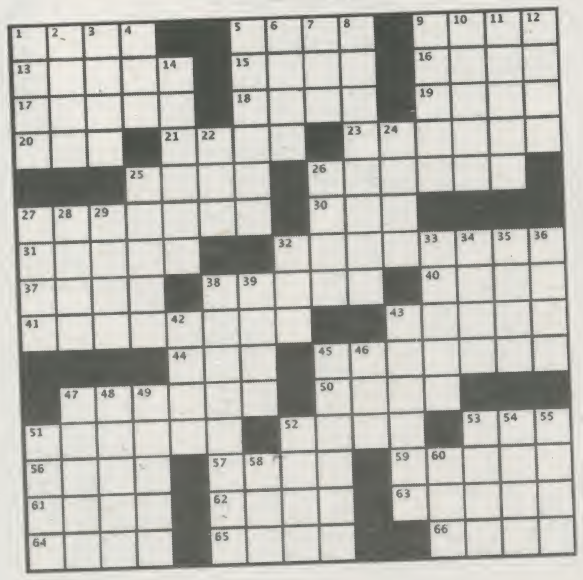

Across
1- At that time
5- Web locale
9- Garden pest
13- Lofty nest
15- Manipulator
16- First-class
17- Agent
18- Remain
19- Mongrel dog
20- Distress signal
21- Long fish
23- Nearsightedness
25- Apex, pinnacle
26- Fuel oil
27- Revulsion
30- 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
31- Remove a covering
32- Proves beyond doubt
37- Gnarl
38- Impassive
40- Mature male European red deer
41- Prestigious
43- Spree
44- Extinct flightless bird
45- A place of destruction
47- Elder
50- Having a sound mind
51- Prance
52- Having flu symptoms
53- Foul
56- Regretted
57- Possess
59- Become less intense, die off
61- Skin disorder
62- English public school
63- Influential person
64- Untidy condition
65- Salamander
66- Engrossed

Down
1- Knocks lightly
2- Illustrious warrior
3- Greek god of love
4- Void
5- Sublease
6- Egyptian goddess of fertility
7- A Kennedy
8- Like a recluse
9- Aegean island
10- Jeweler's tool
11- Pending
12- "___ grip!"
14- Device for applying eyewash
22- The middle of summer?
24- Bring forth young
25- Playing marble
26- Where heroes are made
27- Ellington, e.g.
28- Hostelries
29- Nae sayer?
32- Atlantic food fish
33- Reproach
34- Clock pointer
35- Therefore
36- Type of gun
38- Make smooth
39- Rip
42- Islamic chieftain
43- East Indian fig tree
45- Upward slope
46- Exclamation of contempt
47- Gravy, for one
48- Levels
49- Swellings
51- Stuff
52- Acknowledge
53- Small yeast cake
54- Riding
55- It's owed
58- Consumed
60- Place for ordering alcoholic drinks!

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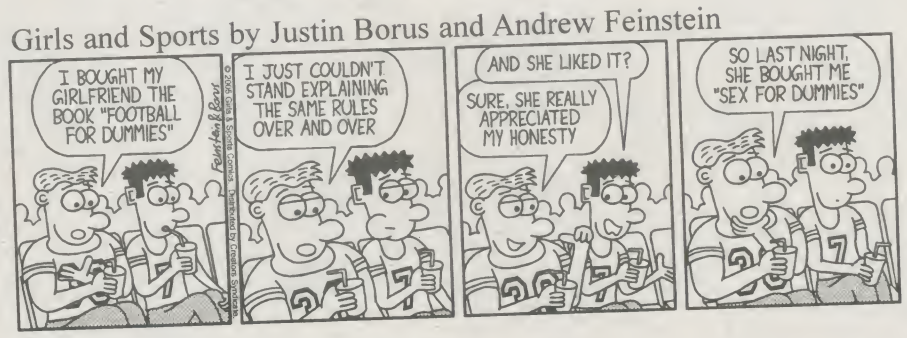

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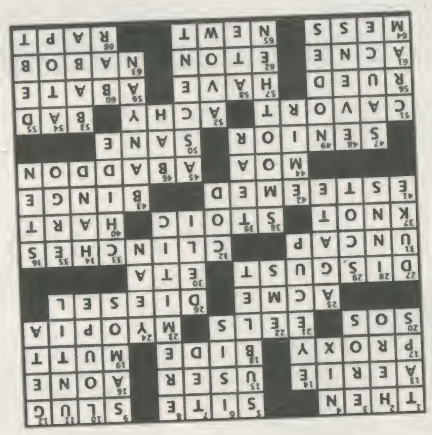

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Personals

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GO GREEN AND SAVE SOME GREEN

THE SCOUT'S GUIDE TO BEING ENERGY EFFICIENT THIS WINTER SEASON

BY LAUREN REES

Going green is a trend that can't be ignored. From natural clothing products to using cloth grocery bags, many people go green to help preserve the environment.

Even Facebook is jumping on the trend with the Greenbook application, which uses funds generated from sponsors to purchase an amount of carbon dioxide reduction and help conserve energy. Saving energy in your home can help reduce use of natural resources that aren't easily replaceable and lower utility bills.

Lighting

Lighting makes up about three percent of home energy use but is often a large part of electricity bills.

Choosing energy-efficient bulbs helps reduce electricity use and stay cooler because they generate less heat, according to www.eere.energy.gov.

The site recommends daylighting, or using natural light, when possible.

When daylight isn't practical, compact fluorescent bulbs can be interchanged with regular incandescent lights.

These lights use a quarter of the amount of energy regular bulbs use and last seven times longer. They also reduce carbon emissions because they use less electricity, making them environmentally friendly, according to the site.

Because these bulbs use less energy, wattages are different than traditional bulbs. For example, a 60-watt incandescent bulb should be replaced with a 15-watt energy-efficient bulb.

The cost of energy-efficient bulbs depend on what brand and type you buy, but they are typically more expensive than traditional bulbs. But the bulbs last longer than incandescent ones and the energy savings outweigh the costs.

Visit www.environmentaldefense.org to see which bulb types match specific lighting needs.

Heating and Cooling

Heating and air conditioning in homes accounts for about 56 percent of energy use and is the largest energy expense for most people, according to www.eere.energy.gov.

Home heating is also harmful to the environment, emitting a billion tons of carbon dioxide per year.

According to the site, "reducing energy use for heating is the single most effective way to reduce your home's contribution to global environmental problems."

To lower heating energy use, set the thermostat as low as you can to remain comfortable. Also, keeping the temperature constant uses less energy than frequently changing the temperature. However, the site recommends lowering the temperature at night.

Keep south-facing windows' draperies and shades open during the day to allow sunlight in, but close them at night to keep the cold out. Also, avoid using bathroom ventilating fans too often or too long as they can pull out an entire house-full of warm or cool air in about an hour.

The site recommends thermostats be set no higher than 72 degrees Fahrenheit when people are home to help reduce heating energy use.

You can save about three percent on your heating bill for every one degree you lower the thermostat. In other words, lowering your thermostat only one degree for a 24-hour period will save you about three cents for every dollar you spend on heating.

The site also recommends keeping windows closed even if it gets too hot in your home or apartment. Opening a window wastes energy and money by losing heat you already paid for. Turn the thermostat down if it gets too hot.

Turning the heat down when you have a party also can help save money, because large groups of people generate heat, the site said.

Appliances

Appliances in the home are responsible for about 20 percent of energy bills. Appliances like refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, dishwashers and ovens are the main energy-users.

Some appliances such as refrigerators are sold with an energy guide label to indicate their energy efficiency, which provides an estimated annual operating cost. Also look for the Energy Star label, which is only awarded to appliances that "significantly exceed the national efficiency standards," according to the site.

Use pots and pans that fit stovetop burners. They absorb heat and energy better than using pans that are too small, which lose heat. Also, keeping burners clean is more energy efficient, according to the site.

To use your refrigerator's energy efficiently, avoid putting hot food into the refrigerator. Letting it cool keeps the refrigerator from using energy unnecessarily.

Clean the coils on the back of the appliance once a year to keep it energy efficient as well.

The site suggests only running the dishwasher when it's fully loaded. Also, many dishwashers have energy-saving settings to save money.

Using your washer and dryer efficiently can also help reduce energy use.

The site suggests using hot water for very dirty loads only. It saves money and energy. Also, do full loads instead of partial loads. But don't overload the washer, which can prevent clothes from getting fully clean, causing them to have to be re-washed, using even more energy.

Clean the lint trap of the dryer after every load. The appliance's efficiency reduces as lint collects on the trap, according to the site.

Water

Heating water uses about 17 percent of home energy and is the second largest expense in households.

Reduce hot water use by buying appliances with low water usage. Installing a timer that automatically shuts hot water off at night and turns it on in the morning also helps reduce hot water usage.

The site says turn down the water heater temperature if you leave for vacation.

Otherwise, the same water will continue to be reheated multiple times.

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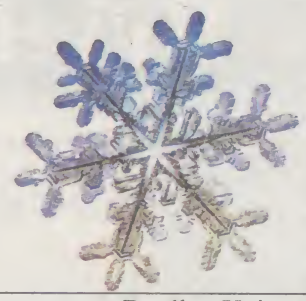

Happy holidays! Have a safe, relaxing break. The Scout will resume publishing Feb. 1.

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Soccer victory spurs fan frenzy

Above: Members of the men's soccer team celebrate with fans after defeating Maryland 3-2 during the second overtime on Saturday. Below: Bradley students, who took a 13-hour bus ride to College Park, Md., cheer for the team during the game. *Photos by Saleena Fortunato*

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Excitement filled the air last Friday afternoon, as about 50 students piled onto a Peoria Charter bus bound for College Park, Md.

The students, including the Bradley cheerleaders and several members of the softball team, were preparing to make the 13-hour drive from Peoria to support the Braves as they played in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA men's soccer tournament. None seemed daunted by the long trip ahead.

"I love Bradley soccer, and I think we're definitely going to win," senior entrepreneurship major Greg Kottwitz said. "This whole trip will be worth it if we come away with a win."

Though the trip was only announced the day before, it was completely booked within four hours.

Kottwitz said he was amazed the trip filled up so quickly.

"I was surprised it was that full so fast," he said. "But the team has had a really good season, and the fan support has been great all year."

A few hours into the trip, the mood had calmed a bit as students snuggled up with blankets and pillows and watched "Anchorman," but the lull didn't last long.

By the time the bus pulled into the Ludwig Field parking lot at 4 p.m. Saturday, the fans were as hyped as ever and cheered for their team.

After watching the Braves fall behind 2-0 and struggle for much of the first half, the fans were finally rewarded for their loyalty when a pair of Bradley goals in the final three minutes of regulation tied the game and forced overtime.

Sophomore Chris Cutshaw then headed home his second goal of the contest with 1:15 left in the second overtime to give the Braves a 3-2 win over Maryland and send the Braves' faithful fans into a frenzy.

Several of the soccer players raced into the stands to celebrate the victory with the fans, a celebration which continued for several minutes after the game had ended.

"It was amazing," sophomore health science major Sarah Potempa said. "I've never seen so many people jump up and down at the same time."

Sophomore health science major Erin Micklos said she couldn't believe the Braves were able to come from behind.

"We weren't thinking it was over, but it looked like it was," she said. "We were just thinking 'Well, this has been fun,' but then we scored with 2:31 left and then we scored again right after that. It was super exciting."

The students didn't have long to celebrate after the game, as they had to pile back onto the bus to head home immediately, but that didn't stop them from continuing the celebration.

Senior marketing major Zuzu Madanat was still searching for the right words to describe the game as he took his seat and prepared for the long ride back to Peoria.

"That was the greatest game I've ever seen," he said. "I was getting tired, and then they started coming back, and my energy level just went way up. I was jumping up and down. It was crazy. I loved it.

With the win, the Braves advance to the Elite Eight for the first time in school history. They will travel to Columbus, Ohio to take on Ohio State at noon this Sunday, and Bradley fans will be there in full force again.

The Braves Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the game. Students had already signed up to fill six buses as of Tuesday night.

See soccer photo spread Page A11
See full game story Page A16

14-year-old settles in at Bradley

BY ED MCMENAMIN
of the Scout

Most people have probably seen him dragging his bag of books around campus and thought Sibling's Weekend came early this year.

But Troy Earley isn't sneaking off to bother his brother in the dorms – he's a 14-year-old computer science major "doing the dorm thing," as he calls it.

He lives alone in his own dorm room – his roommate never showed up – attends classes and even does his own laundry.

His size-five shoes sit next to an advanced calculus book, and he hunches his 100-pound frame over a laptop as he offers programming advice through a microphone.

Like most college students, he can call home when he needs to. And like most of his peers, he "tries to avoid that."

"I don't think my parents trust me here, but they are letting me stay," he said.

Earley's genius – he scored a 33 on the ACT at the age of 13 – was recognized at an early age by his parents.

see **EARLEY** Page A11

BUPD to add officers, cover more area

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

University Police will hire two new officers as part of its various efforts to promote safety on campus.

The BUPD also bought two new squad cars as it expands its jurisdiction to off-campus areas where students live, University Police Chief Dave Baer said.

"We're trying to cover some of the residential areas more frequently across Main Street and down towards Sheridan [Road], and of course, there's the Peoria Next building," Baer said.

A larger force is needed to compensate for what used to be the student escort system. In the past, Baer said, students tended to escort others, but now the system is being run solely by police.

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

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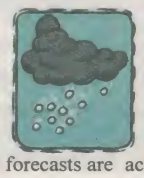

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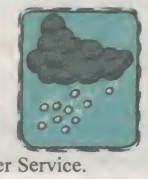

Sunday
34 / 24
Freezing rain or sleet likely.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

HOW TO
Ace your finals with the Scout's study tips.
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VOICE
Buy cheap but thoughtful gifts this season.
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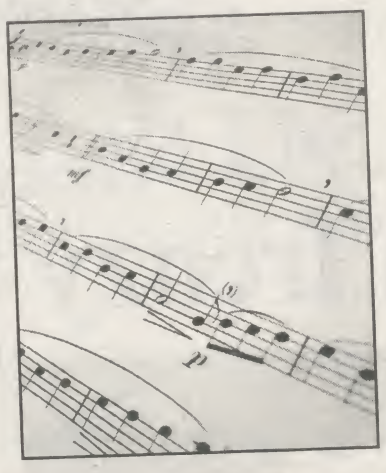
Bradley Briefs

• Teach For America provides the opportunity to take leadership positions right out of college with full salary, benefits and a range of corporate and graduate school partnerships. The program is open to all academic majors, and a background in education isn't needed. Deadline to apply is Jan. 4. Information is available at www.teachforamerica.org.



• The Bradley Jazz Ensemble will perform a "Tribute to Duke Ellington" at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is $5 for the public and free for students.

• The Bradley Chorale and Chamber Singers will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is $5 for the public and free for students.

• The Bradley Women's Choir will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday in Dingeldine Music Center. The concert is dedicated to Jennifer Buckman, who recently died in a car accident. Admission is $5 for the public and free for students.

• Magician Brian Brushwood will perform his illusions at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Michel Student Center ballroom. For more information, call Student Activities at x3063.

Around the World

Downtown eatery may be added to 4 a.m. bar district

The Peoria City Liquor Commission recommended to the Peoria City Council that a downtown eatery be allowed to stay open until 4 a.m.

Eamon Patrick's Public House located at 112 S.W. Jefferson Ave., requested to receive the permit allowing it stay open until 4 a.m. three nights a week. The restaurant currently has a license allowing it to remain open until 2 a.m.

The proposal will go before the city council for a full vote Tuesday.

The commission's vote was unanimous, but Chairman Frank McCabe said he was worried about giving a restaurant the 4 a.m. license because people under the age of 21 are allowed inside. He said the 4 a.m. licenses should only be granted to taverns not allowing people under 21. The restaurant's owner said his establishment causes the least problems of the downtown establishments.

Information from www.pjstar.com

Gunman kills shoppers at Nebraska mall

A gunman shot and killed eight people, injured five others and turned the gun on himself Wednesday at an Omaha, Neb., mall.

The shooting took place at a Von Maur inside the mall, which was locked down after the incident, according to the Nebraska State Patrol.

The people inside the mall walked out with their hands up after the gunman turned the gun on himself. Many described hiding in the clothes racks and dressing rooms after hearing the initial shots.

"I was standing around getting ready to go back to work, and all of a sudden I heard this bang, bang, bang – it sounded like someone shooting fireworks," a witness told CNN affiliate KETV. "I ran to get away from whatever was happening."

Information from www.cnn.com

Car bomb kills 16 in Baghdad

A parked car packed with explosives blew up and killed 16 people Wednesday in a Shiite district of Baghdad.

The bombing came less than an hour after Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters in the heavily protected Green Zone that "a secure, stable Iraq is "within reach."

The bombing, which is believed to have been an act of al-Qaeda, was followed by sirens and gunfire. Several trees burned after the explosion.

Hospital and police officials said at least 16 people died and about 38 were injured because of the blast. The car exploded during rush hour as people crowded into stores to prepare for Eid al-Adha, the feast of sacrifice, later this month.

Information from www.usatoday.com

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Bookstore book buyback can pay big bucks

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Senior marketing major Vincent Barroga sells back one of his textbooks he no longer needs for class. *photo by Alex Seligsohn*

Students wondering what to do with piles of old textbooks may find a solution at the University Bookstore.

The bookstore is in the middle of its end-of-semester textbook buyback. Students can take their used textbooks and receive up to half the books' selling prices.

Bookstore Manager Paul Kroenke said students can receive half the selling price on books that will be used next semester. For those books that won't be reused, the bookstore may pay the national market value and ship the books to a national wholesaler.

"If things change edition, a lot of times they won't have any value, which is something we don't have control over," Kroenke said.

He said books from classes offered every semester are often the books that get bought back most often.

"A lot of times you're looking at the freshmen classes where they use the book one semester, and the class is offered again," he said. "When you get to the 400-level classes that are offered only once a year or every two years, those are the ones we tend to not be able to buy back."

But Kroenke said the bookstore tries to be accommodating.

"Even if it hasn't been used in a year, we try to buy [the books] back at half [price] if people hang on to them," he said. "We try to buy as many as we can."

Kroenke said the bookstore pays students about $300,000 to $350,000 every semester for books, and the number has mostly increased in the past four years.

"There are times that there are a lot of edition changes, and the numbers kind of dip a little because we need new books," he said. "But overall I would say that the number has grown pretty steadily."

Kroenke said he thinks the amount of money the bookstore pays is growing because the store tries to buy a higher quantity of books.

"We've increased the number we think we can buy back fairly aggressively," he said. "The more of those that we buy back, the more used copies we have next semester. And everybody is looking for used books. Rarely do people come in and ask for all new books."

And Kroenke said the buyback is regularly successful.

"If I compare what we pay out to other stores, the Bradley students sell a lot of books back and we pay out quite a bit of money," he said. "It's the biggest source we have for used textbooks for next semester."

Junior music and theatre major Annie Sheehan said she used to use the bookstore to sell her used books but doesn't anymore.

"You only get like a 10th of what you paid when you get so much more selling online," she said. "I won't do it anymore."

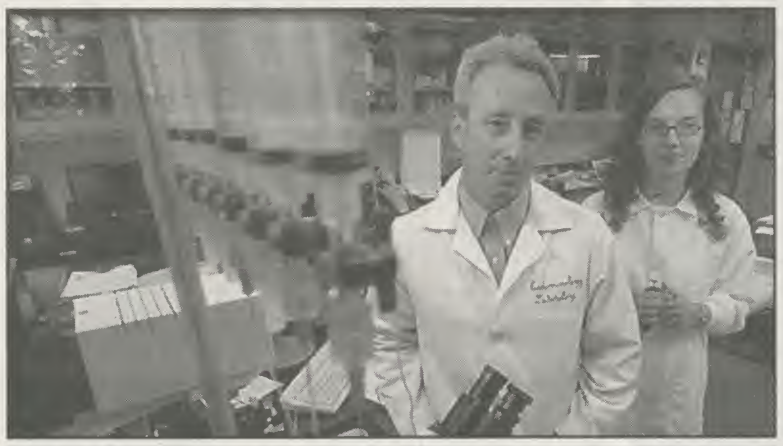
But freshman elementary education and special education major Kerry Fluder said she's going to sell her books back to the bookstore.

"I have no use for [my books] anymore, and I'm too lazy to bring them home," she said.

Professor makes cancer breakthrough

BY ALEX GOLDBERG
for the Scout

Biology Professor Craig Cady, with help from some of his students, has made a major breakthrough using stem-cell research to fight ovarian cancer.



Craig Cady, with the help of some of his students, makes major stem-cell research breakthrough. *photo courtesy of Bradley Hilltopics*

It's been known for a long time that stem cells tend to migrate towards sites of injury in the body.

Cady realized cancer cells do a lot of similar things as cells that are injured. He wanted to know if stem cells would migrate towards cancer cells.

Ovarian cancer is the deadliest form of gynecological cancer, which is why Cady said he chose to use ovarian cancer cells in his experiment.

His idea is to inject stem cells with an enzyme to later be secreted at the ovarian cancer site. Since the stem cells naturally migrate towards the cancer cells, more direct treatment could be applied.

"You inject these stem cells into an animal with an ovarian tumor, and they go right to the tumor and secrete the enzyme which would change a chemotherapeutic agent at that site into a really deadly chemotherapeutic agent," Cady said.

This would result in the death of the ovarian cancer cell, and the patient wouldn't be prone to the side effects of the chemotherapeutic agents, which are toxic to the body," he said.

Since last summer, Cady and his students have studied five different lines of ovarian cancer cells and were successful in proving stem cells migrate directly towards cancer cells.

Proving the migration of stem cells to cancer cells is a major breakthrough, Cady said.

He and a graduate student from Southern Illinois University, a partner school in the research, recently gave a presentation showing their results in Chicago to the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and received a tremendous amount of positive feedback. They won an award for their research findings.

"The implications of these findings are very exciting, and we will hopefully be able to incorporate this into a clinical aspect in the future," junior biology major Lauren Hughes, one of the students helping Cady, said.

Their next step is to test this migration on lab mice with ovarian tumors. If the results are positive in the mice, they will start modifying the stem cells to secrete the enzyme.

Cady and his students are in the process of publishing a paper for the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. They are also planning on applying for another grant next semester to acquire more funds for the research.

Crash leaves student in critical condition

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Meagan Zeigler

A Bradley student is in critical condition after she was involved in a two-car accident Saturday.

Junior Meagan Zeigler was driving her Oldsmobile Alero on a snow-packed road in her hometown, Oregon, Ill., when she lost control of the car and struck another car, according to the Rockford Register-Star.

Zeigler's 13-year-old sister Malorie Zeigler was in the passenger seat and was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash.

Meagan Zeigler is being treated at Rockford Memorial Hospital.

Two people in the other vehicle, a Chrysler Sebring, were transported to Swedish American Hospital with injuries. The driver and her 15-year-old daughter both have serious but not life-threatening injuries, police told the Register-Star.

The National Weather Service reported an inch of snow fell at Chicago Rockford International Airport. But it was freezing rain that arrived earlier than expected that turned the roads treacherous.

Saturday's ice storm in Peoria caused a few minor accidents and left some vehicles in ditches, but no major injuries were reported.

Leigh Morris, a spokesman for Ameren Illinois Utilities, told the Journal Star all power had been restored to central Illinois customers by Sunday morning.

About 30,000 customers had been without power for part of Saturday.

Students can celebrate Hanukkah with Hillel

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Ellen Hanson spends every Hanukkah lighting candles after sundown, cooking latkes, playing dreidel, opening presents and saying prayers with her family.

Although the junior health science major plans on continuing most of those traditions this year, one part will be different.

"This is the first time we've ever had Hanukkah away from home," she said. "Every other year it's fallen over Winter Break."

Hanukkah marks the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was destroyed. After the rededication, however, there was only enough oil to last one day.

Hanukkah signifies the miracle of the oil lasting eight days.

Hanson is a member of Hillel, Bradley's center of Jewish life on campus.

She plans on spending each night of Hanukkah at the Hillel house, located at 702 Duryea Place. The house kicked off Hanukkah on Tuesday by lighting a menorah and throwing a party.

Hillel will host similar events each night at 5 p.m. and have religious services lead by junior electronic media and psychology major Daniel Shore.

Senior English major Rachel Altman said she thinks it's easy to adapt to holiday traditions wherever she is.

"Hanukkah's not really that significant of a holiday," she said. "It's more of a fun holiday."

Altman said Hillel only ventures out to Peoria-area temples on high holidays, such as Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah.

Although classes are in session during Hanukkah, university policy requires professors to allow students to miss class for religious purposes.

"Classes don't really interfere," Altman said. "Bradley's closed on Christmas, but that's just because we're on a break, not for religious reasons."

Sophomore early childhood education major Jessica Resler said she got off school for some Jewish holidays at her public high school, but doesn't think Bradley has a large enough Jewish population to enact such a policy.

"I have a night class, so I'll ask my teacher if I can leave early," she said.

Although Resler's family lives in Peoria, she doesn't plan on going to visit her family during the holiday.

"I live on campus, so I'll just probably go to the activities here," she said.

Junior elementary education major Sara Preis said Hanukkah seems to have gotten less significant over the years.

"My parents used to make a really big deal of it and give me a present every night," she said. "But over the years they started giving me less presents, and now that I'm older, I just get one bigger present."

There are 30 active members of Hillel, but Hanson said all Jewish students are technically members of the group.

"Thirty is actually a pretty high number of active participants," she said.

Altman said although it's important to celebrate Hanukkah because it represents religious freedom, the celebration is low-key.

"We'll light the candles and then we'll just hang out," she said. "Hanukkah's just a time to be with your family and just remember," Hanson said.

Jewish students interested in celebrating the holiday are always welcome to the Hillel house, Hanson said.

'Rate my professor' Web site not useful for instructors

Professors look to official student evaluations for comments about classes

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Students are not the only users on the Web site www.ratemyprofessor.com.

"I might peek on the site once or twice a year," part-time journalism instructor Phil Luciano said. "It's certainly a tool to make the educational selection process easier, but it's limited. If I were a student, I would use it more for comments rather than the numeric rating the professors receive."

The site is a tool evaluating instructor teaching style and demeanor. Students use the Web site to assess teacher performance in addition to the class objective surveys and teacher evaluations filled out at the end of each semester.

Assistant Professor of Communications Sara Netzley said she doesn't take the site seriously when evaluating her teaching style.

"It's usually the students who feel strongly about a professor one way or another who go to that site," she said. "Those who really like or really hate a professor will take the time to post a comment. Because of that, I don't think the comments are a very accurate reflection of how a professor is doing."

History Professor John Williams said he's never logged onto the site.

"I think the formal evaluations are a much better way to figure out how my teaching is going," he said. "Since [the site] is voluntary, it's probably going to be the ones who either loved or hated the class who will be uploading comments. I don't think that would be particularly helpful."

Williams said the university's surveys play a large role, but don't determine his teaching style. He bases his teaching style on everyday experience and instructive comments on the student evaluations.

"I read them with bated breath as soon as I turn in my grades," he said. "It is a good way to compare how I felt the class went with the views of the students. What I appreciate most is getting evaluations from students who take the evaluations seriously, are fair and put some thought into it."

Netzley said student comments from last semester's surveys help her revise the syllabus.

"A few students in one of my classes wrote that I'd loaded too many assignments into the second half of the semester, and it overwhelmed them," Netzley said. "I was able to use that information and shift some of the assignments to the first half of the class."

Though the professors said they read piles of surveys, they aren't always willing to yield to student demands.

"Generally, I find them incredibly useful, but there are some things I won't change," she said. "Students might complain about my tough grading standards, but I'm not going to lower those standards because of that."

Junior political science major Kevin Murphy said he uses www.ratemyprofessors.com when enrolling for classes.

"I use it if I'm torn between two or more sections on a class that I need," he said. "I will look at all the teachers and choose the ones with the best ratings."

Murphy also said he thinks the teacher evaluations filled out at the end of the semester are helpful to the instructors and his concise comments could make a difference the following semester.

"I usually leave comments if I really disliked something about the class or if I really liked the teacher or something about the class. Otherwise I just fill in the circles and don't write anything," he said.

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Students log on to view laundry lines in dorms

BY BRENNA SCURLOCK
of the Scout

Students in most dorms can use an online monitoring system to see if their laundry is done or if machines are open.

But the system is still being considered for machines located in St. James Apartment Complex.

The system, Laundry View, is provided to large institutions through the washer and dryer manufacturer.

For the system to work, machines must be hooked up to a local computer network so the Web site, www.laundryview.com, can monitor students' usage.

When students visit the site from a computer on Bradley's network, they find links to each of the dorms on campus.

Then students can select the nearest laundry room and find out which machines are in use and how much time is left before the load finishes. The page also displays machines that are out of order.

Another link leads to a timetable showing the times during the week when most people do their laundry. This function shows that in University Hall, for example, most people do their laundry Saturday afternoon.

But the convenient system doesn't come without a price.

Business Manager Ken Goldin said setting up the system is expensive because every machine has to be wired to connect to the local network.

"The wiring is very expensive in the dorms but because there is such a large volume of laundry, it pays off," he said.

The idea of wiring the St. James laundry machines for Laundry View is "being explored," Goldin said, but isn't going to happen soon.

"St. James has an ongoing list of improvements to be made," he said. "The machines there are two years old, and five years old means replacement. [The complex] also wants more parking."

Senior graphic design and sculpture major AJ Powills said he doesn't feel the site is necessary. Powills lives in St. James but used the site previously when he lived in the dorms.

"I didn't find it that useful. I'm usually on top of my laundry, and I'll go get things right when they're done," he said.

Sophomore retail merchandising major Rachel Larsen lives in Williams Hall and has monitored her laundry using the site.

"I really prefer not to do laundry in my dorm, but the site is helpful because it lets you know exactly when your laundry is done," she said.

As for extending the service to St. James, Cambridge Managing Broker Greg Pollard said a few students have requested the service, but there aren't any plans in the near future.

Webmail's farewell approaching, students will be forced to switch to B-Mail

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

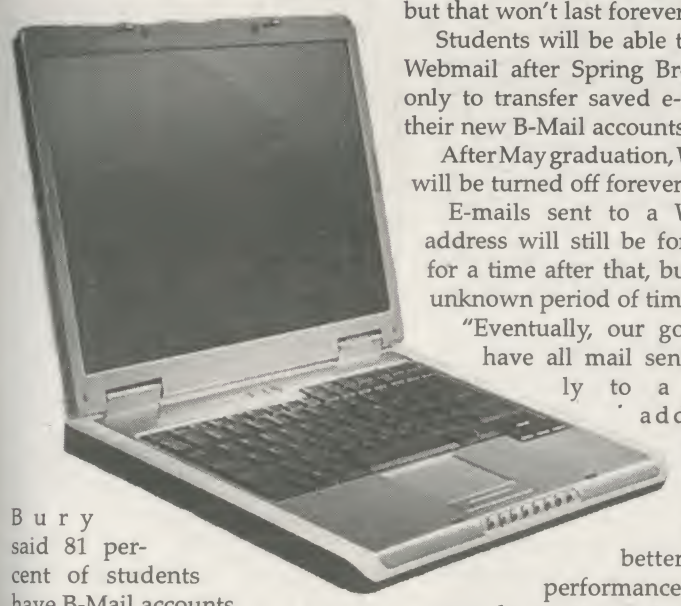
Students still using Webmail will soon be forced to use B-Mail accounts.

Students have been encouraged to switch since B-Mail was first introduced in the spring of 2007. Many students have switched, but there are still a some who haven't.

Information Resources and Technology's goal is to have every student using a B-Mail account by Spring Break.

Those students who haven't switched by Spring Break will automatically be given a B-Mail account.

Executive Director of Computing Services Sandy Helms Bury said 81 percent of students have B-Mail accounts.



"We distributed flyers and door hangers in every dorm room during move-in weekend and have also been working with Residence Life, the graduate school and the Smith Career Center to get the word out about B-Mail," Helms Bury said.

In an attempt to force students to switch to B-Mail, IRT is making it more difficult for students to access Webmail.

Under the A-Z link on the Bradley Web site, Webmail is no longer available.

Also, on Webmail's login page, an announcement has been highlighted to show the benefits of B-Mail and provide information on how to switch accounts.

It also provides a link showing students how to transfer any saved messages they have to their new B-Mail accounts.

Students who have made the switch are still having e-mails sent to their Webmail addresses forwarded to their B-Mail accounts, but that won't last forever.

Students will be able to access Webmail after Spring Break, but only to transfer saved e-mails to their new B-Mail accounts.

After May graduation, Webmail will be turned off forever.

E-mails sent to a Webmail address will still be forwarded for a time after that, but for an unknown period of time.

"Eventually, our goal is to have all mail sent directly to a B-Mail addresses so students can get much better e-mail performance, which was the point of B-Mail in the first place," Associate Provost for IRT Chuck Ruch said.

Students are now being encouraged to alert everyone who sends them e-mails of their change in addresses.

While most students have already made the switch, some are reluctant to accept the change.

Sophomore nursing major Amy Carbonneau said she still uses Webmail.

"I don't really like change," said Carbonneau. "I've heard that B-Mail is good, but I don't see too many problems with Webmail, other than the fact that you can't keep it after you graduate. So I guess B-Mail is better for that. I will change eventually, I guess, because I know everyone has to."

Carbonneau said she will probably make the change sooner rather than later.

"Now that people are talking about it, it almost makes me want to switch as well," she said.

The advantages of B-Mail over Webmail include increased mail storage, ease of use and the ability to keep a Bradley e-mail address after graduation.

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Editorial

Police changes show student safety a top priority

University Police is working with Bradley to formulate plans to promote safety on campus in various ways.

BUPD will add two new officers to its force and has purchased two new squad cars.

The additions are necessary as BUPD has expanded its jurisdiction to include off-campus areas where students live, University Police Chief Dave Baer said.

Many students complain about safety on campus. With two new officers, however, the department can patrol more areas at one time, hopefully making students feel more comfortable and safe.

A Scout staff member recently went on a ride-a-long with a University Police officer and said there were only two officers on duty from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Nov. 17. Typically one or two officers patrol during that Saturday night shift.

Considering many students drink on weekends and may put themselves in dangerous situations, two police officers don't seem like enough to ensure the safety of the entire campus.

We don't doubt the officers' abilities to do their jobs, but any police officer can become quickly overwhelmed when having to patrol an area where several thousand people live.

At the Student Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday, Baer encouraged students to spend a night riding along with a University Police officer. If students take advantage of this opportunity, they will be able to see firsthand the serious implications of people's actions, especially when drinking.

Baer also said the university is looking to install speaker systems on every floor of every building on campus.

The systems are reminiscent of the speakers in any typical high school. Except students won't be hearing the daily announcements – and that's a good thing.

Assuming the system is used in emergency situations only, it may be very beneficial – and potentially life-saving – at a time of a critical crisis. It's a direct and immediate way of relaying information and attracting students' attention no matter where they are.

ForeWarn, the system that enables the university to text message students in case of emergencies, is a good idea but not widely used. Only about 2,300 students out of 6,000 are registered for the system, Baer said.

Students may not have registered because they think situations such as school shootings couldn't happen at Bradley.

And we don't think ForeWarn will ever be popular enough to be effective.

However, the speaker system doesn't require students to actively involve themselves – and that's why it could work. Students don't have the option not to listen to an overhead speaker.

School shootings can happen anywhere, and we think the speaker system is a good way for the university to prepare itself.

You can never be too safe.

These new measures to encourage campus safety are a step in the right direction. The university is doing its job, but students should step up too.

Students can help themselves remain safe by staying away from sticky situations and being smart. Being aware of friends' safety is important too.

Even though BUPD has hired two new officers, no can be everywhere at once. Take it upon yourself to be safe and report dangerous behavior when it arises.

Letters to the Editor

I have spent only one semester here at Bradley, and already I feel as if I have been here for four years.

My first thoughts going into this semester were all very good. I really like the school's warm atmosphere, the small setting and most of all, I loved that everybody kind of knew everybody.

Now that the semester is coming to an end, I've been thinking about my time spent here and for the most part, I enjoyed it. But there is a major component missing from this school: school pride!

I attended three schools before Bradley, and all of them were a lot more energetic about their schools' activities, especially sports.

Bradley may not have a football team, but how well the other teams are doing makes up for it.

Our soccer team has just entered the Elite Eight, and if our basketball team stays at the pace it is, we can make it to March Madness!

Now, they did all of this with poor backing from its school.

We need to re-energize ourselves and the teachers to push our teams' success. We need to hold pep rallies and bonfires and days before a game, wear red and white.

If we could all do this, imagine how much better our fellow students would play, knowing the school is behind them, fighting to win with them.

John Wezner
sophomore
public relations

Opinions from other campuses

New intelligence reveals disarming truth

In 2005, the National Intelligence Estimate assessed "with [a] high level of confidence that Iran was determined to develop nuclear weapons."

Turns out, they were wrong.

Two years – and oh-so-many rhetoric-filled warnings against the imminent threat of Iran's burgeoning nuclear weapon program – later, the National Intelligence Estimate released its 2007 report, which found that not only is Iran no longer developing a nuclear weapon program, but the program has been halted since 2003.

Whoops.

The intelligence has effectively signaled the death toll for the political rhetoric about the threat posed by Iran, which has become a huge factor in our administration's current foreign policy, as well as in the 2008 presidential elections.

Despite the embarrassing aspects of the report, this intelligence should come as good news for U.S. citizens and Iran's enemies in the Middle East. Iran does not have a nuclear weapons program. And, if it decided to reinstate a program, wouldn't be able to have it fully operational until the middle of the next decade, according to the assessment.

The assessment, which represents the consensus view of all 16 American intelligence agencies, also says with high confidence that the halt "was directed primarily in response to increasing international scrutiny and pressure," according to The New York Times.

While the report doesn't specify the details of the "increasing international scrutiny and pressure" applied to Iran, the timing of the program's halt does align with the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq – which means that not only is Iran capable of responding to political pressure, it was purposefully avoiding a nuclear program that would put it directly at odds with the United States.

Ultimately, the report doesn't change our relationship with Iran. Chances are, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was less than thrilled to learn of the latest intelligence report.

But the discovery that Iran has, in the past, responded to political pressures could have widespread implications.

If Iran is capable of responding to political pressure in regard to its nuclear weapon program, it might be capable of responding to diplomatic pressure.

This isn't to say that Bush and Ahmadinejad are going to become fast friends, but now that we know Iran is no longer going to engage our allies in nuclear warfare, representatives from both countries should sit down and engage in discussions about our respective priorities and come to some diplomatic decisions.

Now that we know Iran has halted its nuclear program, we have the upper hand. The fear factor is gone.

But rather than use this intelligence as further evidence that Iran is capable of pursuing a nuclear weapons program and continue the fear-filled rhetoric against the country, our administration – and the 2008 presidential candidates – needs to use the report to force the possibility of diplomacy.

It's a relatively straightforward situation. Iran continues to pose challenges to U.S. foreign policy. Iran doesn't have a nuclear weapons program. Iran is capable of responding to political pressure.

So, why aren't we speaking to them?

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'Liberal' not a dirty word

"Open-minded or tolerant, especially free of or not bound by traditional or conventional ideas, values, etc."

Does that sound like something you disagree with?

Being tolerant and open-minded is part of the American idea – freedom of religion, freedom of speech and what not. Who wouldn't want to be defined by those ideals?

That is the dictionary definition of "liberal." I guarantee several people have now done a double take and can't believe they were tricked into thinking being liberal could possibly be a good thing.

Liberals are the ones who fought for civil rights. Liberals are the ones who fought for women's rights. Sure, there are some crazy people out there who think minorities should have less rights than whites, and women shouldn't have the same rights as men, but I like to think 99 percent of people think the opposite.

Why is it then, when liberals have been right in the past, they are looked upon as if they are the scum of the Earth by the likes of Bill O'Reilly?

I honestly can't think of one reason.

Liberals aren't the downfall of this country. In fact, they are preserving the very ideals of the United States.

Liberals are the ones fighting to restore the many civil rights taken from us by the Bush administration and many years of a republican-controlled Congress.

The Patriot Act, for example, has damaged the very core of American beliefs, and the conservatives have gotten away with it because they cast liberals in such a negative light.

One civil right that has been suspended is the writ of habeas corpus. For those who don't know, that's basically the right to be told why you are being held in jail and to be given a fair trial.

By revoking the writ, the U.S. government has created the possibility for anyone to be held indefinitely without ever being told why, without letting their families know where they are and without ever being let out of jail. While I doubt most people have to worry about being kidnapped by the FBI in the middle of the night, it's still unconstitutional.

Abortion, obviously a sensitive issue for many, is one issues conservatives use to negatively portray liberals.

They act as if liberals love abortion and seem to think that if liberals had their way, every woman on the planet would have a mandatory abortion at some point in her life. That's not the way any liberal I've ever met has felt.

Liberals are pro-choice. That means they don't feel a bunch of men in Washington have the right to tell a woman she can't control what happens to her body because it offends them and their "ideals."

Liberals aren't bogged down by old traditions in the decision-making process. They approach everything in a modern sense. Gay marriage is an issue many conservatives approach from a "traditional" point of view.

They use the Bible as their basis for banning gay marriage. The Old Testament, where it supposedly claims homosexuality is sinful, was written several thousand years ago.

Times have changed. Being gay only started to become acceptable recently. Celebrities are coming out the closet. Even Dumbledore is gay. Conservatives need to realize homosexuality is a reality, and homosexuals deserve the same rights as everyone else.

Homosexuals have been given equal rights in the work place, despite many conservatives' best attempts, so the next obvious step is to grant them equal rights across the board and let them get married.

Who are we to say a gay couple can't love as much as a straight couple? Why shouldn't they be allowed to get married and share their love the same way heterosexuals do? Liberals are the ones fighting for gay rights.

Conservatives also love to tell people they need to take more responsibility for themselves. That tends to be directed towards the poor, and as a punishment for "not taking care of themselves," the conservatives cut welfare programs.

While there certainly are people out there who abuse the system, just like there are conservatives out there who run companies and cheat their employees out of billions (Enron, anyone?), many people need welfare to survive and get back on their feet. Cutting it only creates more problems.

"Disposed to preserve existing conditions, institutions, etc., or to restore traditional ones, and to limit change."

This is the dictionary definition of conservative.

I don't know about you, but I'll take being open-minded, tolerant and free of old ideas any day over that.

But the best part of my being a liberal is … I'll respect you no matter who you are.

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What you shouldn't wear, but do

Average college students may wake up in the morning before classes with just enough time to run to Bradley Hall. They may not have time to eat breakfast or brush their teeth – and many may not have the time to change out of pajamas.

Some students, although lazy, don't seem to have any fashion sense at all.

Pajamas aren't the worst thing I've seen. Don't even get me started on some Bradley fashion trends. It's as if every time I walk outside my house, I walk into a land full of people who mix navy blue and black and wear jeans so small you can see their butt cracks.

So I've compiled a list of fashion rules anyone with a brain can follow. The rules won't get you a spot in an upcoming Dolce and Gabbana runway show – but at least you'll stop ticking me off.

One of the No. 1 problems I have with students' fashion is dressing appropriately for the weather. People who wear boots in August or tanks tops in January frustrate me.

And hoodies are not coats. What about those girls who wear tank tops to parties in the winter? They may catch pneumonia, but it's OK, they look really cute.

And please don't copy this girl. I have a friend who has these sandals that light up whenever she takes a step. She wears them with rainbow toe socks. Need I say more?

And this is the same friend who owns four magic scarves in different obnoxiously bright colors. You know, those scarves that can stretch around your entire body? She wears them on her head.

I love her to death but sometimes I just want to rip that ugly thing off her neck, unravel it one string at a time and throw it in front of a moving vehicle. For my sake – and yours – please refrain from wearing any article of clothing that can be referred to as "magic."

Light-up thong sandals are bad, but I can't tell you how angry I get when I see people wearing leggings as something they shouldn't be: pants. They're way too tight and thin. No one will ever be able to pull it off – so please spare me your butt crack.

My friend from a different school said she saw a girl wearing mid-calf length leggings as pants with tights underneath covering the rest of her legs and feet. I hate her and I don't even know her.

So think carefully the next time you wake up and decide what to wear to class. If you choose to wear sandals, a magic scarf and leggings, you better avoid me.

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Music award show dos and don'ts

Hollywood's award season unofficially kicked off this November with the American Music Awards.

Past "American Idol" winners and finalists Carrie Underwood and Chris Daughtry each won (gasp) three awards.

Daughtry, who fronts the glossy butt-rock band ingeniously named Daughtry, pleased casual rock listeners in 2007 with his best Scott Stapp crucifixion poses and post-grunge loud/soft dynamics.

Underwood was awarded some country awards, and by country I think they mean pop songs sung with a slight twang. Kind of like how Shania Twain sang "country," or how Soulja Boy is a "rap artist." Or, how James Patterson "writes" books.

Justin Timberlake ran away with best male pop-rock artist and best soul/R&B album category for "FutureSex/LoveSounds." Otis Redding and James Brown are surely rolling over in their graves.

Thursday, Claw, Shredder, The Joker, Dr. No and all the other brainiacs at the Grammys revealed their wonderful list of nominees. Surprisingly Kanye West and Amy Winehouse led the pack, and not Rihanna and Bruce Springsteen. But still, the noms were predictable and bland, especially in the record of the year category.

To ensure their prestigious awards show doesn't fall into AMA and VMA trappings again next year, I have devised a handy-dandy list of rules and regulations.

1. Bruce Springsteen shall not be nominated unless a new category called "Best 9/11 and/or geopolitical crisis milking" is created. There, settled.

2. No past member of "The Mickey Mouse Club" shall be admitted in attendance, booked to perform or nominated for an award. Just imagine! Christina Aguilera's hand won't flitter during really high notes, Britney won't have to binge on coke to lose the necessary weight for her skimpy attire and no one will have to see JT grab his crotch while whispering sweet nothings into Michael Jackson's ear like "I totally watered down your sound, dude!"

3. No recording artist on Starbuck's label shall receive or be nominated for an award. That means you, Sir Paul.

4. Just because an album is nominated in a jazz, blues, metal, folk, urban or alternative category doesn't mean it can't be in the running for album of the year. Last year, nominees in "Best Pop Vocal Album," and "Best Male Pop Vocal Performance," etc. largely mirrored "Record of the Year" and "Album of the Year" nominees. Pop is the best music currently available? That's the implicit statement.

5. No past "American Idol" winner or runner-up shall be nominated or win an award. The show pushes out more lead-weighted stars than a Chinese toy factory. Simon Cowell and his henchmen actually manufactured recognized entertainment stars on a crappy talent show. Enough is enough. Enough. Enough. ENOUGH!

With these simple rules, The Grammys might be forced to take a few chances. The White Stripes are capable of winning album of the year and not just some vague "alternative" category.

With the emergence of YouTube, Napster, IRC and bitTorrent – coupled with radio's diminishing influence and MTV's avoidance of anything resembling music – the mainstream no longer represents any real group of people (except maybe 13-year-old girls).

As mainstream's definition has lost meaning by years of fractured tastes, The Grammys and AMAs continually award the biggest-selling acts and not actually the best music filling up iPods or talked about in clubs, magazines and message boards.

Excellent albums were released before the Grammys Oct. 1 deadline. Folk's number-one-bearded-bard Iron & Wine, Spoon, The White Stripes, The Arcade Fire, Kings of Leon, Feist, The Shins and Kanye West all made strong showings. On that list, only Feist and West have a chance at being recognized in any major category.

Amy Winehouse's breakthrough "Back to Black" also has a legit chance at winning some awards, just don't ask her to perform at the show. (YouTube her recent marble-mouthed performance at the Euro VMAs) She may even get a nomination. Mark Ronson, the genius knob twirler on "Back to Black" needs to win "Producer of the Year."

Alas, in 74 short days the Grammys will appear on a major TV network near you. Stevie Wonder will probably perform, Tony Bennet will present an award and Bruce Springsteen will receive three million pats on the back for describing what it's really like to live in America, again.

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Soccer team defeats Maryland, fans faithfully follow team

Above: Senior Stephen Brust jumps to head the ball away from a Maryland defender during Saturday's game as fans watch closely from the stands. Below left: The Bradley bench watches the field action anxiously near the end of the close game. Below right: Bradley softball players faithfully hold up a BU Braves flag despite the freezing weather. Bottom: Bradley cheerleaders yell and shake pom-poms in support of the soccer players.

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'Swapping Spaces' spruces up students' rooms

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

Aaron Frey said his living room used to look like a dump.

However a makeover during the Activities Council's anual Swapping Spaces transformed the room.

"I was really surprised when I came in and saw it, but in a good way," the senior journalism major said. "I was really happy with the job they did. Our living room kind of looked like a dump before, and it's much better now."

The event gives several students the chance to swap rooms for a weekend and decorate each other's spaces.

This year the participants lived in Heitz Hall and the St. James Apartment Complex.

Freshman journalism major Matthew La Luz, a resident of Heitz, said he's pleased with the changes made to his room.

"I'm really happy with the way it turned out," he said. "I like what they did with the walls. It looked dreary before but now it looks homey. Overall I think they did a really nice job."

Director of Student Activities Michelle Whited helped design the Heitz room.

She said after meeting with the other designers they used their own imaginations to come up with the design.

She also said she was glad the rooms turned out as well as they did without either team going over the $500 budget.

"They seemed really excited about [the rooms]," she said.

Whited also said the rooms won't be repainted over the summer.

"It's part of the agreement we have with both Residence Life and Cambridge," she said.

"If the students next year don't like it, they don't really have a choice. It's just like coming into a regular dorm room."

St. James designer Liz Wenger said she was unsure how the room would turn out.

"At first I was skeptical, but in the end I was happy with the design," she said.

Swapping Spaces Coordinator Kathleen McGing said the paint and fabric were donated by area businesses, and the Center for Residential Living and Leadership donated the $500 for each team's budget.

McGing said the students who swapped spaces were happy with the way the rooms turned out.

"I really think [the participants] liked the rooms, especially in Heitz. It doesn't look like a regular dorm room anymore," McGing said.

She said the event went smoothly because both teams came in under budget, but if the paint and fabric weren't donated that wouldn't have happened.

"I think it went really well," she said. "They both really loved their rooms, and it was a lot of fun for those who designed [the rooms]."

Swapping Spaces participant Aaron Frey's apartment in St. James Apartment Complex gets a makeover.
photo by Sarah Maddrell

Students can fly cheap on trips home for the holidays

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

The 1998 holiday box office bust "I'll Be Home For Christmas" found Jonathan Taylor Thomas a helpless college student stranded for the holidays with no way home.

Around the holidays, students are working fervently cramming for exams, finishing up projects and squeezing in that last little bit of fun for the semester. So it's no surprise getting home is in the back of their minds.

This year, however, students need not worry about how they are going to get home, and more importantly, how they are going to raise the funds to get home.

Most students are able to call upon their parents to take them – and that huge load of holiday laundry – home.

However, other students who live out of state or even out of the country face a different problem – finding an affordable way home for break.

One of the easiest ways home for out-of-state students is flying. However, airline tickets tend to be pricier than other forms of travel. But there are many ways to get around those prices.

Don Speacht, a pilot for Southwest Airlines, said flying is no new thing to students during the holidays.

"We have lots of young people who fly to and from college year round," Speacht said. "During the holidays, there are more people traveling home."

He said thinking ahead and being flexible are keys to a successful bargain.

"Time is the biggest thing people have to look at," he said. "You also have to be very flexible, which tends not to be a problem for many college students. If you are willing to sit in an airport with your laptop or a book or just talk to people waiting for a flight, some airlines offer standby flight packages for a reduced price."

Junior public relations major Rachel Strack said she has never had problems finding good deals for her flights to Hawaii, but realizes the importance of planning ahead.

"The sooner you start looking for flight prices, the cheaper it will be," Strack said. "If you look the week before, it's going to be a lot more expensive than if you look, say, one or two months ahead of time."

But if students can't plan that far in advance, Web sites like www.studentuniverse.com can assist in finding cheap flights to get home without breaking the bank.

According to the Web site's "recent fares" list, on Dec. 4, students could book a flight from Chicago to Madrid for only $264 compared to the cheapest roundtrip flight offered by www.travelocity.com for $758. Doing the math, one can see the savings almost immediately.

Looking into the Peoria Regional Airport is also a good place to begin. Smaller airports usually offer cheaper flights to compete with the larger airports.

Another perk to flying Peoria is the amount of layover flights.

Speacht said the general rule of thumb is if there's a layover, the flight is going to cost less because there's less resource use.

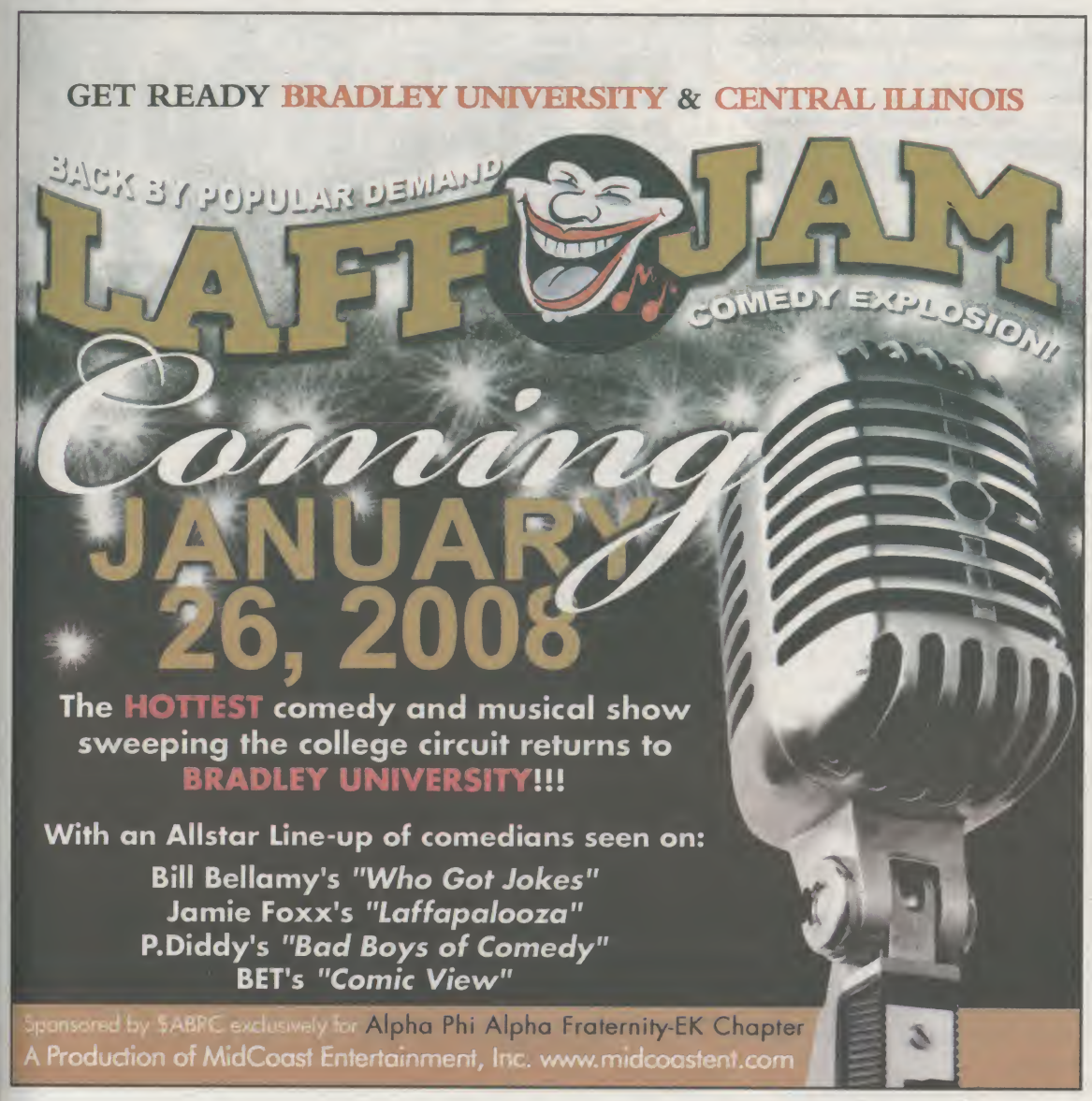
"It's a lot cheaper to fly out of the Peoria airport. It's even cheaper for you to have a layover flight," Strack said. "The more stops along the way, the cheaper it is. Direct flights use more gas than flights with stops along the way. When I fly to my dad's in Hawaii, I fly from Peoria to LAX and then to Honolulu."

However, flying isn't the only way home for students. Continental trains such as Amtrak also offer deals for those looking for a new way of travel and a cheaper fare.

Train stations can be farther from the intended destination, creating the possibility of another element of travel.

For students with cars, road trips are always a good way to bond with friends and lug home the stuff one couldn't live without for the holidays. Ask for some gas money, burn a road trip mix and head out for the holidays.

Whatever the travel means, the most important part is doing it cheaply and safely. Hitchhiking, although a great story for later in life, is not condoned by many, and being a stowaway on a plane or boat is illegal.



'Green Team' brings recycling efforts to campus

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Ryan Pickering wanted to know how much was being recycled on campus.

So as the co-chair of Bradley's Green Team walked past a recycling bin in University Hall, he took a Sharpie marker and drew a big "X" on a milk carton. After three weeks, the carton still hadn't been removed.

A few years later, Pickering and co-chair Brandon Udischas have put over 15 recycling bins on campus and are working to increase recycling even more.

"We go out three to four times a week to collect from the bins," Udischas said. "Some of them fill up instantaneously."

Bins are located in every dorm except U-Hall and singles. They're all located in the lobbies, except Geisert Hall's are on the third and sixth floors.

Bins can also be found in the Michel Student Center by the entryway to Sisson Hall and in the lobby of Haussler Hall, as well as every academic building.

"Certain places like Dingeldine aren't appropriate for a bin because no one really has any food or drink," Pickering said. "Our next goal is to put a bin in U-Hall over this next break."

Although bins were once located in St. James Apartment Complex, they were removed after continuous problems of residents placing non-recyclable items in them.

The blue bins are about four-and-a-half-feet tall and contain separate slots for aluminum, plastic, paper and newspaper.

If the bin overflows, students and residence hall advisers can collect items in garbage bags and place them next to the bins, Pickering said.

Students can dial x2634 if they see a bin overflowing and would like the Green Team to collect its items immediately.

Although the Green Team has considered putting bins in cafeterias, members have yet to do so because they don't think there's much to be recycled because the plates, cups and utensils are plastic or metal, Field House Manager and Assistant to the recycling campaign Kevin Crowley said.

Although neither Center Court nor Cafe Bradley have bins directly inside, Williams Hall's bin is located about 10 feet from the Center Court entrance and the Student Center's bin is located less than a minute away from Cafe Bradley.

The Green Team is a student-run organization with about 30 official members.

"If you're living green, then you're a member," Udischas said. "It's not really an exclusive club or group."

The team is working with the Association of Residence Halls to further its productivity.

Although this is the first time in several semesters ARH hasn't sponsored an event to reward the hall with the most recycled plastic bottles, ARH Food and Housing co-chair Clay Theisinger said the group would like to help with recycling publicity and continue to stay involved with the cause.

Student Senate Secretary Todd Moore said senate is also looking to get involved with recycling on campus.

Students who would like to join the Green Team or help out with any recycling efforts are encouraged to e-mail Pickering at rpickering@bradley.edu with the subject line "Green Team."

French physical discipline group gains following at BU

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

They were childhood dreams.

Soaring through the air like Batman, jumping from building to building like Spider-man and performing other feats of fearlessness. The ability to fly, spring off of walls and escape unharmed meant freedom.

Josh Ullom can tell you how Parkour keeps those childhood dreams alive.

The sophomore electrical engineering major is working on gaining university recognition for his Parkour club. He'll get his answer next semester.

Parkour emphasizes transporting oneself from two points as swiftly and resourcefully as possible.

Athletes focus on overcoming obstacles, whether they are manmade barriers like hurdling over a 6-foot fence or natural ones like swinging from branches.

Male participants are called traceurs and females are traceuses. They train in multiple techniques that, when combined, produce spectacular stunts.

Parkour isn't simply the act of jumping over fences and climbing walls. The technique behind the maneuvers proves Parkour to be an art.

"It's less a sport as in there isn't a competition. It's more of a discipline and you're just trying to improve yourself," Ullom said.

His club only has two people, and Ullom makes up half the turnout.

Ullom wants to expand the club and get more participants.

"I want to open students' eyes as to what Parkour can do. It's physically intense and it takes a lot of will power and a lot of physical power," he said.

Ullom's organizational status remains under debate.

"We have our name registered on the site, but because they are working out liability, the club isn't technically affiliated," he said.

Even if Ullom isn't allowed to have a Bradley-affiliated group, said he will still keep an informal group and keep getting the word out.

He and his friend currently practice around campus using small obstacles.

Ullom usually practices behind Olin Hall because there's a short wall where he can practice fundamentals.

A police officer once yelled at his friend for practicing on the roof of Center Court.

Ullom said he hopes to soon practice in downtown Peoria where there are more obstacles such as railings and high fences.

He said he doesn't like traditional workouts, but Parkour has given him strength – both physically and emotionally.

"Parkour is really more of a philosophy than a sport," he said. "For me, especially, it's all about conquering my fear of heights. I've learned that if I'm in control, it's easier to deal with my fears."

Parkour originated in France and is relatively new. It gained popularity in the 1980s and has been evolving since, both in participant numbers and difficulty.

Bradley students borrow less money than national average

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Every year, students and their families struggle to comprehend the college loan conundrum.

Financial Assistance Director Dave Pardieck said he receives many questions from parents regarding loans.

"There are loans for any student in any financial situation if they can handle it," Pardieck said.

There are three types of college loan opportunities.

The first is the federal student loan program. Students borrow with their own signatures from a federal source. This type of loan has the largest number of borrowers.

Bradley students borrow approximately $20 million annually in federal loans, Pardieck said.

The second is privately funded loans. The student borrows from a private source such as a bank. Pardieck said Bradley receives $7 million annually from private loan programs.

"Private student loans are more restrictive because they are tied to the applicant's credit history," Pardieck said.

The third type of loan requires parents take out money on behalf of their children. Bradley receives $7 to 8 million in annual funding from this type of loan, Pardieck said.

"Parents and students generally don't resist student loans," Pardiek said. "At the end of the day, it's about the value of proposition."

Approximately 3,900 students have federal loans, 418 students have private student loans and 500 of students' parents borrow on behalf of them, Pardieck said.

The university doesn't disperse its own loans, and Pardieck said he doesn't know of any school with its own loan significant loan program.

Students wishing to receive federal assistance must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which asks questions such as personal and family income.

Any student can receive a federal loan if they fill out the FAFSA. There are no stipulations such as a specific parental income.

Once the FAFSA results are complete, Bradley determines if the student is eligible for the loan. Eligibility requirements include citizenship status and credit enrollment, among others.

The loan money is determined student's year in school.

Freshmen may borrow $3,500. Sophomores may borrow $4,500. Juniors and seniors can borrow $5,500.

If students still need money after the federal loan is exhausted, they can apply for a private loan. Their parents can also apply on their behalf.

Students can apply for most loans electronically. Typically, within 24 hours, the company notifies the school the student has applied and been approved for the loan.

The school confirms the student's eligibility with the loan company. At the beginning of each semester, the lender sends the money on the student's behalf.

"Typically, 70 to 80 percent of our students will graduate with some sort of student loans," Pardieck said.

Freshman psychology major Mark Zaborniak said he's worried about paying off his federal loans following graduation.

"With my degree, I'm not really going to be able to get a job [immediately after graduation]," he said. "I guess I could get a smaller job until I get to graduate school."

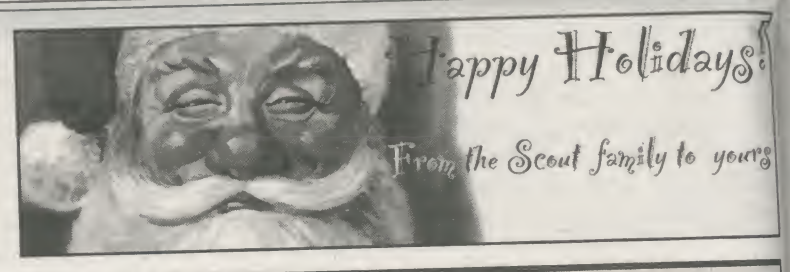
Pardieck said slightly fewer Bradley students borrow money compared with national statistics of competitive schools. He said this is because Bradley isn't as expensive as its competitor schools such as Drake University and Loyola University.

On average, Bradley is $4,000 cheaper than its competitors.

Current loan interest rates are the following: federal student loans are 6.8 percent, private loans vary between 8.5 percent and 15 percent and federal parent loans are 8.5 percent.

Bradley's default rate, or the rate of students who fail to pay back federal loans, is one of the lowest in country with less than one percent.

If Bradley notices extreme loan interest rates, it will talk to students about educational alternatives to Bradley.



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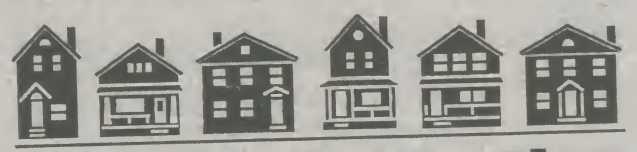

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New class may be added to medical curriculum

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Biology and pre-professional majors may see a new class added to their curricula.

The addition of a 300-level human anatomy and physiology course would better prepare students for medical school, Student Senate Academic Affairs Chairman Owen Irwin said.

The proposed class will be voted on during Student Senate's meeting next week, and Irwin said he's confident it will pass.

If it passes, it will move on to University Senate to be voted on for final approval Dec. 12.

The university offers one 200-level course for human anatomy and physiology and many courses for animal anatomy and physiology. But many students have come to Senate with concerns of this curriculum, Irwin said.

"We're essentially taking the academic concerns of students, and if it ruffles some feathers, then I think it's good," he said. "It shows we're looking into the interests of the students."

Associate Professor of Biology Sam Fan said he thinks the animal anatomy and physiology courses prepare students well.

"As any student on linguistics would attest, learning the structures of several languages leads to a better understanding of each language," he said. "Our department takes the same philosophy to anatomy and physiology. Ergo, we study many animals in order to enable biology majors to understand anatomy and physiology at a high level – higher than studying one animal, such as human, alone."

Although medical schools don't require the human anatomy and physiology courses, law schools don't require pre-law courses, Irwin said.

"It's the same theory," he said. "But why can't they just offer the human anatomy courses so students will be better prepared?"

Fan said he doesn't understand why students would want to take human anatomy courses in undergraduate study because they will be taking the same ones in medical school.

If the resolution passes in Student and University Senate, the course would be added as an elective option. Biology and pre-professional majors wouldn't be required to take it, but they would have the opportunity to select it from a pool of courses if they wished.

If everything goes smoothly, it would be added into the curriculum of fall 2008, Irwin said.

Senate

• The cafeteria survey is complete and being evaluated. The results showed students think Williams Hall cafeteria is the worst, students don't like Blimpie's and they want Center Court to be open longer on Fridays and weekends.

• Technology Services and Affairs is conducting a survey to discover students' feelings on Internet speed and library printers. It will be on the Web site soon and be taken down Dec. 18.

• A memorial service for Jennifer Buckman will take place at 7 p.m. Monday in the Marty Theatre.

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His mother, who drives a school bus in Earley's hometown of Bloomington, home schooled him until the age of eight, when he entered the seventh grade.

He has an older brother who also attended Bradley. His father worked at a GE factory until recently retiring.

If Earley finishes his bachelor's degree, he will be the first member of his immediate family to achieve the accomplishment.

"My brother didn't like school very much," he said. "I think my dad took a programming course in college, but nothing beyond that."

He continued in the public school system after finishing seventh grade, graduating from Bloomington Community High School at 14.

He said an elective computer-programming course inspired his current pursuit of all things computers.

"Next Wednesday I am looking forward to a Linux programming meeting," Earley said. "And I just burned Linux onto a CD, and I'm going to put it on my laptop."

Linux is an open source computer operating system that allows users to customize its programming.

Troy Earley

At the beginning of the semester, Earley already showed glimpses of boredom – even in his favorite subject matter.

"Computer science is really easy," he said. "I sort of follow what the professor is doing once in a while, but mostly I just goof off online."

He already took Java programming in high school and computer science classes early in the semester.

He said he's like many 14-year-olds in that he doesn't smoke or drink. And in many ways, it's his 14-year-old tendencies that put him leaps and bounds ahead of his college peers in the maturity department.

"People are drunk a lot," he said. "It's annoying when it's quiet hours at 3 a.m. and people are screaming or talking too loud."

Earley said he has bonded with some college students over the massively popular video game "Guitar Hero." But other than that, he "doesn't hang out with people that much."

Earley hasn't gazed into any crystal balls, and at this point, he said he's just looking forward to taking less general education courses and more computer classes.

"I guess I will get some kind of internship and an apartment or something," he said. "I don't really know what I'm going to do – [graduation] is so far away, I can't really plan it."

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However, Baer said students can ask members of the Student Patrol to walk them home if they see them out at night.

The additions will bring the force to 17 officers.

BUPD also added a cage to the back seat of one of its squad cars – something that has never been done in the past.

"Regretfully we have dealt with individuals that become a little agitated," he said. "That could be because of the nature of the person or the mental issue that we're dealing with. It could be other issues such as drugs or alcohol."

The university is also looking to install speaker systems on every floor of every campus building.

"Similar to what you have in grade school or high school which says there's an assembly," he said. "It's a ways of telling people there's a problem."

Baer said the system could be implemented in two or two and half years.

Junior political science and history major Erica Hammock said she thinks the new officers will benefit the force.

"There's always the complaint that there's never enough," she said.

Hammock said the speaker system may be a good idea but isn't very practical.

"I think it might be taken advantage of, and people might make a practical joke," Hammock said. "They want us to be safe, but I think it's a little overkill."

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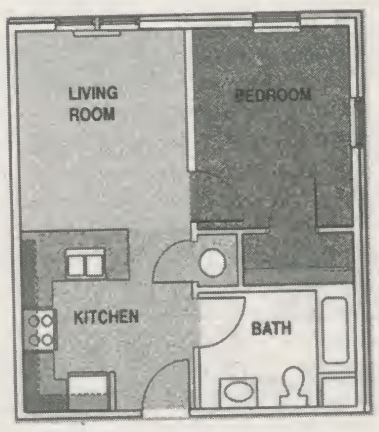

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who fired the ball into the goal to cut the lead in half with just 2:31 remaining.

"With five minutes left, the ball just kept being thrown in the box to see what would happen," DeGurian said. "Finally with 2 1/2 minutes left, something did."

The Braves then evened the score moments later, when Cutshaw gathered a rebound and sent a header sailing into the net with 37 seconds left, forcing the game into overtime.

"[Stephen] Brust got tackled, and the ball got to [Garcia]," Cutshaw said. "Then Rudy cut back, looking to shoot at the far post. He made a great shot, but their goalie made a great save. Luckily, I was right there and just headed it home."

Bradley continued to play aggressively in overtime and took control of the game.

After a pair of near-goals by the Braves, they finally broke through in the closing minutes of the second overtime.

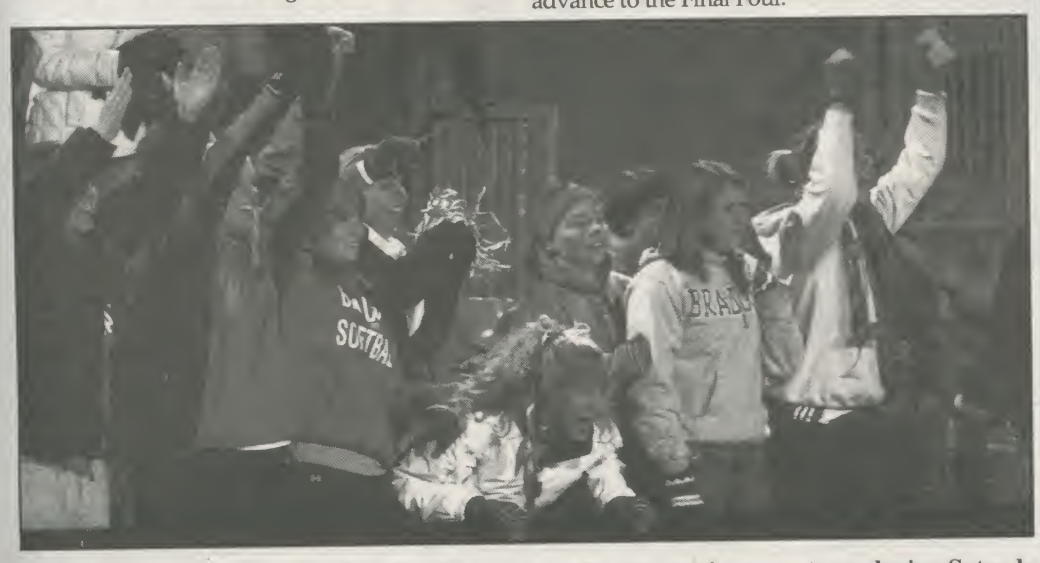
Cutshaw scored the game-winner with 1:15 left in the extra period, capping the Braves' improbable come-from-behind win.

The players then headed for the stands to celebrate the win with the 50-plus Bradley fans that made the 13-hour bus trip from Peoria.

DeGurian said he was still in disbelief several minutes after the game ended.

"All year we've come back from behind and we never quit. Things are happening for us, and the dice are coming up Bradley," he said. "It's just wild and very surreal. No one knows how it's going to end, but you don't feel like it's going to end if you keep going and keep fighting and enjoy every minute of it."

At noon on Sunday The Braves will travel to Columbus, Ohio to face Ohio State for a chance to advance to the Final Four.



Left: Memebers of the women's softball team cheer for the men's soccer team during Saturday's game against Maryland. Right: Senior Stephen Brust attempts a side tackle against a Terrapins defender.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

BASKETBALL

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got the job done for the Spartans.

"We're going to get an opportunity again in this situation to seize that moment and finish the game, and we have to finish that last 12 minutes," Les said. "We're building and we're going in the right direction, and those are the positives. This team is a lot better than we were on Nov. 10."

Senior Daniel Ruffin led the game with 17 points and five assists and fellow senior Jeremy Crouch added 13 points and five assists.

Crouch said though the team didn't come through with a victory there are lessons to be learned from the game.

"There's always something you can take, and you'd rather come out with the 'W' but we just need to keep building," he said. "You can tell that we have made some great strides. Individuals have made strides and as a team we've made strides."

The Braves won't fall short on opportunities to test themselves. They close out their non-conference schedule against two defending conference champions in Wright State and VCU, and will face No. 13 Butler in between.

Bradley squared off against Southeast Missouri State on Saturday and cruised to a 90-72 win behind a 25-point game by Crouch.

He caught fire from long range in the game and tied his career high, going 7-for-9 from behind the arc.

Bradley got started quickly when Crouch connected on two shots from long range to give the Braves an early 6-0 lead. They used a 13-2 run to pull away and lead 46-30 at the half.

The Redhawks pulled to within nine during the second half, but Crouch ended their run by hitting his sixth 3-pointer of the night. He went on to hit one more trey in the game and the Braves led by as many as 26 at one point in the game.

Bradley took advantage of its big lead and used the time to get reserves into the game.

The Braves had 13 players get into the game, nine of which played more than 10 minutes.

Freshman guard Sam Maniscalo played 28 minutes in the game.

Les said he was happy he could get his players into the game and give the bench players a chance to improve.

"We have to continue to win basketball games but there are some guys we want to continue to bring around and get more and more time and more and more exposure," he said. "Hopefully some guys gain some confidence."

Ruffin reached a milestone when he hit a free throw in the first half to score the 1,000th point of his career.

He became the fourth player in Missouri Valley Conference history to reach 1,000 points and 500 assists in a career.

A week after junior David Collins won MVC Newcomer of the Week, Crouch was awarded MVC Player of the Week for his performance on Saturday as well as in the Loyola-Chicago game.

Crouch averaged 23 points, three assists, three rebounds and three steals over the two game span.

Bradley looks to rebound on Tuesday when they take on Wright State in Dayton, Ohio.

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Braves pick up first road win of the year

BY DRU TATE
for the Scout

The women's basketball team picked up its first road victory of the season Wednesday with an 80-56 win over Loyola.

Senior guard Devyn Flanagan led the way for the Braves with 18 points while sophomore forward Jenny Van Kirk tacked on 17 points.

Van Kirk was the star of the first half, scoring 11 of her 17 points and shooting 5-for-7 from the floor in the period.

Her hot shooting, combined with strong play from the rest of the team, helped the Braves pull ahead early and lead by 12 at the half.

Chasity Cotton

Bradley came out strong in the second half as well, scoring the first eight points of the period to go up 48-28.

The Braves never looked back from there and cruised to an easy 24-point victory.

Prior to Wednesday night's game, coach Paula Buscher said the Braves were focusing on the basics in practice this week and were working on setting people up on offense and getting better shot opportunities.

The work paid off, as Bradley dominated in almost every aspect of the game. The win moves the team to 3-5 on the season.

The Braves were also in action last Saturday night when they took to the road to face Arkansas-Little Rock

Senior Chasity Cotton, the first-ever Bradley women's basketball player from Arkansas, played in her home state for the first time in her college career.

Paula Buscher

But the senior's homecoming didn't turn out the way she hoped, as the Braves fell 65-40.

After scoring a season- high 83 points against Eastern Illinois the Braves were held to a season-low 40 points. This was due in large part to committing 26 turnovers.

"Offensively, we didn't execute well in our half court offense," said coach Paula Buscher.

The Braves started the game with the first point, but never led again after 49 seconds of play.

By the end of the first half the score was 36-20, in UALR's favor.

"We have to put emphasis on taking care of the basketball," Buscher said. "We didn't that night."

Bradley got a strong performance from senior guard Rachel Merriman who was 3-for-4 from the field and had three rebounds. Sophomore Skye Johnson added eight points for the Braves.

Skye Johnson

Merriman and Johnson had three steals each and were a combined 7-of-11 shooting.

The strong shooting from Johnson and Merriman didn't reflect the rest of the team however, as they shot a combined 14-for-46 from the field. The Braves entered the game shooting 38 percent.

Other notable performances came from Van Kirk and junior Megan Klingler who both had six rebounds. Klingler has a total of 37 rebounds on the season and is averaging more than five rebounds per game.

The key to this game was turnovers though. UALR got 22 of its 65 points off of turnovers, while Bradley had just 11 points off of turnovers.

The Braves bench made its own contribution to the game by scoring 17 points.

"Against teams like that you have to execute better," Buscher said. "We just didn't have any players step up."

The game is now just a tally in the stat books for the team.

"I think the game is behind us and have been progressing this week in practice," Merriman said before Wednesday night's game.

Up next for the Braves is a home game at 2:05 p.m. Saturday against Toledo. Being at home has been a distinct advantage for Braves this year.

They're 2-1 at home this season and have beaten the opponents by an average of 16.5 points at Robertson Memorial Field House.

Bradley softball and volleyball teams sign recruits

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The men's and women's basketball teams aren't the only Bradley squads adding recruits this fall.

The softball and volleyball teams have both already begun to make a splash.

Softball coach Buddy Foster has signed four girls to National Letters of Intent this fall.

Foster told www.buscout.com he's excited about this year's class and thinks the new players can make a difference with both their bats and their gloves.

"We are very pleased with the four players we were fortunate to sign," Foster said. "They are all quality people and great students in addition to their softball skills. In this class, we really improved ourselves both offensively and defensively."

Teammates Jackie Roth and Julie Sherman both join the Braves after playing third and second base respectively and making up half of Stagg High School's infield.

Roth was named her team's MVP after batting .347 and driving in 27 runs. She was named to the all-conference and all-area team for three consecutive years.

Sherman hit .314 last year and joined Roth on the all-conference team. She also received the Stagg High School Scholar Athlete award and had a grade point average of 4.04.

The duo will be joined by outfielder Alison Kresl and shortstop Heather Terry.

Kresl was selected to the Chicago Sun-Times 2007 all-area team after batting .490 with 19 extra base hits and being named team MVP at Bishop McNamara High School in her junior season.

Terry is a three-year varsity shortstop from Oklahoma. She's coming off two all-conference team selections and a season in which she hit .386.

The volleyball team pulled in four National Letters of Intent during the fall signing period.

Bradley will welcome one of them next semester.

Middle blocker Megan Schmidt, right side Annie Cave and libero Genevieve Dejean have all signed to play with the team next year.

Setter Randi Williams will also join the team in 2008, but will enroll at Bradley this spring.

Williams is a three-time all-state player and has led Kansas' Blue Valley West High School to a state championship and three state finals.

She was recognized as one of prep volleyball's 2008 Senior Aces.

Schmidt is a middle blocker from Central Catholic High School that led her team to an Illinois High School Association sectional title this year.

She was an honorable mention all-state selection in her junior season and has served as her team's captain the past two years.

Cave was named first-team all-conference this year after leading her team in kills, blocks and aces this fall. She will likely play right side for Bradley next year.

Dejean is a libero/defensive specialist from Naperville who has been named to the all-conference team twice in her career, and led Nequa Valley High School to a school record 23 wins in her junior season.

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Carver Crazies come through

BY ADAM METTRICK

Congratulations Bradley fans, you finally got it right.

With college basketball powerhouse Michigan State in town and a national TV audience watching on ESPNU, fans earned the right to call themselves the Carver Crazies.

A crowd of 11,597 jammed into Carver Arena on Tuesday night to watch the Braves take on the No. 9 Spartans. If you're keeping track at home, that's nearly 600 more than the arena's seating capacity.

Fans crammed into every corner and crevice of Carver to watch the game, and not only was it packed, it was loud.

Peoria has long been known for its quiet, passive and sometimes even comatose crowds, but that wasn't the case Tuesday night. The roar inside the Peoria Civic Center was nearly deafening, and it never let up.

In fact, to merely say the fans were loud would be an understatement.

Chants of "Go BU! GO BU!" and "Let's go Braves!" resonated throughout the arena all night at a volume that could make a frat party look like a book club meeting.

Fans were yelling and screaming at every juncture of the game — loudly cheering when the ball broke Bradley's way and filling the arena with boos every time a call went against the Braves.

They weren't just loud, though. The fans did something else unexpected from them. They stood.

Bradley fans have long been notorious for sitting down almost as soon as the ball is tipped and never moving again, unless of course they're going to the concession stand for a beer and some nachos mid-game.

On Tuesday, however, they were standing.

Just as impressive was the success of the "White Out" promotion. Bradley has attempted promotions of this nature in the past and gotten mixed results, but the arena truly was painted white Tuesday night.

Save for a few stragglers (and the spattering of green-clad Spartan fans who somehow managed to slip past security), everyone in attendance was wearing white.

There were still a few party poopers who refused to wear the free white T-shirts provided for them (Why? It's free and it's right there on your seat! Just put it on!), but even they couldn't ruin the fun.

Even the band and the cheerleaders were on their game.

The band sounded sharp and polished, always seeming to play the right song at the right time. There were none of the slower, crowd-killing songs they've played in the past. They played only fun, up-tempo songs designed for the fans to sing along with keeping them involved during breaks in the action.

The band was also given the opportunity to play extra songs in lieu of popular rap music blaring through the speakers, exactly the way it should be.

The cheerleaders were spot-on too. They did an outstanding job of leading the chants and keeping the energy level high.

They also abandoned the awkward Bradley chant meant to circle the arena one section at a time like the wave, and thank goodness for that.

Even the marketing staff deserves praise for its performance at the game.

After tinkering with the player introductions all year, they finally appear to have found the right combination. Playing the highlight video after the announcement of the opposing team's starting lineup allowed it to transition perfectly into the introduction of the Bradley lineup.

But the biggest accolades of the night go to the student section. The students were red-clad, extremely loud and as raucous as ever.

It's the students who really define college basketball, and they were at their best.

It was an absolutely great atmosphere for a college basketball game, and it was obvious the Braves were energized by the crowd.

Even Michigan State coach Tom Izzo took notice.

"I've got to take my hat off to this whole place," he said. "From the luncheon, to the pregame introductions, to the crowd and the shirts. If anybody ever talks mid-majors, I'll be the first to raise my hand and say, 'No, this is major college at its best.' It's as great an environment as we've played in."

That's some awfully high praise from a man who has coached his team to a national championship and four Final Four appearances.

Michigan State sells out every home game, even exhibitions, yet Izzo was impressed with Bradley's crowd, and it was clear his praise was sincere.

So hats off to you Bradley fans. The Braves might have fallen short in their attempt to slay the Spartans, but you certainly did your part.

Tuesday night was the perfect example of what the environment for college basketball game should be.

So, don't rest on your laurels Bradley fans. Make every game as great as you did against Michigan State.

If you do, the Braves will be awfully hard to beat.

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One-on-One

Does Hawaii deserve a shot at the national title?

Yes

Again we see why there should be a playoff in college football.

Hawaii, the only team this year to have a perfect season at 12-0, won't play in the BCS National Title Game in January. Instead, the team will face Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

The No. 10 ranked Warriors had a sensational season this year. Quarterback Colt Brennan proved to be one of the best quarterbacks in college football. The Hawaii quarterback has thrown 38 touchdowns, the third most this year. He also has the third highest quarterback rating of 166.31 and has thrown for over 4,000 yards.

The Warriors had the highest scoring offense, racking up an average of 46.2 points per game. How could this team not be in the championship game?

Analysts will say Hawaii didn't get in because of its weak schedule. Hawaii should've been in this game. This is yet another example of why there needs to be a playoff.

This season top-ranked teams have lost in huge upsets. The current BCS system isn't indicative of who's really the best. Teams like Hawaii deserve a shot just as any other school that has a great season does.

Until this system changes, teams like the Warriors will continue to get the short end of the stick.

- Adam Kagan

No

As much as Hawaii's record makes them seem worthy of playing for the national championship, the Warriors really have no right to be there.

At first glimpse its undefeated record seems worthy of a trip to New Orleans, but diving deeper into the mess that is the BCS it's not difficult to pick out teams more worthy of playing in the game.

Most people agree Ohio State belongs in the game. The Buckeyes are the Big Ten champs with only one seven-point loss to the Rose Bowl-bound Fighting Illini. The question everyone is asking is how could a two-loss team, LSU, slide in ahead of the Warriors.

LSU did have two losses, but also plays in the SEC, arguably the toughest conference in college football. It's not like they laid down in those two games either, losing a triple overtime thriller to Kentucky and falling two points short against Heisman candidate Darren McFaddens' Razorbacks.

I'm not saying Hawaii isn't a good team, they just haven't had the chance to prove it playing in the Western Athletic Conference. I would like to see the team be able to earn a shot at the championship, but the way the system is set up they don't deserve it.

- Alex Mayster

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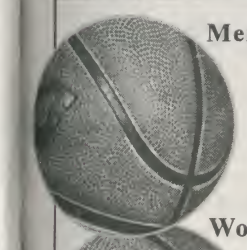

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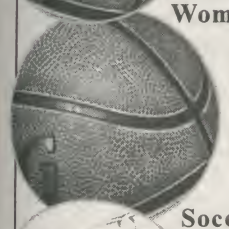

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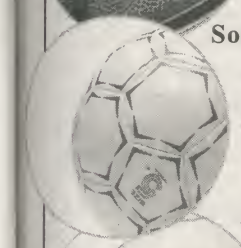

Soccer

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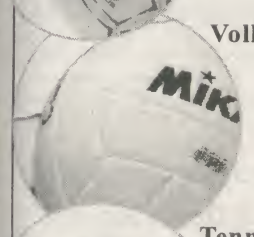

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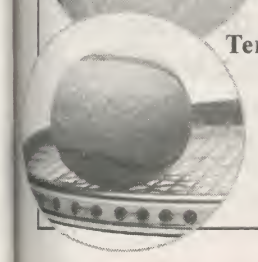
Not in action this week



Tennis

Not in action this week

Sport SHORTS

Marlins trade all-stars Cabrera, Willis to Tigers

The Florida Marlins agreed to trade former all-stars Miguel Cabrera and Dontrelle Willis to the Detroit Tigers in exchange for prospects. Outfielder Cameron Maybin and pitcher Andrew Miller are two of the six highly ranked prospects the Marlins will receive in return.

The trade will likely make the Tigers the favorite to come out of the AL Central and gives them an excellent chance to win the World Series.

Cabrera will join an offense including Magglio Ordonez, Curtis Granderson, Brandon Inge, Edgar Renteria, Placido Palanco, Carlos Guillen and Pudge Rodriguez.

The Marlins are losing the last two players from their 2003 World Series winning team.

Shooter identified in Taylor tragedy

The shooter in the Sean Taylor tragedy has been identified as 17-year-old Eric Rivera.

Rivera was accused of firing the shot that ended Taylor's life and affected not just Taylor's family and friends, but also his teammates and the rest of the NFL.

Rivera was indicted on first-degree felony murder and armed burglary charges. He was arrested along with three others, Charles Wardlow, Jason Mitchell and Venjah Hunte.

Rivera was transferred from Fort Meyers to Miami-Dade on Tuesday night and was scheduled to make a court appearance on Wednesday. He will be tried as an adult.

Braves go from Sweet to Elite

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

COLLEGE PARK, Md. – Trailing 2-0 with time winding down, it looked as though the soccer team's thrilling run through the NCAA tournament was about to draw to a close.

But two goals in the final three minutes of regulation tied the game and gave the Braves new life.

Sophomore Chris Cutshaw then scored the winning goal with 1:15 left in the second overtime to seal Bradley's improbable come-from-behind win over Maryland on Saturday night.

Cutshaw, who also scored the game-tying goal, took a feed from freshman Paul Tracy inside the six-yard box and headed it home for the score. The ball hit his head then ricocheted off his shoulder and past Terrapins goalkeeper Will Swaim.

"I don't even remember it. I really don't," Cutshaw said. "I think what happened is, I reached and the ball hit my head and then hit my shoulder and came off really weird. I felt their keeper coming, and I just dove out in front of it."

Maryland coach Sasho Cirovski claimed the shot hit Cutshaw's hand and should have been disallowed, but his pleas were in vain, as the goal was counted and the Braves won 3-2.

The win advances the Braves (16-5-5) to the Elite Eight for the first time in program history.

The first 87 minutes of the game were dominated by Maryland (10-6-5). The Terps outshot the Braves 14-2 in the first half and kept the ball on their side of the field for most of the period.

The Terps noticed their first goal of the game in the 17th minute, when Maryland's Rodney Wallace fired a shot past Bradley senior goalkeeper Mike Haynes and into the right corner of the net.

Maryland looked to take complete control of the game when it tacked on another goal 11 minutes later.

The Terps' Graham Zusi sent a free kick sailing into the box, where it found Omar Gonzalez, who headed it in.

The Braves failed to register a shot on goal in the first period and headed into halftime trailing 2-0 and looking overmatched.

But Bradley wasn't ready to give up yet.

"There's something watching over us," Cutshaw said. "You go down 2-0, and people are writing us off, you can tell. They were walking out like the game was over. But we fight to the end. We just battle and compete, and it's true teamwork. We're going to fight to the very last whistle, and that's what we did."

Coach Jim DeRose said the team didn't talk much about strategy during the break.

"We just talked for a little bit about what we wanted our legacy to be," he said. "We could go out and lose and it could be a respectable 2-0 loss, but not the way we played in the first half.

"We talked a lot more about emotion and believing in what we could do, and playing to our strength, which is to fight every roll of the ball."

The Braves came out fighting in the second half, outshooting the Terrapins 9-5. However, it wasn't until the final three minutes of regulation that Bradley finally got on the board.

Freshman Rudy Garcia sent a corner kick into the box, where it bounced around before finding the foot of senior Drew DeGurian,

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Sophomore Chris Cutshaw keeps the ball away from a Maryland defender during Saturday night's game. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Junior David Collins dunks the ball during Tuesday night's game. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Bradley drops thriller to No. 9 Michigan State at Carver Arena

Spartans top Braves 66-61 in front of record-breaking crowd

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The men's basketball team welcomed Michigan State to Carver Arena on Tuesday night, but the Braves weren't able to withstand a late Spartans run and fell in front of a record-breaking crowd.

No. 9 ranked Michigan State used its 21 offensive rebounds to rally late in the second half and send the school-record 11,597 Bradley fans home wanting more.

After leading at halftime and being up by as many as nine points in the second half the Braves relinquished the lead with 4:20 remaining, and the Spartans pulled away for a 66-61 victory.

Coach Jim Les said he thought his team played well at times, but they weren't able to finish the game.

Daniel Ruffin

"I told the team that for 28 minutes I thought they had control of the game, and it was within their grasp to get this win," he said. "Unfortunately it's a 40-minute game, and the last 12 minutes they had more toughness, more urgency and made more plays coming down the stretch."

Jeremy Crouch

The Braves led 51-47 when senior pre-season All-American Drew Neitzel hit a 3-pointer that that brought the Spartans within one. Neitzel missed a jumper on Michigan State's next possession; but senior Drew Naymick pulled down one of his 10 offensive boards of the night and slammed it down to give Michigan State its first lead of the second-half.

Bradley stayed with the Spartans until freshman Kalin Lucas hit his first career 3-pointer to give Michigan State a 57-53 lead, and the Spartans began to run away with it. They closed out the game going 7-of-8 from the charity stripe and won the game by five points.

The Braves held Neitzel to just 13 points on 4-of-16 shooting, but his five assists, along with strong play from the rest of his team,

see **BASKETBALL** Page A13

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

M BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	6-1
BRADLEY	0-0	6-3
CREIGHTON	0-0	5-0
DRAKE	0-0	5-1
WICHITA STATE	0-0	5-2
ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	5-3
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	4-2
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	3-2
INDIANA STATE	0-0	3-4
EVANSVILLE	0-0	1-4

W BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	7-1
INDIANA STATE	0-0	4-2
NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	4-2
CREIGHTON	0-0	4-3
DRAKE	0-0	4-3
EVANSVILLE	0-0	4-3
WICHITA STATE	0-0	3-5
BRADLEY	0-0	2-5
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	1-5
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	1-6

On the Record

"Exchanging recipes and stuff. Guy talk. I don't know."

— Cowboy's quarterback Tony Romo on what he and Brett Favre talked about before Sunday's game against the Packers

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AFFORDABLE & THOUGHTFUL GIFTS NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE

STORY BY ERIK JOHNSON

Everybody wants something particular for Christmas. There's always that one gift that will make a person's holiday just perfect, no matter what happens.

If you're the sort of person who goes out of your way to find that gift, this article isn't for you.

Some of us, however, are just average college students. "It's the thought that counts" is more of a lifeline than a saying when it comes to buying your friends gifts. When you barely have money to get a sandwich, how are you supposed to make everybody on the Christmas list happy?

Fortunately, people have been dodging the expensive-gift bullet for years, and now their expertise can be passed to you.

The macaroni necklace

This one is highly useful because if you replace the word "macaroni" with "diamond," you realize the only difference between noodles and diamonds is tightly-bonded carbon.

And aren't we sick of carbon? Isn't it part of carbon dioxide? That means the same thing costing $900 to put on a chain and wear on your neck is slowly boiling the Earth.

This is a perfect gift for your significant other because it costs about $3 to make, but it shows you really care. Granted, you only cared enough to put some noodles on a string, but if you give it in a really romantic way – or if your significant other is a 3-year-old – then you'll still get a good response.

If all else fails, you can take the noodles off the string and cook them.

Somebody else's clothes

Let's not mince words - clothes from Goodwill rule. Some of the coolest shirts I've ever owned were bought for $2 in the T-shirt section of a Goodwill. You'll find a wonderful cross-section of retro T-shirts, creepy trench coats and extravagantly cheap dresses. And the best part is the most expensive thing in the store is a couch that costs $75.

Just imagine what you could come up with if you look really hard. A DVD costs about $20 anywhere else, but that could buy you 10 awesome T-shirts at Goodwill! And washing a DVD doesn't mean it's as good the second time.

Inside jokes

This one is incredibly easy, and you can even make it up completely off the top of your head. If you already have a long-standing inside joke with somebody, the job is half done. If not, go to your friend's room/house/cave right now, make some obscure reference and hope like hell he or she find it funny.

Once you have a suitable joke, find a cheap way to represent it. If it's about a person or place, find a picture and print it out.

After that, the choice is yours. You could put it on a T-shirt, but buying iron-ons is dangerously expensive behavior. Or you could simply wrap a $10 gift card in paper made of thé picture and call it a day.

If the joke is about an object, it's even easier. Either find the object in question and box it up or, if it's too big or expensive, make a scale model. This can be done hastily and poorly, and then you can later blame your lackluster art on fits of giggles because the joke is just so funny, and you knew they'd love it.

Gift cards

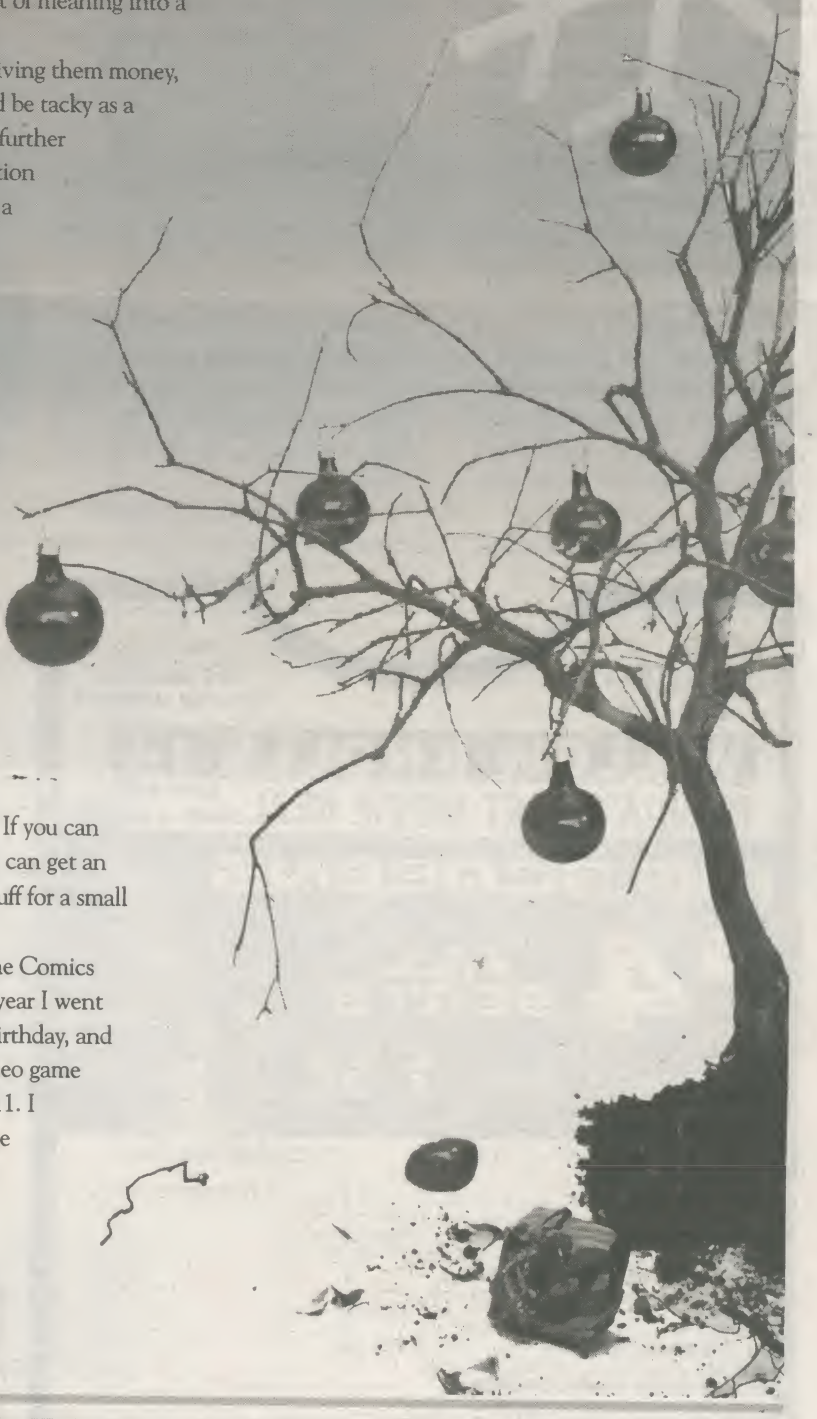
This one is fairly self-explanatory. Everyone knows there is maybe one thing in Best Buy that costs less than $10, but everyone is still thrilled to have a $10 gift card from there. Gift cards are great because they pack a lot of meaning into a little bit of effort.

You're basically giving them money, but because that would be tacky as a Christmas gift, you go further and deny them the option of going anywhere but a place of your choice. Be it a restaurant or store, you get to choose where they spend it, and that means that you cared enough to choose where they want to go.

Used DVDs

Used DVDs are cheap. This also applies to video games, CDs and books. If you can find the right store, you can get an incredible amount of stuff for a small amount of money.

I recommend Acme Comics on Glen Avenue. One year I went there for my brother's birthday, and I got him a movie, a video game and a comic book for $11. I watched the movie more times than he did, stole the comic book and sold the video game to buy an Xbox, but that's beside the point.



THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

Bradley Jazz presents **"A Tribute To Duke Ellington,"** 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is $5 for general public, free for Bradley students.

"Spirit of Peoria Holiday Dinner Show," 6 to 8:30 p.m. aboard the Spirit of Peoria. Tickets $38 for adults, $19 for children.

SATURDAY

ACBU presents **"Brian Brushwood: Bizarre Magician,"** 8 to 10 p.m. in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

"The Peoria Art Guild Ornament Sale," 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria. Buy one ornament, get one half off.

SUNDAY

"The Nutcracker Ballet," 2 p.m. at the Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson. Tickets $22-42 for adults, students $17.

THE ART OF ROCK

From vinyl to the iPod, the history of the album cover

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

Music fans, and the magazines they look up to, are bemoaning the fall of the album cover.

The album cover is fast becoming an afterthought as iPods and other mp3 players become the normal medium for listening to music. Transferring songs from the disc to the computer means the album art is often lost in translation, leaving listeners with sound, but no sight.

Rolling Stone magazine recently compiled a list of its favorite album covers and included their laments.

"Here's a sad fact: whenever we glance at our favorite album art," the Oct. 19 piece said, "it's usually on an iPod screen the size of 4 by 4 centimeters. Once upon a time, an album cover was a canvas."

While everything about music appears to be going digital, those faithful to CD (or even vinyl) can still gaze upon the artwork representing their favorite albums.

Audiophiles can thank graphic designer Alexander Steinweiss, who in 1939 made releases on a new label called Columbia Records more marketable.

Before the album cover revolution took place, vinyl records were packaged in brown sleeves between cardboard covers, according to the Eisner Museum of Advertising and Design. The cardboard only displayed the name of the artist and the album.

"They were so drab, so unattractive," Steinweiss said in 1998 in his bio on The Art Directors Club Web site. "I convinced the executives to let me design a few."

As the 1950s approached, the art stagnated. Record executives focused more on efficient advertising than innovation through artwork.

Where Steinweiss' designs often incorporated elements of photography, the album covers of this decade were more heavily reliant on straightforward photographs to grace the album cover.

Photographs were a quick solution to the problem of how a cover should look – because of their fast and inexpensive nature, photographs dominated album covers of the time.

However, despite the pervasiveness of photography, the field of album covers was not dull like it had been before. Styles of album covers began to vary depending on the type of music.

Jazz albums, for example, displayed an idiosyncratic use of color and typeface. Budget limits meant designers couldn't get too crazy with different colors – maybe one or two to an album cover – but they relied on typeface to convey what the listener was in for, trying to describe the sound through font.

Besides, minimal color use became the norm in time, often outselling full-blown color designs, according to Reid Miles, the cover designer for Blue Note Records.

Designers could do a lot with a little – the cover for Serge Chaloff's "Blue Serge" was mostly white. Only the artist's name and a dress on a rack appeared in color.

Both were blue to draw a connection between the album's title and its cover.

The music market exploded in the 1960s with rock 'n' roll, which emerged in time to provide the soundtrack to the Baby Boomers' adolescence. With artist approval clauses now gracing the contracts on which bands laid their signatures, artists now had more control over album cover art.

The idea for the Beatles' iconic "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" album cover came from the Beatles, and with a little help from the band's friends – namely designers Peter Blake and Jann Hawarth – they pulled off a cover that rocked the world of album art.

With the explosion of a musical and cultural movement came the similar flooding of complex and surreal album covers. Some artwork reflected the increasing influence of drug counterculture, seeking to mirror the effects of a drug such as LSD.

"Cheap Thrills," a 1967 album by Big Brother and the Holding Company, exemplified this in its brilliantly colored comic strip cover art.

Robert Crumb, a cartoonist from San Francisco, designed the cover of "Cheap Thrills" and tried to convey how he felt when he listened to pop music on drugs.

Celebrities in the art world even got involved. The debut album from The Velvet Underground came in a white sleeve with a yellow banana on the front, courtesy of one Andy Warhol.

Warhol would later design the famous cover for the Rolling Stones' "Sticky Fingers," complete with an actual zipper on the printed jeans.

Famed photographer Robert Mapplethorpe is responsible for the stark cover of Patti Smith's influential "Horses" album from the 1970s, a decade that saw artists take album covers even further.

This decade represented a continuing evolution in diversity in terms of popular music and album covers followed suit.

While albums like "Horses" got their messages across in simple terms, other recordings like "Abraxas" by Santana featured intricate symbolism and uses of color.

Album covers have become signifiers of history. Just as da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" and Van Gough's "Starry Night" are recognized by people outside the world of art, there are famous album covers known to millions regardless of whether or not they like the band.

Light passing through a prism, a baby swimming naked after a dollar on a fishing line, a reunion of numerous famous and historical figures against a blue sky – these are the album covers for notable recordings by Pink Floyd, Nirvana and The Beatles, respectively.

They repeatedly grace "all time" album lists in music magazines like Rolling Stone – Nirvana's "Nevermind" appeared yet again in the aforementioned album covers list – and continue to find new generations of listeners.

Along with the music, these young listeners now attach meaning to the same album covers their parents did, albeit on CD liner notes rather than the bigger cardboard album covers.

Album cover art doesn't always play it safe. Bands have created controversy through their album art many times over the course of pop music history.

The cover of Guns 'N Roses' debut, "Appetite For Destruction" originally depicted a rapist robot standing over his next victim, a woman whose clothes had been mostly torn off. An insect-like monster comes down from the sky to scare the daylights out of the would-be rapist.

The Robert Williams painting made MTV gag, and the channel refused to play the band's videos.

In an effort to please MTV executives, the band changed the album cover to a cross with the five band members' skulls – the recognized cover today.

"Weasels Ripped My Flesh," an album by Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention, had an off-putting album cover to match its title.

Like the cover of "Appetite," it wasn't long before the artist caught flak.

Inspired by a story he read in a men's adventure magazine, where a man stood waist-deep in water while weasels attacked from every angle, Zappa came to his designer with the idea.

"So Frank said 'This is it,'" designer Neon Park said in a Nov. 14, 1991 issue of Rolling Stone. "'What can you do that's worse than this?' And the rest is history."

Park chose to do a take on electric razor advertisements.

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VIDEO/TUESDAY 12/11 DVD RELEASES

"The Bourne Ultimatum"
"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"
"High School Musical 2"
"Lost: Complete Third Season"

MUSIC RELEASES TUESDAY 12/11

Dave Matthews - "Live at Piedmont Park"
Wu Tang Clan - "The 8 Diagrams"
Duran Duran - "Falling Down"
Bow Wow and Omarion - "Face Off"
Mario - "Go"
Keane - "The Night Sky"

His design featured a man in a suit shaving with a plugged-in weasel that tore into his cheek.

Warner Bros. disapproved of the cover, and a struggle between Zappa and the label ensued. Even after Warner gave in, the printer was stunned and offended.

His assistant was just as stunned, refusing to touch the artwork. Despite the problems, "Weasels Ripped My Flesh" was released in 1970 with album art intact.

Hilariously bad album covers have been elevated to coffee table book status, along with their more acceptable counterparts.

Capturing unintentionally embarrassing moments in the history of album art, Web sites like www.badalbumcovers.com provide cover after grotesque album cover.

Some are cheesy, some are funny and some are just downright bizarre. Titles like "All My Friends Are Dead" and "Satan is Real" boast album covers as unusual as the titles would imply.

For those who prefer classic artwork over eyesores, the immortal album covers have been captured in book form as well ("The Greatest Album Covers of All Time," $16.47 from Amazon.com).

The consensus on what the No. 1 cover is, however, varies depending on who you speak with.

"'Citadel' by Starcastle," Roger Hoppe said, a radio broadcaster from Detroit who was shopping in Younger Than Yesterday, a record store in Peoria.

"They're kind of like Yes, and that album cover is just incredible."

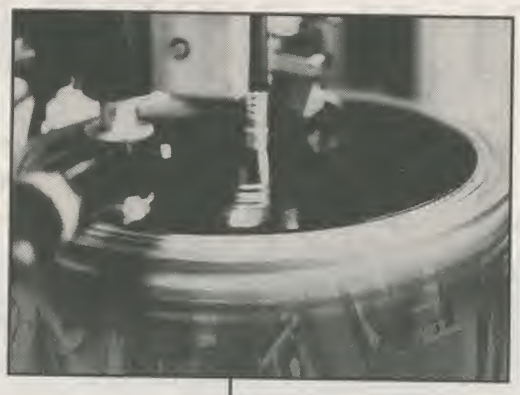
Craig Moore, the store's owner, said he disagreed. While he loves album art from the 1970s, he said he prefers the photography-heavy artwork from the 1950s.

"Those covers were very colorful," Moore said. "And because they were laminated, they had a very dramatic effect. It was amazing."

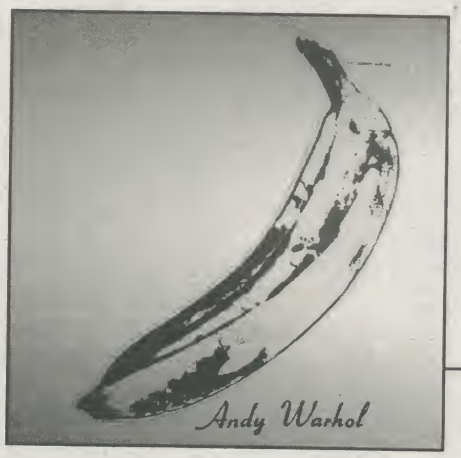
Today, some albums are being released digitally before they come out in stores.

Radiohead's new effort, "In Rainbows," was released on Oct.10 without a label – and without a cover. The discs "official" release early next year will put an image on the music, but for now, Radiohead fans, as well as those listening to their music on iPods, might as well have a plain cardboard sleeve to look at.

TIMELINE

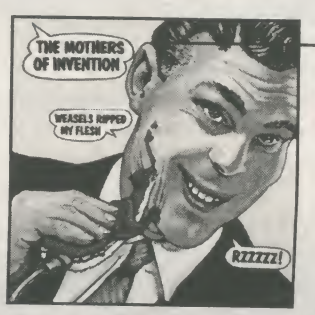


1930
RCA Victor launched the first commercially-available vinyl long-playing record

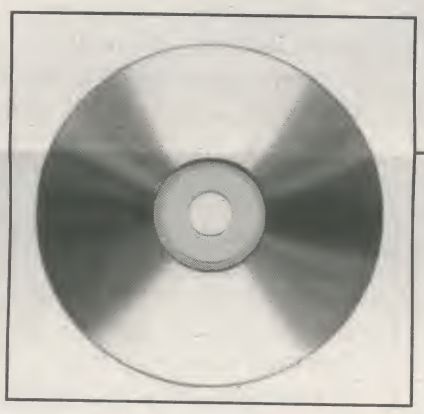


1948
In 1948, the 12" (30 cm) Long Play (LP) 33 rpm microgroove record was introduced by Columbia Records at a dramatic New York city press conference.

1967
Andy Warhol designs the iconic banana cover art for the Velvet Underground's debut.



1970
Not everyone approves of artists' creative affectations, as the striking cover of Frank Zappa's "Weasels Ripped My Flesh" met criticism from the record label.



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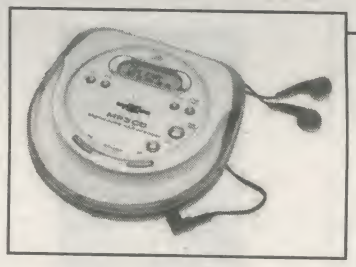
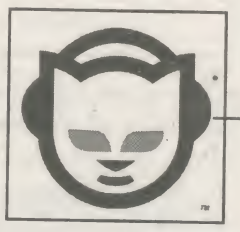


1984
Sony introduces the Discman

1988
CDs outsell records for the first time

1991
Nirvana's "Nevermind" pushes the Seattle grunge scene into the mainstream. The famous album cover is still widely recognized.

2000
The end of the CD buying peak finds U.S. consumers purchasing 785.1 million albums



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SUBTLE STEPHEN KING REMAKE RETAINS SCARY THRILLS

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BY LISA FITCH
for Voice

Director Frank Darabont knows Stephen King.

With both "The Shawshank Redemption" and "The Green Mile" under his directorial belt, he has an obvious understanding of the otherworldly stories that inhabit the world of Kingville.

Set in King's own home state of Maine, "The Mist" follows the horrific misadventures of David Draydon, played by Thomas Jane ("The Punisher"), as he stumbles through the unnatural happenings of his sleepy town.

After a violent storm ravages Draydon's house, he and his son stake out the local supermarket for supplies, stopping only to notice a thick, white mist coming in off the lake where secret military experiments are being performed nearby.

Upon entering the supermarket, all of the locals and out-of-towners seem to all have the same idea and mill about their daily lives in typical horror movie fashion, oblivious to the oncoming danger.

The Norman Rockwell imagery ends there as the mist rolls in along with a slew of bug-like, man-eating monsters, trapping all the shoppers within the confines of the store.

While both atmospheric and eerie, "Mist" doesn't quite live up to the standards Darabont had set for himself with his previous films.

However, it does manage to set itself apart from torture-horror pictures like "Saw" and "Hostel." By keeping with these films' trademark fondness for dismemberment, but toning down the gore that comes with it, "Mist" is a more sophisticated film than some of its contemporaries, focusing more on mood rather than sheer shock value.

"The Mist"

Thomas Jane
Marcia Gay-Harden

Grade: B-

It's with these quiet chills that "Mist" expounds on King's own suspicions about humanity and how people act under unexplainable duress.

According to the master of horror himself, certain death by creepy creatures forces mankind to tap into its darker side, essentially reverting back to a more primitive and suggestive state.

The movie itself heavily plays this concept up, as the supermarket survivors end up splitting into two camps – the sane individuals who want to find answers and a way out and the apocalyptic mongers who blame the events as retribution for humankind's wicked ways.

Leading the doomsday troop is religious zealot Mrs. Carmondy, played by Marcia Gay Harden ("Mona Lisa Smile"), an unstable Bible-thumper who views sacrifice as the only way to disperse the evil mist.

Being the heroic everyman, Draydon takes up the other open position, leading his small group to both answers as well as a means of escape.

While "Mist" is clearly no "Fahrenheit 9/11," this contrast between both Draydon and Mrs. Carmondy is where the film tangents off on its own political streak.

However, the filmmakers manage to keep their own political statements to a minimum, the most blatant one being the characters' complaints of the government's ability to fund weapons of mass destruction but not education.

Strangely enough, unlike most movies, the film's political slant isn't its downfall. In its place are some glaring plot-holes and a rather nervy finale, two factors that greatly take away from the movie as a whole.

Despite this, the director has to be commended for sticking to both a low-budget as well as a confining set. Being set primarily in a supermarket, Darabont wasn't given the most visually appealing environment to work with, but the gritty and pragmatic camerawork on "Mist" more than makes up for the lack of locales.

King has once again made his own personal dent in the movie industry this year, with both "Mist" and the summer hit "1408." While not as memorable as some of his other adaptations, "Mist" still manages to faithfully remain true to the author's source material, as well as moviegoers with appropriate expectations.

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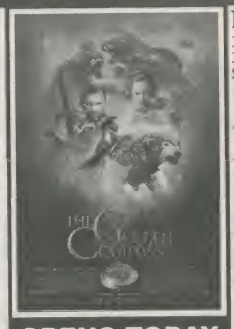

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telephones carry important message: punk is still alive and kicking

story by matt bentel

One Milwaukee based pop-punk band is attempting to continue the DIY punk tradition in the midst of a myspace, file-sharing society.

As markets flood with over-zealous young people trying to make a name for themselves through their music, and independent labels folding up left and right because of a lack of record sales, it's hard to imagine good, new music coming from the basements of America.

However, Chinese Telephones, is attempting to do just that with its latest self-titled release.

After a prolific four years, releasing a few splits and 7-inch records, Chinese Telephones finally got its act together and released its self-titled debut record.

"Chinese Telephones" sees a band that's the epitome of growth and maturity, with every release prior to its debut seeming like an important and necessary stepping stone to get the band where it is today. From its humble beginnings as a dime-a-dozen pop-punk band much in debt to seminal punk outfit Screeching Weasel, frontman Justin Telephone has worked to reconfigure the band as a legitimate, stand alone pop-punk act in the often tiresome scene.

Gone are the whiny, snotty vocals and the fast tempos that marred its early work. Welcome the mid-tempo – soon to be mandatory listening for any punk enthusiast of the 21st century.

The record kicks off with the crunchy guitar Chinese Telephones has patented its new age pop-punk sound with.

"I Can't Be Right" seems more like a declaratory statement on the puzzling situation Chinese Telephones is in right now, singing "I'm still going with the plans of moving on / I don't want to let everybody down / I know I can't be right."

The evolved sound of Chinese Telephones is exemplified in tracks like "Stay Around" and "Back To You Again," which feature the signature distorted, high-treble leads of Daniel James, the lone variable, to Chinese Telephones jump from no-name Wisconsin band to up-and-coming pop-punk stalwarts.

The slightly filtered vocals hark back to predecessors from the '70s who had no other choice than to have seemingly filtered vocals because of inferior recording equipment.

The 12-song full length features two previously released songs. "I Think I Can Breathe Now" and "This Time Next Year" each see their third (yes, third) reincarnation.

They say, "the third time's a charm," but personally the band should have stopped at the long-forgotten self-titled EP. The on-the-verge-of-yelling vocals that characterized the most recent Chinese Telephones releases is still intact, but the re-recordings seem to lack the urgency that made the original records so smart.

However, the record's standout track would have to be the Marked Men-esque "Crying In The Chapel." Jeff Burke, vocalist of Denton, Texas' Marked Men, sings backup vocals, which would probably explain the vibe.

But everything, down to Gorky's drumming arrangement and James' closing, late '70s throwback guitar lead seem better placed on the last Marked Men record, "Fix My Brain," than on a Chinese Telephones album.

Whether a simple coincidence or a hint at the direction of future releases, it's an enjoyable track all the same.

"Chinese Telephones" isn't looking to reinvent a simple, more often tried than tested genre, but rather is trying to revitalize what has been a stagnant scene the past few years.

Photo Poll

What is your best finals study tip?

"Go to the study rooms in the basement of the [Michel] Student Center."
Jacqueline Benne
senior
administration of criminal justice

"Don't start studying the day before finals."
Aaron Friedman
sophomore
electronic media

"Stay awake."
Mike Schweisthal
sophomore
civil engineer

"Study early and study often."
Daniel Bressler
sophomore
advertising

"Study hard now so you can play hard during break."
Tyler Fryer
sophomore
entrepreneurship

"Start reviewing early in the month."
Nicole Zatt
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compiled by Megan Loos

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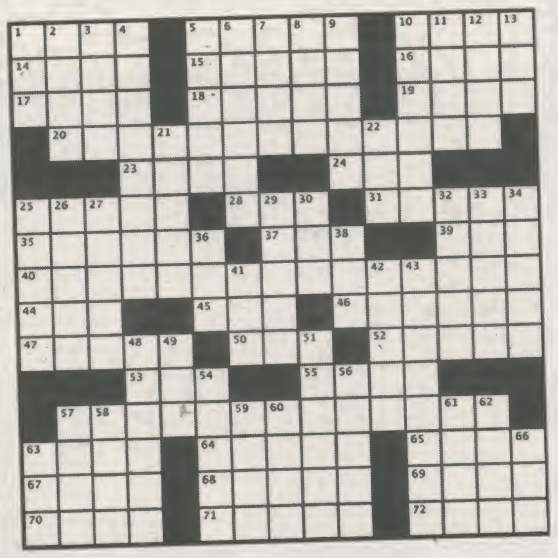

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15- Wedge
16- Smoke deposit
17- Latvian, e.g.
18- Electromagnetic telecommunication
19- Rider's command
20- Goose flesh
23- Intentions
24- Sailor
25- Inanimate object
28- Consume
31- Utter joy
35- Ill will
37- Dracula form
39- Posed
40- Informally
44- Former coin of France
45- Bit
46- Offhand
47- Wearies
50- Domestic animal
52- Kid leather
53- Henpeck
55- One who has something coming?
57- Of large scope
63- Record with a VCR
64- Writer of lyric poetry
65- Sworn thing
67- Responsibility
68- Mammary gland in cows
69- Forearm bone
70- Morse element
71- Flowery verse
72- Show to a table

Down

1- Fairy queen
2- Indian nursemaid
3- Thousand: prefix
4- Doorway
5- Curtain fabric
6- Pass by
7- Basic monetary unit of Ghana
8- Hindmost part of an animal
9- European ermine
10- Moving around
11- Silver salmon
12- Earth's satellite
13- JFK posting
21- Strictness
22- Decorative flap on a garment
25- Confidence
26- Capital of Vietnam
27- Become liable for
29- Residence
30- Convert into leather
32- Point in question
33- Dish of raw vegetables
34- Genre
36- Not emp.
38- Involuntary muscular contraction
41- Chart
42- Fertile area in a desert
43- Practicing usury
48- Tangle up
49- Tree syrup
51- Academic themes
54- Small assemblage
56- Diary bit
57- Scene of first miracle
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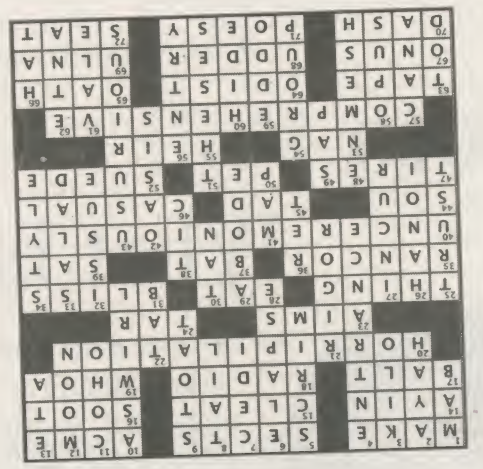

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Classifieds

The Scout accepts classified advertisements at a rate of 35¢ per word with a $6 minimum. Classified ads can be submitted to the Scout Business Office in Sisson Hall 321 or by calling the Business Office at x3057. Please submit classified ads by 5 p.m. Monday for inclusion in the Friday issue.

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Personals

The Edge is undoubtedly the BOOM KING! Love, the Scout

Mark Hemmer, welcome to the Scout staff. Get excited!

Peace out, Ed.

Happy birthday, Jesus. Oh yeah, and Pat, too, I guess.

Sarah, you need to calm down.

Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, happy New Year and happy Kwanzaa.

I got an "A" on my Frankenstein paper.

Good luck on finals. Love, the Scout

Pat is the Scout's MVP for the CR.

I don't remember sometimes.

My mom's a vandal. -Pat

Go Braves! Beat the Buckeyes!

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-The boys of 1005, Apt. 6

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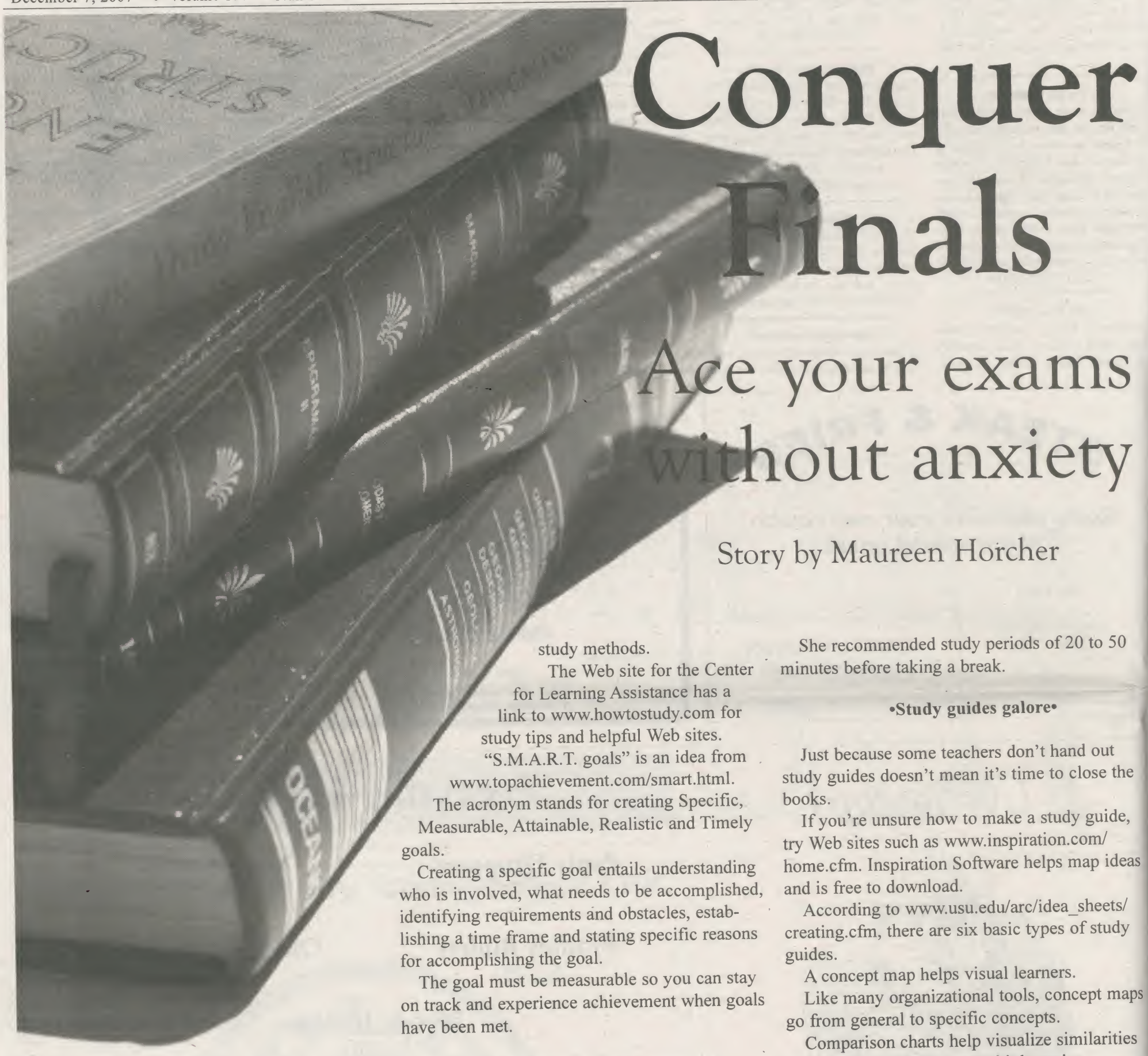

Conquer Finals

Ace your exams without anxiety

Story by Maureen Horcher

Study Day is Wednesday, which means some students may go gray from final exam study stress.

The following are study tips to get you started on a successful study path.

•Learning how to learn•

Director of the Center for Learning Assistance Deborah Fischer said it's important for students to understand their individual learning styles.

She also said self-fulfilling prophecy affects on what students produce.

"Attitude is a lot of it. The secret to being successful is believing you can be successful," Fischer said.

The library doesn't have a final exam study program. However, Fischer said she welcomes students to meet one-on-one with her to discuss study methods.

The Web site for the Center for Learning Assistance has a link to www.howtostudy.com for study tips and helpful Web sites.

"S.M.A.R.T. goals" is an idea from www.topachievement.com/smart.html. The acronym stands for creating Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely goals.

Creating a specific goal entails understanding who is involved, what needs to be accomplished, identifying requirements and obstacles, establishing a time frame and stating specific reasons for accomplishing the goal.

The goal must be measurable so you can stay on track and experience achievement when goals have been met.

•Motivation in sensation•

If you're having trouble seeing how much you need to get done before the big day, www.lib.umn.edu/help/calculator/ offers an assignment calculator.

Type in the date of the assignment or exam and it reports how much work needs to get done per day to be ready. You can even request e-mail reminders if you're extremely unmotivated.

Fischer said prime learning motivators are study buddies and study groups.

"If you can teach the material to somebody else, you know it," she said.

To-do lists also help keep students motivated and organized.

Fischer said a key to successful exam grades is time management and preparation.

She suggested students use time management methods to do a little bit of work at a time.

She recommended study periods of 20 to 50 minutes before taking a break.

•Study guides galore•

Just because some teachers don't hand out study guides doesn't mean it's time to close the books.

If you're unsure how to make a study guide, try Web sites such as www.inspiration.com/home.cfm. Inspiration Software helps map ideas and is free to download.

According to www.usu.edu/arc/idea_sheets/creating.cfm, there are six basic types of study guides.

A concept map helps visual learners.

Like many organizational tools, concept maps go from general to specific concepts.

Comparison charts help visualize similarities and differences between multiple topics.

Process diagrams help visually understand stages of a process. This may be helpful for students learning, for instance, anatomical processes.

The informal outline is linear. It uses Roman or Arabic numerals and indentations to denote importance of one detail related to another.

The benching diagram is sometimes called a web or idea map. According to the Web site, it's useful for brainstorming essay ideas or organizing lecture or textbook notes.

The benching diagram begins with a circle containing the main topic. The lines branching off the circle are for the main points. Lines branching off the main points are for supporting details.

Finally, timelines allow students to organize in chronological order. History students may benefit from these if they must recall dates on exams.

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Alcohol abuse needs 'a time out'

Soccer players sentenced to 6 months in jail for alcohol-related death of fellow teammate

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Three Bradley soccer players will spend six months in jail for killing friend and teammate Sheridan "Danny" Dahlquist in a prank gone awry.

David Crady, Nicholas Mentgen, Ryan Johnson and Illinois Central College student Daniel Cox all pleaded guilty Jan. 23, the first day of

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David Crady

Ryan Johnson

Nicholas Mentgen

Basketball players busted for underage drinking. Page A20.

Administration to address widespread drinking problem

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Recent problems involving student athletes have raised concerns about alcohol abuse on campus, at least in University President Joanne Glasser's eyes.

Two men's basketball

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Glasser discusses plans for new semester. Page A3.
Student body president and Glasser address alcohol issues in letter to Bradley community. Page A6.

Joanne Glasser

University Hall renovation revealed

From left, Student Body Vice President Nick Fahnders, University President Joanne Glasser, Associate Provost of Student Affairs Alan Galsky, Student Body President Jordan Ticaric and Student Body Secretary Todd Moore cut the ceremonial ribbon at the grand opening of the new U-hall lounge. *photo by Megan Loos*

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

University Hall cafeteria renovations were recently revealed, creating what Student Body President Jordan Ticaric calls a space "solely for students."

The $150,000 renovations include two large screen TVs, a projection screen, a stage for small performances, new furniture and flooring, among others.

"Students can have a place to relax, watch some TV, hold meetings and use the technology that we have set up for them," Ticaric said. "They can have a place to listen to poets [or] musical performers and feel at home on the comfy furniture that was put in."

Vice President for Business Affairs Gary Anna said $100,000 was originally allocated for the renovations but an extra $50,000 was needed for technology additions.

The Activities Council plans

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Task force visits BU

Campus/Tap issues no tickets

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Operation Campus/TAP issued no tickets on campus during its Jan. 26 visit but issued four tickets to drivers outside of the Bradley area, Illinois State Police Master Sgt. Tony Lebron said.

The task force visited campus three times so far this academic year, netting a total of 31 issued tickets.

By the same time last year, Campus/TAP came three times as well, issuing a total of 84 tickets.

The decrease reflects Lebron's opinion of Campus/TAP's effectiveness.

Lebron said he thinks the task force issued fewer tickets this year because Campus/TAP used to focus primarily on campus parties.

"But the pickings have been slim, so to speak," Lebron said. "Students have become aware of our presence so when they do hold parties, I think they're a little more discreet."

Lebron said when Bradley isn't "very successful" for Campus/TAP, the task force moves to other areas.

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
29 / 19
Snow likely.

Saturday
33 / 22
Partly sunny.

Sunday
35 / 31
Partly sunny.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Bradley Briefs

• The Activities Council will host a Super Bowl XLII party from 4 p.m. to midnight Sunday in the University Hall lounge. Call x3050 for more information.

• A Sales Career Expo will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

• Alpha Phi Omega will host a Mardi Gras-themed benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight in the Michel Student Center ballroom. Admission is $5 for students, $10 for adults and children 12 and under are free. Activities include desserts, live music, carnival activities, a magician, silent auction and door prizes. Tickets will be available at the door, or contact Brandee Peters at (309)-712-1562 to reserve tickets.

• The Smith Career Center will host a Career Seminar for all majors from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Marty Theater. Employers will provide information about the value of internships and how to make the most of the experience.

• The Spring Job Fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Michel Student Center.

Around the World

Man accused of numerous assaults

A 21-year-old man is believed to be responsible for the sexual assaults of four local girls since June, the most recent being earlier this month.

Expected to appear before a judge Wednesday, Monterius Hinkle is charged with a Sept. 14 assault in which he allegedly confronted a 16-year-old girl on her way to school.

The upcoming case is also connected to the Jan. 16 assault of a Trewyn Middle School student walking to school. Hinkle was arrested and charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault and criminal sexual assault after he choked and dragged the female student into a house and then assaulted her.

Information from www.pjstar.com.

Edwards, Guiliani drop out of race

Democratic candidate John Edwards and Republican candidate Rudy Guiliani both announced their decisions to drop out of the presidential primary race on Wednesday.

Edwards didn't endorse either of his chief rivals, Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, but asked them to continue gaining attention to the themes of his campaign. He also said he couldn't foresee who would become the Democratic candidate.

Guiliani endorsed Senator John McCain, praising him as an American hero and saying he is the most qualified for the job.

Information from www.nytimes.com.

China's storms affect economy

China's winter weather has given no sign of subsiding after three days of snow and sleet.

The worst winter storm in more than half a century has impaired transportation, frozen the power grid and placed the Chinese economy $4.5 billion more in debt, according to figures released Wednesday by the Civil Affairs Ministry.

Destroyed crops created an increase in food prices and stopped Toyota and Ford production and delivery for the week.

Information from www.cnn.com.

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Recreation center construction on track

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

While students and faculty enjoyed a break from classes, construction on the Markin Family Student Recreation Center continued.

"They have been working on it daily," Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports Mike Keup said. "There never seems to be a break for construction workers."

Keup said workers enclosed the office areas and added flooring over the school recess, but the building is far from being complete.

Expected to be finished by October, construction plans began to fall behind schedule, Keup said, but workers caught up to plans and are right on target.

"Progress is being made daily on the center," he said. "I haven't been informed of any problems, so that's encouraging."

With construction going well, Keup said a lot of work remains for the upcoming year.

"The building still needs walls, flooring and equipment before the center can be used by students," he said.

Sophomore early childhood education major Elana Dermer said even though workers are on schedule, she has concerns the center won't be finished by its tentative opening.

"When I walk to class it seems they don't have a lot done, just a frame," she said. "It doesn't seem like they will have this entire complex together."

Dermer said the construction hasn't been a problem for her.

"They blocked the street sometimes, but I don't drive there," she said. "I only see it when I walk to class and rarely hear anything about it."

Sophomore marketing major Stephanie Sigman also said she has concerns about the Markin Center construction.

"I think that a lot has obviously gotten done while we were on break, but day to day I really don't see any progress that has been made," she said. "I actually just joined the River Plex because I hate Haussler and can't wait for the new center to be complete."

Construction continues on the Markin Family Student Recreation Center, part of the 15-year plan.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

Glasser seeks improvements for Bradley's image

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

University President Joanne Glasser has many plans for Bradley.

While addressing Student Senate on Monday, she said she plans to create a capital campaign that will include the creation of a "Bradley brand," developing a "front door to campus," renovating and reconstructing buildings, reducing alcohol-related problems and helping solve students' personal issues.

The campaign will launch April 24 at a black-tie affair at the Civic Center, which all students will be invited to attend.

"We're calling it a renaissance because it's truly going to transform what campus looks like physically and what's going on inside," she said.

Physical changes on campus will include the Markin Family Student Recreation Center, a replacement for Robertson Memorial Field House, a new parking deck, a new alumni center, renovation to Westlake Hall and a business and engineering convergence center.

Glasser said Westlake is outdated, and she wants it to be as nice as Bradley Hall once it's finished with renovation.

The new alumni center will include a third floor similar to the Michel Student Center ballroom but larger, she said.

After these projects are completed, Glasser said she hopes to construct one building for use by the business and engineering departments, residence halls in the form of apartment-style suites and a new student center.

Glasser said some physical changes are already being seen on campus.

"The first stage of the lighting project is finished," she said. "You should see a very well-lit and much more safe campus to walk around at night."

Another visual change Glasser hopes to create is a "front door" to Bradley's campus.

She said other private universities have a clear entrance and Bradley doesn't.

"Where is the entrance to Bradley?" she asked. "Is it on University Street? Is it on Main Street? That's what we're trying to establish."

In addition to the physical changes, Glasser is working on developing a Bradley brand. She said she wants the visual reaction to someone saying "Bradley University" to be similar to that of Coca-Cola or Nike.

"You know its niche," Glasser said. "You know what it stands for and you know the quality."

She said mentioning the university provokes a lot of different opinions, but she wants there to be one strong vision.

"It helps us to have a common uniform look, message and theme," Glasser said. "So when someone mentions BU, we're able to talk about our niches and our areas of excellence."

She said she wants to diversify campus by bringing in more students and faculty from outside central Illinois. She wants aggressive recruiting so students are not only coming from all over the country, but all over the world.

Although Glasser said she thinks Bradley has the perfect amount of undergraduate students, she sees room for expansion at the graduate level and is looking to add more graduate programs.

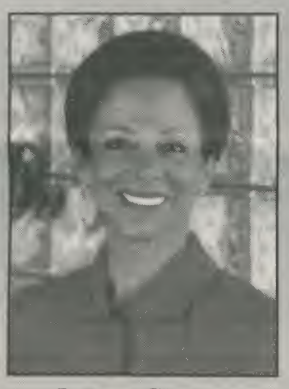
All of these changes fall into the big picture, Glasser said.

But she also addressed senate members to personally help her with the use and misuse of alcohol and students' distress on campus.

She said there are support services for whatever issues students are facing.

"You've got a lot of demands on you – a lot of pushes, a lot of pulls and a lot of tugs," Glasser said. "But there's a safety net for whatever [students'] needs are."

President discusses upcoming plans for campus



Joanne Glasser

SCOUT: What did you seek to improve about the university last semester?

GLASSER: I'm not sure I set out to actually improve things. Initially my first goal when I came here was just to do a lot of listening and learning to faculty, to staff, to students about what their dreams and aspirations were for Bradley University … My goal was to travel and re-engage and reconnect with as many alumni as I could to hear from their perspective on the Bradley University experience and ways we can continue to build upon it, and I had hoped that by doing a lot of listening and learning that it could then help formulate a more crystallized vision of what we needed to do in order to become a university of national distinction.

S: Are you satisfied with what you have accomplished so far?

G: I'm not sure I'm ever satisfied. I always set that bar so high. I'm feeling good about my ability to have gotten around to as many people as I have, but then again, half-way home and a long way to go. I hope that I can increase my efforts second semester to become even more visible and more accessible.

S: What are your expectations or plans for this semester?

G: The next semester we're going to kick off a major capital campaign in April which is totally going to transform physically the Bradley of today into the Bradley of the future. And by that I mean a truly enhanced and modernized living, learning and teaching environment for our faculty and students.

S: What can we look forward to as the 15-year plan makes progress?

G: I think the physical transformation that's going to take place is going to be the most noticeable in terms of the 15-year plan. Right now the campus currently has a $100 million worth of projects underway with the Markin Family and Recreation Center, with the Robertson Memorial Field House replacement, with the new parking garage. And with the Capital Campaign, we'll probably build at least three new facilities on top of that. I suspect in 15 years … the Bradley campus is going to look totally unique and totally different.

S: What are your long-term goals?

G: I'd like to see our undergraduate enrollment grow in terms of geographic diversity. Right now pretty much the majority of our undergraduate enrollment is drawn from the central Illinois area, and if we truly aspire to be a university of national distinction, we do that by having a diverse student body, as well as faculty and staff, and so I'd like to concentrate our efforts to reaching out to a larger national platform in drawing our undergraduate students.

I'd also like to see us exploring opportunities to explore our graduate programming. Higher education is starting to expand into graduate education and in the future that will certainly continue to grow. So I think the timing is right for Bradley with our already nationally recognized graduate programs to start to look at further opportunities for us to explore growth in graduate education on our campus.

S: How will you improve different aspects of the university such as academics or student life?

G: There's absolutely no question that the heart and soul of any institution and its reputation is based on the quality of its faculty … I certainly don't expect that I will be able to increase the academic reputation. I can only hope to continue by recruiting and retaining the very best faculty to maintain that excellent reputation. What I hope that I can have a more direct impact on … is to enhance the out-of-classroom experience for our students. And I can really do that by providing support systems for them to have activities and clubs and things to provide a more well-rounded experience.

Jack's Mannequin hits the field house next weekend

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Jack's Mannequin frontman Andrew McMahon. *photo courtesy of www.weedenphotos.com*

Piano-rock group Jack's Mannequin will visit Bradley on Feb. 10 as the Activities Council's first and last concert of the school year.

Originally slated to perform at Robertson Memorial Field House in October, the band postponed the concert when frontman Andrew McMahon began suffering from mental and physical exhaustion. He had been touring for 14 consecutive months after recovering from leukemia.

Special events reserve fund coordinator for ACBU Hallie Duesenberg said the bleachers in the fieldhouse will be torn down March 15, so there won't be time for a second concert.

"Our budget will roll over, so we'll just use the money for next year," Duesenberg said. "We're going to try to find another venue to hold the concerts next year. The only thing that's been thrown out there so far has been the Civic Center."

As of Thursday, 350 student tickets had been sold, and tickets went on sale to the public Thursday. Duesenberg said she expects ticket sales to remain steady.

She also said she thinks many students will purchase tickets the day of the show, causing a sold-out fieldhouse.

Tickets are $5 for students, $15 for faculty and staff and $20 for the general public.

Opening bands are Treaty of Paris and the Northern Room. Although Ludo was scheduled to open in October, its headlining tour conflicts with the rescheduled date.

Duesenberg said Jack's Mannequin chose the openers.

"We didn't get to bring our own openers for this show because Jack's Mannequin is going on a string of college dates and bringing both of those groups," she said. "Treaty of Paris was the first band signed on Andrew McMahon's record label, and they're really close [with Jack's Mannequin]."

ACBU is hosting a mannequin decorating contest to advertise and excite students for the show, Duesenberg said.

Student organizations and Jack's Mannequin fans will decorate 17 small mannequins and seven large ones.

Beginning Monday, the mannequins will be displayed in the Michel Student Center, academic buildings and residence halls.

First place winners will receive six tickets for a meet and greet with the band, second place receives an autographed Jack's Mannequin CD and two concert tickets and third place receives two concert tickets.

The release date for Jack's Mannequin's sophomore album, "The Glass Passenger," is April 22.

McMahon told www.absolutepunk.net that this tour will be the first time he's playing any of the new songs.

"I'll probably do some college shows in February just to get out playing and to play some of these songs live and start getting used to them before we get going and play them out full scale on tour," he said.

Freshman nursing major Angela Menningen has already bought her ticket to the show, and said she's excited to see Jack's Mannequin despite never having heard of Treaty of Paris or the Northern Room.

"The fact that it's only $5 is really cool, especially since I'm a freshman and don't have a car," she said.

Menningen said she's glad Jack's Mannequin decided to reschedule.

"They're feel-good friendly music that everyone can relate to," she said. "I think the choice of a rock band was smart because it's going to draw more people than rap would."

Menningen said she would prefer ACBU to have the money roll over to bring one big band to campus next semester, rather than two smaller ones.

Last year's yearbook not delivered on schedule; new yearbook underway

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Marketing for the Anaga's 2007-08 yearbook will begin in the next few weeks, even though the 2006-07 yearbooks haven't been delivered.

Executive Director of Student Involvement Greg Killoran said the staff isn't finished with last year's book.

The Anaga Editor-in-Chief Sarah Mosberg said she estimated the Anaga sold 200 to 300 copies that are yet to be placed in owners' hands.

She said the $45 yearbooks are usually finished shortly after graduation in May and are delivered in September.

Killoran said that didn't happen this year.

"The work just didn't get done before the end of the school year," he said.

Killoran said he didn't know about the completion problems until the beginning of this school year.

He said he was in contact with the publishing company and determined which parts needed completion.

No one has complained about not having the book yet, Killoran said. He sent notices to those who purchased the books and let them know they'd get them as soon as possible.

Mosberg said she has high hopes for the future.

"I have an awesome staff," she said. "We have a lot of obstacles to overcome because the way last year's book was."

She said the yearbook's quality depends partly on student attitude and support.

Mosberg said lack of student participation results in a less motivated staff.

"We have a bad reputation, but my staff is enthusiastic, and we are really going to try and do it," she said.

Mosberg said this year's book will still be full-color, and she hopes to include as many clubs and students as possible.

This year's book should be delivered by the September schedule, Mosberg said.

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Student patrol positions filled, force now complete

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

The student patrol has become a full force of eight students and may be adding one or two more students this semester, University Police Chief Dave Baer said.

Baer said so far student patrollers have spotted some suspicious activity and alerted officers, but nothing serious was found.

The addition of more students will help give those who already patrol more breaks, Baer said.

"The patrol is doing just as they were asked to do," he said. "They walk the campus and the immediate surrounding area and look for anything that, in their opinion, looks out of place."

The patrollers are instructed to use a radio to contact officers if they notice suspicious activity or see a student in need of help.

They also assume the role of student escorts if a student walking nearby feels unsafe, Baer said.

"In effect, what's in place is our student escort group expanded into a walking patrol group of the campus," he said.

Student Senate recommended last year that the university abandon the student escort program because of underutilization. Senate then asked the university to seek a different type of program this year.

Student patroller and sophomore special education major Randy Du Mez said a typical night on the job involves patrollers walking for 50 minutes with a 10-minute break. The patrollers get a 20-minute break at midnight before continuing.

Patrollers start the night walking through St. James Apartment Complex then patrol the campus perimeter and the center of campus before repeating the route.

Du Mez said he usually feels safe walking around campus at night because the patrollers make rounds in pairs or small groups.

"There was only one time where I thought I was in danger and that was right after calling something in [to officers,]" Du Mez said. "But it did not lead to an arrest."

Sophomore advertising major Amanda McCarthy said knowing a student patrol team exists on campus makes her feel safer.

"I feel more comfortable walking at night because Peoria's not really the safest place," she said.

McCarthy said if she saw a group of patrollers walking, she might ask them to escort her home late at night.

"If it's a service then why not take advantage of it," she said.

But sophomore education major Allie Fronk said she doesn't know if students are the best qualified to ensure campus security and safety.

"Most students aren't going to ask someone to walk with them," she said. "But I guess it's fine that they're just looking for suspicious behavior."

Freshman civil engineering major Steve Jandick and sophomore special education major Randy Du Mez patrol campus streets. *photo by Megan Loos*

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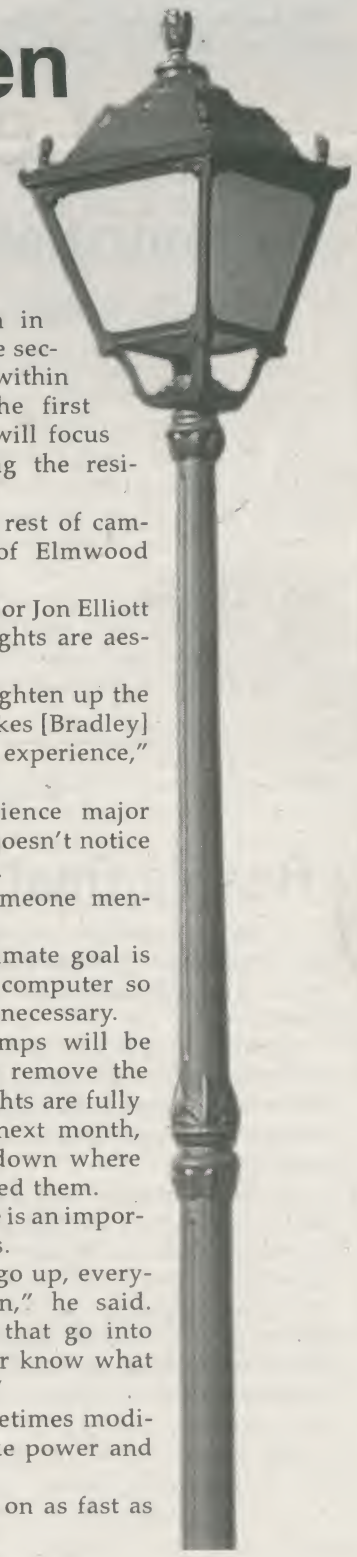
New lights brighten campus streets



BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Chaney Smart walked out of her Chi Omega house one night last week and thought it was daytime.

The junior early childhood education major was reacting to the new lights along Bradley Avenue between Glenwood Avenue and Duryea Place.

Facilities Director Ron Doerzaph said there are more poles to come as this is only the first phase of a three-phase project to replace campus outdoor lighting.

The first phase should be completed within the next month, Doerzaph said.

The estimated cost of the entire project is $4 million, but the exact figure is yet to be determined.

Safety and energy efficiency are two reasons for the light switch, he said.

The current yellow lights don't have reflectors and the light reflects out instead of down because of the globe-shape of the light.

The new white lights are horizontal and have reflectors, projecting the light downward.

"The new ones aren't brighter. It's just a different type of light," Doerzaph said.

He said the new lights are more energy efficient because they are photo cell, meaning they adjust to the lighting. The darker it is outside, the brighter the light.

About 80 of the 500 poles were erected in the first phase.

When the project is complete, the number of existing poles will double.

There's no set completion date. However, Doerzaph said he could see the project completed in two and a half to three years.

The first phase began in September or October. The second phase should begin within the next month after the first phase is completed and will focus on the areas surrounding the residence halls.

The third phase is the rest of campus – everything east of Elmwood Avenue.

Junior construction major Jon Elliott said he thinks the new lights are aesthetically pleasing.

"I think they really brighten up the campus, and I think it makes [Bradley] feel more like a campus experience," he said.

Sophomore health science major Kristin Allexan said she doesn't notice a difference in brightness.

"I noticed because someone mentioned it to me," she said.

Doerzaph said the ultimate goal is to control the lights via computer so some can be turned off if necessary.

Eventually, all old lamps will be removed. But they can't remove the old ones until the new lights are fully functioning. Within the next month, the old ones will come down where the new ones have replaced them.

Doerzaph said patience is an important aspect of this process.

"As soon as the poles go up, everyone wants the lights on," he said. "There's a lot of pieces that go into doing this, and you never know what you're going to run into."

He said plans are sometimes modified because of things like power and sewers.

"We'll try to get them on as fast as we can," he said.

Editorial

Student athletes should step up, set example

Being a student athlete means being a responsible role model.

It's not simple. On top of schoolwork, practice, conditioning and games, student athletes are in the limelight, and they have to set examples for the rest of the student body.

When a person hears the word "Bradley," there's no doubt the university's outstanding Div. I athletic program comes to mind. Many sports teams have tasted success, garnering attention for Bradley and themselves.

But that reputation has been somewhat tarnished recently because student athletes aren't making responsible decisions, namely with alcohol.

Three soccer players were sentenced to six months in jail last week because of an alcohol-induced prank that killed their teammate, and two men's basketball players were suspended from a game because of underage drinking and driving.

Of course, they aren't the only ones to crack open a beer on Friday night, but their actions are magnified. Fellow students, coaches, faculty and fans hold high expectations of student athletes, who need to remember they are wearing red and white and Bradley's name on their jerseys.

While expecting them to abstain from drinking and drugs would be idealistic at best, asking them to be more responsible about their choices isn't an unreasonable request.

Drinking is prevalent at Bradley, across the country and around the world. Alcohol abuse isn't only a problem with student athletes, but people look to them to make the right decisions.

Too often, it's a contest to see who can finish their six-pack first or who can run the keg dry before the cops show up. It seems like fun and games, just part of the college lifestyle.

But this kind of behavior is killing about 1,700 students every year in the United States and is contributing to 500,000 injuries and 70,000 cases of sexual assault, according to the Task Force on College Drinking.

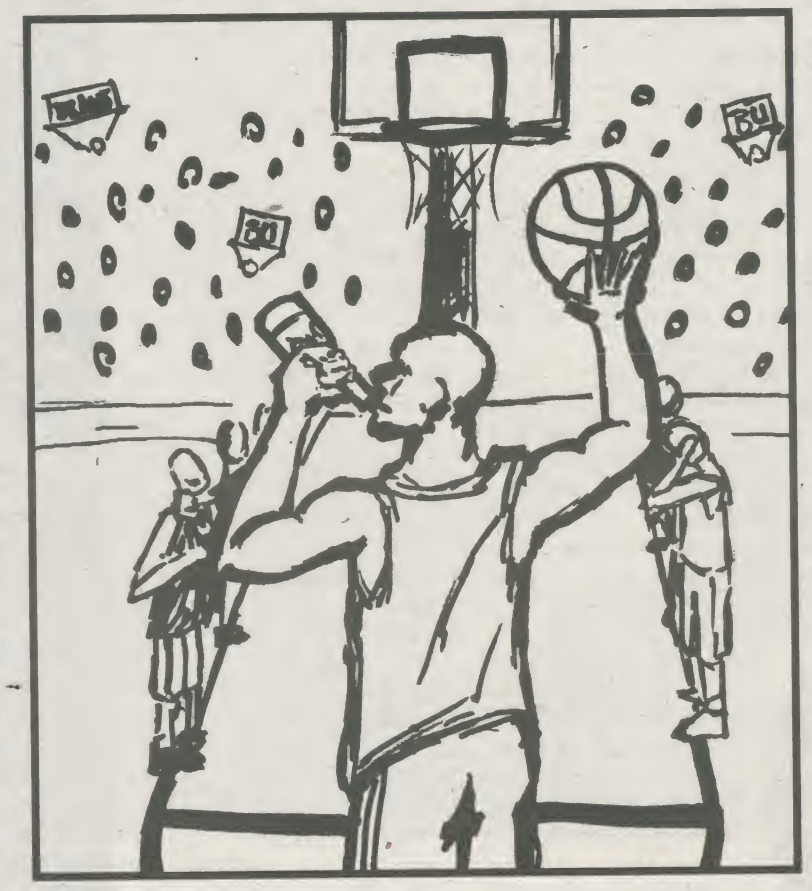
If these numbers don't seem like a big deal, consider the fact that the Bradley community lost a life this year, and several other Bradley families' lives are forever changed as well.

These incidents should be a wake-up call that something needs to change on campus.

Students, and especially student athletes, need to take responsibility for their actions, knowing their peers and the Bradley community won't look the other way when they screw up.

University President Joanne Glasser and Student Body President Jordan Ticaric have recognized that a problem exists, and the two are spearheading it with an alcohol task force.

While the effort to overhaul alcohol policies is commendable, it shouldn't take stricter penalties for students to make better choices.



They should be more responsible about drinking because they know the dangers that accompany it, not because they risk getting a drinking ticket, a game suspension, jail time or whatever new policies may be adopted.

Everyone – not just student athletes – need to make smarter choices, and it shouldn't take a committee to figure that out. It doesn't mean staying home on the weekends when friends go to a party. It means knowing when to put your foot (and your cup) down and say, "Enough in enough."

Letters to the Editor

Administration concerned about student alcohol abuse

Dear Campus Community,

We are dismayed and concerned with the series of alcohol-related incidents involving members of our student body, both on and off campus. There is danger associated with the use and misuse of alcohol. Student safety, health and wellbeing are paramount to all of us in the Bradley community.

With that in mind, we are establishing a task force, comprised of students, faculty and staff, to be even more proactive in addressing this important issue. This group will review the effectiveness of current programs and policies and develop new strategies to help address alcohol misuse on campus.

It is imperative that we address this issue together—students, faculty, staff—everyone in the Bradley community. Together we must develop meaningful, workable solutions. Please help us. When this group is formed, they will appreciate your input for consideration.

There are a number of well-established programs on campus to educate students about the risks of alcohol use, but obviously, something more needs to be done. It is evident that we must recommit to facilitating a change in the culture. Each of us must commit to following the laws and University policies that govern alcohol consumption.

Bradley is a great institution and the Bradley experience is one each of us should enjoy and safeguard. We can do so by being good citizens and good neighbors. We call upon each of you to help set the example for responsible behavior for all members of the campus community. We can and we must do better.

University President Joanne Glasser
Student Body President Jordan Ticaric

Opinions from other campuses

Bush's final State of the Union address a disappointment

In his eighth and final attempt at a State of the Union address, President George W. Bush was just as wrong and misguided as he's ever been.

Devoting large sections of the speech to the economy and the War in Iraq, Bush was divisive and headstrong in an address that will do nothing for his legacy or, more importantly, this country.

In money matters, Bush did acknowledge our stalling economy and highlighted the stimulus package that was brokered in a bipartisan agreement. However, he chastised lawmakers for wasteful spending while repeating his siren call for the renewal of his tax cuts. The hypocrisy of calling out his fellow politicians for their wasteful ways while simultaneously continuing his own is not lost on us.

His tax cuts weren't the only failed policy Bush continued to flaunt. He also devoted time in his speech to praise No Child Left Behind, saying, "We owe it to America's children, their parents and their teachers to strengthen this good law."

What he owes to America's children is to stop holding them to the crucible of standardized test after standardized test and return control of their curriculum to local teachers and officials.

Bush then repeated his plea to give his judicial nominees an "up-or-down vote," a prayer that certainly fell on indifferent ears, since members of Congress owe a lame-duck president with basement-level approval ratings almost nothing.

And, as he's done since the invasion of 2003, a great deal of Bush's speech was dedicated to the War in Iraq. While touting the potential return of 20,000 troops, he cautioned Congress against a larger withdrawal of American forces, saying it would result in "disintegration of the Iraqi security forces, al-Qaida in Iraq regaining lost ground and a marked increase in violence."

What he doesn't understand is the fact that the people of this country are tired of this war. We want our fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers at home with us, not fighting in some foreign desert, refereeing a hopeless mess his leadership made even worse.

In addressing the troops directly, Bush did say something we wholeheartedly agree with: "In the past year, you have done everything we've asked of you, and more. Our nation is grateful for your courage."

Perhaps, this time next year, those brave men and women will have a president worthy of their sacrifice.

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Media give unfair candidate coverage

Dennis Kucinich. Do you recognize that name?

Odds are you don't.

He was a Democratic presidential candidate. Unlike some of the major candidates, Kucinich didn't get any media attention.

Neither did Duncan Hunter, Mike Gravel, Joe Biden, Christopher Dodd or Jim Gilmore, and those candidates are only from the two major parties.

That means the American people heard nothing, or very little, from more than five major candidates running for the highest office in the country.

The only way anyone could learn about the opinions those candidates had was to visit their Web sites.

Let's be honest here, most people don't even vote, let alone take the time to research the underdog candidates.

For whatever reason, the mainstream media seem to think only the major contenders deserve attention, and that's an incredibly dangerous practice in a democracy.

The American people deserve to hear from all the candidates. The thing is, most of these candidates are only running to highlight issues they feel are especially important.

Look at Mike Gravel. He was the first person to officially announce he was seeking the Democratic nomination for president. He started campaigning April 17, 2006. He then campaigned non-stop in New Hampshire.

Yet in February of last year he was polling at less than one percent. This was only a month after Clinton announced her intention to run and the same month Obama announced his candidacy.

That means the candidate who had been vigorously campaigning for over a year was essentially ignored by the media, and in turn, he scored low in the opinion polls.

Granted, I don't really think I would want Mike Gravel leading the country, but I would have liked to have seen him on CNN at least once, outside of the debates, during the primary season.

Don't get me wrong, I don't think every whacko and nut job who wants to be president so he doesn't have to pay his parking tickets should be on the news.

However, the candidates I've already mentioned all have significant political experience.

Every single one of them has either been a senator, representative or governor. They're all politically experienced and, in a few cases, more experienced than the major contenders.

Both Clinton and Obama haven't even been senators for two whole terms. Joe Biden has been a senator for six terms. For anyone who doesn't remember U.S. Constitution class, that's 36 years. He has been a senator three times longer than either Obama or Clinton.

However, the media didn't pay attention to Joe Biden, and he wasn't even the one who received the least amount of attention.

The United States is a democracy, but the mainstream media have been effectively preventing people from hearing from all the candidates, which in turn prevents the democratic process from being, well, democratic.

It's not the job of those in the media to decide which candidates should get national attention, or to, often wrongly, predict who will win elections. It's the job of media outlets to report, and while opinions have their place, that place is in op-ed sections, not in the news.

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Lauren Rees
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I'll stop procrastinating ... later

At midnight, sitting in my pajamas with my column deadline approaching, I realize there's only one thing I can write about – procrastination.

I have homework to complete and a mountain of stuff to do for my sorority along with other stories for the paper, all with deadlines that seem to always be now. But I can't say I'm alone.

According to a recent article on www.cnetnews.com, researchers estimate that 80 to 95 percent of college students procrastinate, with as many as 50 percent doing it regularly.

And according to a recent poll of my five roommates conducted by myself, 100 percent of the people living in this room procrastinate, with as many as 100 percent doing it regularly.

Procrastination in college students is as common as nail biting – it's a bad habit, but it can be overlooked. Plus, I feel like I do my best work in the wee hours of daylight before a huge research paper is due.

The longer I wait to complete something important, the more apt I am to quickly and efficiently finish the project – often resulting in a better-than-decent grade. But the farther I work in advance, the more distracted I get.

And why would I work ahead on an assignment due next week when I have assignments due tomorrow? And a social life to build, sorority obligations to fulfill and sleep to be had?

No, better to leave work until the day before it's due, scramble to finish it and not have to worry about it ever again.

An Ohio State University study found students who procrastinate the most did worse in a college course with many deadlines than low or moderate-level procrastinators. And the students more likely to procrastinate were more likely than others to use rationalizations to justify their procrastination.

These rationalizations included statements such as "I work best under pressure," "I'm just waiting for the best time to do it" and "I know I can pull this out last minute."

The statements were categorized as those of a "wishful thinking" variety, researchers said.

And according to the study, procrastinators tend to choose rationalizations that make it seem that waiting to do an assignment is a good thing for them, when in reality they're waiting for a high level of anxiety to force them to complete a task.

I know I've used the "I work best under pressure" line more than I should during a semester, and I know procrastinating is a bad habit that can backfire in classes with many rigid deadlines.

But the study also pointed out that while procrastinators did worse in the test course, they didn't have overall GPAs that were lower than low or moderate procrastinators.

This must explain why I consistently make the Dean's List even though those who know my study habits probably think I'm on the verge of failing out of school.

Finally, researchers said other studies suggest high procrastinators suffer more stress than other students, which also helps explain my constant frazzled outlook.

I don't mind being a chronic procrastinator. I'm never late for appointments or deadlines, I get good grades and I'm always able to come up with something at the last minute.

But for those of you who want to overcome your procrastination, there are a few tips, according to the University of North Carolina's Writing Center.

1. Set a time limit for yourself and challenge yourself to complete the project.

2. Work in one-hour blocks to make the project seem manageable.

3. Complete the easiest part of the project first, even if it's not where you'd normally begin.

Give these tips a try if you want to break yourself of the procrastination habit – or just try them tomorrow.

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Youth vote will determine future

As the race for presidential party nominations picks up speed, the nation is abuzz with political fever.

Campaign happenings often make front-page news, and TV stations offer 24-hour coverage as the candidates do all they can to keep up.

It's difficult to ignore what's going on in politics right now. This campaign marks political history as both a black man and a woman are viable candidates in the race for the White House. Having no incumbent on the ticket makes the race even more interesting.

I love getting caught up in the midst of all this political chaos. I've never been interested in politics before, but now I find myself compulsively checking the Washington Post online and tuning into almost every televised debate.

This primary season is groundbreaking. We're witnessing history change and grow, and it's exciting. This election represents everything America stands for: diversity, equality, freedom.

Senator Barack Obama's popularity proves America is thinking about those qualities and progressing.

I think a great president is comprised of character, intelligence and an ability to lead and inspire, and I hope this country agrees. Race or gender doesn't and shouldn't play a role in a president's ability to lead his or her country.

This is a time when the nation needs to look past race and gender issues. Right now, the nation needs to stop obsessing over trivial things the candidates say or do and focus on the issues at hand. I bet the average American is more likely to know the last time Hillary Clinton picked her nose than her stance on the economy or health care.

And who cares if Obama isn't black enough? His ability to unite and lead this country is what matters.

America, now more than ever, needs to look to a new leader who can inspire positive change amidst problems created in the past: a plunging economy, a the inevitability of global warming. These are issues we'll face sooner than you may think.

However, the most daunting task the next president must deal with is lessening the impact of a $3 trillion-war that is unjust.

Our generation has the power to elect someone who may be able to turn things around overseas. We are the ones who will deal with the looming threats to this nation's well-being, and we should step up and deal with this responsibility and privilege.

The war on terror, health care, social security. The list of issues we will have to deal with in our lifetimes goes on and on.

It's hard to believe what an immense amount of strategy and success is imperative for this country to move forward amidst these issues.

But the best thing we can do is vote and hope this country does move forward.

Choosing to vote is deciding to actively participate in your future. Decide to support a candidate whose vision and ideas you think will support advancement and forward thinking.

Obama has inspired more young people than ever to support a cause. He champions change, audacity and hope. However, choose for yourself if you think his dreams can become reality.

Select a candidate you feel will be able to lead this country, settle partisanship and improve foreign relations. Listen to what all the candidates say about issues you care about.

Getting to know the candidates right now may seem intimidating. There's a lot of information to take in and process, but it's so important we choose to stand for something.

Many politicians despise young people because we're not the ones participating in government. They may think all we do is watch MTV and listen to our iPods.

But this election is as good as any to prove them wrong.

Sometimes it's scary to hear that we're the future. Especially because the future is so uncertain.

And it's easy to assume the future is someone else's responsibility.

But we can create the change we want to see in this country by supporting candidates we think can make a difference.

Don't let someone think you don't care. Participate in the presidential election. Support change and a positive future.

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Student scholar will study in Egypt

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Michael Carl Budd will be packing his suitcases once again as he heads to Cairo in August.

After studying abroad at the Universite de Haute-Bretagne, Rennes 2 in France and doing a summer internship at the American Embassy in Paris, the senior international studies and French major received the Ambassadorial Scholarship from the Peoria Rotary Club.

Michael Carl Budd

Budd is the first Ambassadorial Scholar for the Rotary Club since 1980.

"I'm a huge nerd," he said. "I do genealogy about my family and when I was in France, I met a relative teaching and working in the U.S. Embassy, and she told me about the scholarship."

Budd said his relative encouraged him to apply because she had studied in Spain for a year through Rotary International.

"I was looking for something to do after I graduate in May," he said. "I love being out of the country, and I wanted to study abroad."

On the $23,000 grant, Budd will spend a year at the American University of Cairo in Egypt where he will be enrolled as a one-year graduate student concentrating on force migration and refugee studies.

He will also speak to rotary clubs in Egypt and provide services to refugees.

"It's a service where I can do something good for others and kind of make my life count," Budd said. "I like helping others, and I want to gain tools to do something with refugees to reduce conflict."

Senior political science major Carina Lopez said she was excited for Budd after she found out he was going to Egypt.

"He's very smart and dedicated to everything he does," she said. "I have French class with him, and he makes me look bad. He is just so dedicated to everything."

Budd said he was looking forward to the challenge of studying and living in a culture different from his own.

"It's a whole different focus from things here," he said. "This appeals to me."

Hazing hotline helpful, successful

BY BRENNA SCURLOCK
of the Scout

The national Greek Anti-Hazing Hotline implemented last year has received 51 calls as of Jan. 16 and is deterring many instances of hazing across the country, spokesman Norval Stephens said.

The hotline opened in August 2007. Any student, parent, faculty member or other party can call the hotline, 1-888-NOT-HAZE, and leave a message detailing the events that occurred and the organization and school involved.

Calls are monitored by Cincinnati law firm Manley Burke and forwarded to the appropriate greek organization's national headquarters.

Though the automated voice that answers the hotline instructs callers to leave an account of the hazing incident, Stephens said a great majority of the calls are made before hazing occurs.

"Even where we had some false calls, the rapidity with which the national headquarters moved in on the chapters deterred any inkling of hazing," he said. "We don't think any have gotten to an incident."

When a chapter is reported, the Manley Burke firm forwards a message to the organization's national headquarters including a recording of the original phone call and an outline of the local state laws against hazing, firm representative Tim Burke said.

In some cases, state law requires the incident be reported to the police or university.

"In these instances, we recommend that the national headquarters make this report to authorities," Burke said.

Once the national headquarters are notified, they send a representative to the chapter to investigate the claims, Stephens said, which usually quells any hazing activity or attitude.

Twenty-six national fraternities and sororities sponsor the hotline, but non-sponsor groups and even non-greek organizations can use the hotline freely.

"We've had calls from a band, a football team and some local fraternities that aren't affiliated with any national group," Burke said. "We've gotten enough calls to think it's doing what it's supposed to do."

Senior graphic design major Jerome Stontz said he thinks students would feel more comfortable reporting hazing anonymously through the hotline.

"If I were in that situation, I would probably use it for confidentiality reasons," he said.

Phone bank supports Obama

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

About 40 students and community members gathered in a Michel Student Center meeting room Wednesday night to campaign for Sen. Barack Obama.

The phone bank, sponsored by Bradley Students for Barack Obama, spent several hours calling over 350 Illinois 18th Congressional District residents who voted for a Democrat in the last election. Calls were also made to Democrats in Missouri.

Illinois and Missouri, along with about 20 other states, are holding primary elections on Tuesday.

Super Tuesday is the largest primary election. The candidate who wins the most delegates that day has historically gone on to win the party nomination.

Central Illinois Field Organizer Zach Koutsky said that is why these two states are especially important. Koutsky also said campaign organizers are paying special attention to the 18th district because they are afraid Democratic voters won't turn out to vote.

The event started with introductions by former State Senator George Shatley, who called all the elected officials in the room to the front. The officials ranged from two Peoria City Council members to District 150 school board members and the Peoria County Democratic chairperson.

After Shatley's introductions, State Sen. David Koehler spoke, supporting Obama's campaign.

Sophomore advertising major Liz Healy said she was an Obama supporter because of his campaign message.

"Obama's campaign instilled the idea that we can make change," she said. "Obama has a law degree, he could have gone out and made a lot of money, but instead he became a community organizer to make a difference."

Healy also said working on this campaign as a college student is important because the next president will significantly impact the lives of this generation.

"It's really important because our next president will decide whether people our age receive social security benefits and will change the health care system," she said.

Sophomore political science major Joan Moon said Obama's character is what brought her to his campaign.

"I heard about Obama when he was running for senator," she said. "He was helping the community when the other candidates were making money, which proves he has better character."

The Bradley Students for Obama group is an official part of Obama's presidential campaign and will be making a trip to Missouri Saturday to campaign. Interested students should contact Anna Ruch at aruch@mail.bradley.edu.

Police Reports

At about 6:50 p.m. Jan. 25, officers were dispatched to the CVS store in Campustown on an armed robbery.

The victim, a CVS employee, was found in the office bleeding from the head. The store manager arrived to view CVS surveillance tapes.

The tapes showed the suspect, an unknown black male, enter the store and attempt to open the safe, but he was unsuccessful. He then picked up a hammer from a nearby shelf and entered the office, where the victim was counting money and eating her dinner.

The suspect struck the victim on the head with the hammer twice and told her he would kill her if she looked at him or got up. The victim remained on the ground until the suspect left, and she dialed 911. The suspect took cash from the office before exiting. The victim was taken to OSF St. Francis Medical Center where she received 18 staples in her head.

The robber exited the building without other employees knowing what he had done.

At about 11 p.m. Jan. 26, a victim called to report someone entered his truck parked in a rear lot of the St. James Apartment Complex and stole a radar detector and $10 in loose change. The victim said he last saw his radar detector at 10:30 p.m. Jan. 25 and returned to his car at 10 a.m. Jan. 26 to find it missing. The detector is valued at $200. There are no suspects.

At about 1:30 a.m. Jan. 27, an officer noticed a vehicle stopped at a light without headlights on at the intersection of North Street and Nebraska Avenue. The officer noticed the driver looked very young. The officer approached the vehicle, and the driver said he stole the vehicle and that he was 15-years old. The officer took the driver into custody and returned the vehicle to its owner. The driver was charged with motor vehicle theft and written citations for drving without a license and without headlights.

Information taken from university police reports.

Blackboard may offer text messaging notifications

BY MARC MINER
of the Daily Nebraskan (University of Nebraska)

UNIVERSITY WIRE – A phone vibrates. Two text messages emanate from a puny screen.

A friend has sent plans about the upcoming weekend. A professor has sent a reminder about an assignment due Monday.

With Blackboard Inc.'s acquisition of mobile messaging group NTI, this scenario could become a reality.

Blackboard bought NTI for a reported $182 million with aims of increasing its users and its capabilities in mass communications.

"We also see tremendous potential for exciting applications of the technology," Peter Segall, the president of North America Higher Education and Operations, wrote in an e-mail.

In the future, Segall said, students may be able to choose how to receive grades or assignments via text message, e-mail or even a phone call.

"From the university side, it would be an option to connect with our students and faculty and provide more instant communication," said Paul Erickson, the Academic Technology & Middleware Coordinator for Information Services at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Blackboard will explore integration possibilities for NTI group's Connect-ED with Blackboard Academic Suite.

Blackboard offers online course management for students' grades and assignments in addition to offering communication options between faculty members and students.

The service Connect-ED, under NTI, powers enrollment communications, financial aid notices, first-year student outreach and incident awareness to text-receiving devices such as cell phones.

"Time-sensitive mass notifications systems are a top priority for academic institutions today," Segall said.

Alert notification systems have been a growing concern since the Virginia Tech shooting. UNL runs its alert system through a Tennessee company called Wide Area Rapid Notification Inc.

However, it's unlikely that Blackboard would take the reins of UNL's alert system any time soon.

"WARN is specifically for emergency notification. They (UNL) don't want to dilute it with any other kinds of messaging, because then people might not listen to it when it's really necessary," said Erickson.

He said the technology has to be backed by community demand and used in a stable, affordable and beneficial way.

"The last thing we want to do is just offer technology for the sake of technology," said Erickson.

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University hosts mustache contest

BY JEFF GUO
of the Tech (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

UNIVERSITY WIRE – It's hard to think of anything that has twisted in the winds of pop culture quite like the great American mustache. Commonly praised and parodied, what was once the crown jewel of the '70s and the favored scion of Tom Selleck and Burt Reynolds is today a kitschy-creepy accessory that may or may not be making a comeback.

To MIT senior Brian J. Pepper, it seemed to be an ideal Independent Activities Period project.

Pepper, who is sponsoring a month-long mustache-growing competition that culminates in a public judging this Sunday, said he was especially inspired by pictures he saw on the World Beard and Mustache Championship Web site: men with tentacle-like sideburns and tapestry-like beards. "People spend years growing these outrageous beards," he said. "But it's slightly more ambitious than what we're aiming for."

What, exactly, the participants in MITstache are aiming for is hard to say, partly because there are several different judging categories (including one for women) and partly because nobody takes facial hair seriously.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, an appropriately scruffy gang of about 13 men and women drawn mostly from the East Campus undergraduate dormitory met to check-in and trash talk.

"You know, your beard isn't looking too healthy now," MIT senior Matt N. Faulkner said to Pepper, who is trying for a Hulk Hogan beard-stache.

"My beard is growing great, actually – whereas I can't even see that you have one from over here," Pepper said.

"Uh oh, you guys have to have a manbeard fight now," someone said. "Just rub your beards together!"

MIT sophomore Erik D. Fogg was lamenting his genetic endowment (blond and Danish).

"It's not just that it's slow growing, but it's also sparse," he complained. "All I've noticed is that no one's noticed."

Fogg said because of the thinness of his beard, he's trying for the "creepiest mustache" category – or "pedi-stache" – to which end he has downloaded pictures of pedophiles for reference.

"I'm not, like, looking for pedophiles so I can be molested," he said to general cackling. "I'm just trying to look like one."

The final pageant, to be held on Sunday, will feature "celebrity judges" including admissions officer and former Undergraduate Association President Matthew L. McGann. But the MITstache Web site emphasizes that self-esteem – not competition – is the goal.

"Really we're ALL winners," it says.

Though MITstache is the first event of its kind to occur on campus in recent memory, it follows in a quasi-tradition of collegiate beard cultivation; Vanderbilt, Tufts, Stanford and Georgetown Universities have all had their own mustache and beard competitions in the past few years. The New York City Beard and Mustache Championships, which took place in 2006, attracted hundreds of spectators.

For Aaron Perlut, the director of the American Mustache Institute, a mustache advocacy group, the popularity of mustache competitions – often for charity – prefigures a return to glory for the maligned face ornament.

"We now have a generation that is very self-expressive. It's creating a new movement," Perlut said.

Perlut added that discrimination against facial hair is still real.

"Most recruiters will tell you that you are far better off going into a job interview clean-shaven," he said.

But the situation is slightly different at MIT.

"Most of us are engineering majors, and for most engineers, they stuff you into a corner and tend not to worry so much about how you look," Richard A. Ott said.

The more pressing matter at the recent Sunday meeting was who, aside from McGann, would be a celebrity judge.

"We need a blind judge that will just touch our faces," somebody suggested.

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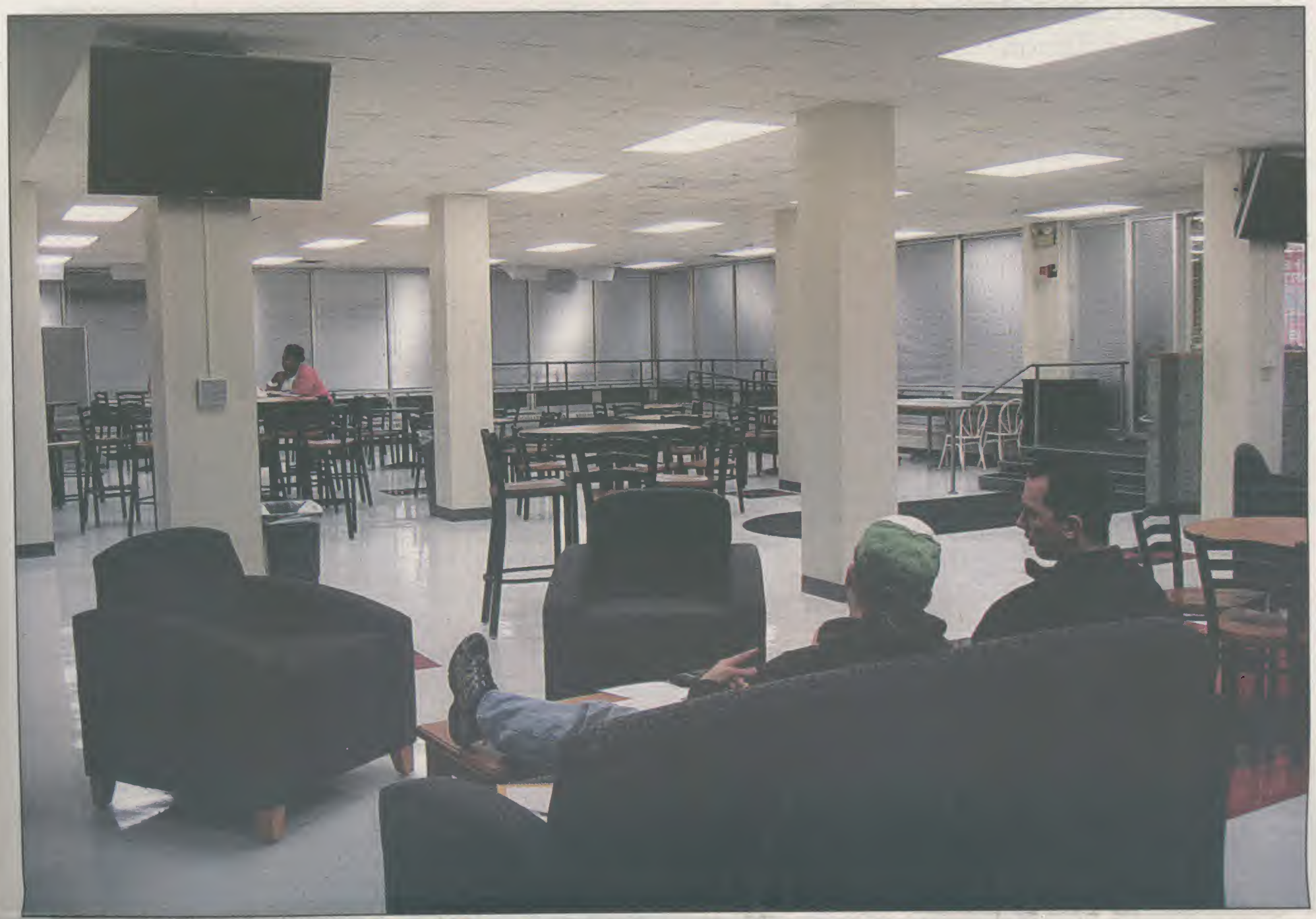

Top: Students relax in the new University Hall lounge. Bottom left: University President Joanne Glasser talks to students about the renovations. Right: Students crowd into U-Hall's new lounge for the official opening on Jan. 24. *photos by Megan Loos*

U-HALL
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to bring poets and various musical performers to the newly renovated space. These artists used to perform at Cafe Bradley in the Michel Student Center.

Other events that will take place in the space include a Super Bowl XLII party and worship@full.volume.

The construction was completed Jan. 16, Planning Technician Marnie Grove said.

"There's just the little quirks and things like that we're just changing as we realize how we use the facility," she said.

Ticaric said the new space is a "starting point" for places such as a new student center.

"If this area turns out to attract a lot of traffic and students are using the facility for its intended purposes, important decision makers on campus will realize the need for more places on campus for students," she said.

Upcoming improvements may include a renovated entryway, swipe-card and 24-hour access and sit down dining, Ticaric said. However, Anna said the improvements aren't a priority.

"We'll look at that after we shake down the facility and give it a run through," he said. "We have an awful lot of projects we're working on."

U-hall resident adviser Lauren Sandstrom said she's impressed with the renovations and likes the space's versatility.

"It's a shared space so it's a good place for residents from other floors to get to know each other," she said.

Freshman nursing major Amber Clements said she thinks the space will be helpful to students wishing to study in groups and will have other uses as well.

"I like how there's TVs and couches so we can all gather and watch TV as a group," she said.

The Student Activities Office is sponsoring a contest to name the lounge that will take place all this month. Students can pick up entry forms from the Student Senate Office, and a screening selection committee will choose a name.

The winner will be awarded $200 in Bradley QuickCash.

U-Hall Lounge Policies

- Hours: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- Student organizations and campus departments may reserve the venue for events, however the events can't run past 1 a.m. The director of student activities is in charge of the space's schedule.
- Organizations can't have weekly meetings in the space.
- A list of all U-hall cafeteria policies can be found at http://www.bradley.edu/sao/UHallPolicies.pdf.

Bradley professor killed in two-car collision

A Bradley Asian civilization professor died in a car accident just before Winter Break.

Feng Xiao, 41, who taught international studies courses at Bradley last semester, was killed in a two-car collision on Interstate 74 about two miles east of Carlock. He was reportedly traveling from his Peoria Heights home to visit friends in Champaign.

Winter weather and slippery roads reportedly caused Xiao's car to cross the centerline at about 3:20 p.m. Dec. 8, and he collided with a semitruck. He was pronounced dead at the scene about an hour later.

Preliminary autopsy results showed Xiao died of multiple traumas to the head, chest and abdominal area, according to McClean County Coroner Beth Kimmerling.

Xiao was a visiting professor at Bradley. He received his undergraduate and Master of Science degrees from Peking University and a doctorate from the University of Miami in Florida.

Charles Bukowski, the director of the Institute of International Studies, said after just three months of teaching, Xiao had already established mentoring relationships with many students.

"He was in the best sense of the word a gentleman and in every sense a professor," he said.

Bradley alum dies after triggering illegal animal trap

A Bradley alum died Dec. 6, while serving in the Peace Corps, after she tripped on an animal trap that fired a gun and shot her in the leg.

Blythe Ann O'Sullivan, 25, was serving in the South American country of Suriname as a small business adviser, according to Peace Corps officials. Sullivan was reportedly shot in the thigh, and she bled to death before she could get medical attention.

Blythe Ann O'Sullivan

Peace Corps spokesman Richard Parker told the Chicago Tribune after the accident they are treating O'Sullivan's death as an accident, but they planned to investigate the incident.

But local prosecutors told the Tribune the villager who laid the wired trap – an illegal, but common method of clearing wild game from farms in the remote countryside – could face prosecution even if the death is ruled accidental.

O'Sullivan graduated from Bradley in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in marketing and minor in theater. She joined the Peace Corps in May 2006.

Between graduation and her service in South America, O'Sullivan worked in Denver, Colo., for two years as an event planner.

"Blythe was an exceptional volunteer and dedicated herself to improving the lives of the people of Suriname," said Peace Corps Director Ron Tschetter. "Blythe's death is a tremendous loss for her loved ones, family, the Peace Corps and the people of Suriname."

Bradley student recovering from car accident

A Bradley student is recovering from a car accident that occurred two months ago.

Meagan Zeigler, a junior psychology major, is healing at home in Oregon, Ill., after she was involved in a two-vehicle crash Dec. 1.

She was driving her car on snow-packed roads in her hometown when she lost control and struck another car. Zeigler's 13-year-old sister Malorie Zeigler was in the passenger seat and was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash.

Meagan Zeigler

Megan Zeigler said after spending 16 days in intensive care at Rockford Memorial Hospital, she was moved to the orthopedic floor for about two weeks. She then spent a week at Van Matre HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Rockford, where she began therapy. She also went through several surgeries, and she said she will have her last operation early this month.

Zeigler will be able to remain a full-time student this semester, taking all of her courses at home by working online, through the mail and over the phone.

"I am so grateful for the willingness to work with me in this way, and my professors couldn't possibly know what it means to me," she said. "Losing my sister is the hardest thing I've ever gone through, and without the love and support of my Bradley family, I don't even want to think about where I'd be right now."

Zeigler said she plans to return to Bradley in the fall for her senior year.

TAP

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no wild and crazy party going on, we're going to move out to the bars," he said.

The decreasing number of tickets Campus/TAP issues on its visits is reflected in the ticket issuance on Halloween weekends over the past years.

According to Scout records, in 2004 over 50 tickets were issued that weekend. Five tickets were issued Halloween weekend in 2005, and none were issued during Halloween weekend last year.

This year, Campus/TAP came the weekend before Halloween, issuing 31 tickets.

Scout records indicate Campus/TAP dealt out about 500 in the Peoria area in 2004, decreasing to about 300 the following year. However, these numbers encompass the entire Peoria area, not Bradley alone.

Last year on a Jan. 20 visit to Peoria, the task force issued four tickets at Crusen's, but it isn't known if the ticketed people were Bradley students or not. This year during a visit around the same time, no tickets were issued.

Lebron said the amount of times the task force visits Bradley depends on Campus/TAP's government funding.

"Sometimes we may come twice a month," he said.

Lebron said students should know the Illinois State Police may visit Bradley regardless of whether the task force is scheduled to come or not.

"We don't need to have a Campus/TAP operation to go to Bradley," he said. "It all just depends."

Junior psychology major Kerri Kotwica said she's noticed a decrease in parties since the task force started visiting campus more often.

"There's definitely less things going on on campus because there are more people leaving to visit other schools for the weekend, and less people go to the parties that actually happen," she said. "There are no big parties anymore because everything gets busted."

Kotwica said the parties she has attended on campus have been nearly empty, so she started going to bars more often on weekends.

The task force issues Municipal Ordinance Violation Notices rather than typical state police citations. The state-issued tickets carry a $75 fine, which is cheaper than the $375 MOVN tickets. But unlike MOVNs, these tickets remain on students' records and require court appearances.

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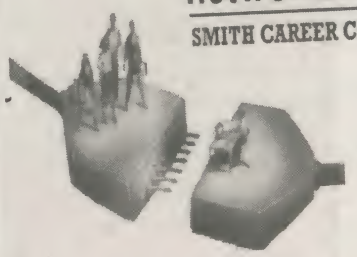

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GLASSER
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players were suspended for a game for underage drinking, and three soccer players began their six-month sentence at the Peoria County Jail for killing their friend and teammate Sheridan "Danny" Dahlquist in a prank gone awry in August.

"When my students are in physical harm's way, it's time to say, 'Time out.'" Glasser said. "We can and we will and we must change."

These two incidents have led Glasser to take action, though she said the problem far exceeds last week. With student safety and health in her best interests, she said the campus needs workable solutions to curb drinking.

"We've got to stop this uncontrolled use and misuse of alcohol," she said during a speech addressed to Student Senate on Monday. "It's a very serious issue. I don't want to lose another student, and I don't want you to lose another friend."

Glasser assembled a task force of students, faculty and staff to come up with recommendations of how to address alcohol abuse on campus. The task force will review the effectiveness of current programs and policies and develop new ways to address drinking both on and off campus.

"The issue of alcohol has risen to a level of concern and dismay," she said. "I'm reaching out to students because I can't wave a magic wand and do it all myself."

The group will likely meet before Spring Break so it can address student alcohol misuse as soon as possible.

"We can't afford to wait," Glasser said.

SENTENCE
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spring classes, to involuntary manslaughter, a reduced felony as part of a plea agreement with Peoria County State's Attorney Kevin Lyons.

The charges of aggravated arson and possession of an explosive or incendiary device were dropped.

"I balanced the facts with the potential penalties," Lyons said. "There's no barometer or book of rules. In balancing various unconventional factors and their prior histories, this is the decision we made."

Lyons said the incident was just one of a series of pranks, but the final one ended in the accidental death of Dahlquist.

The four men will serve all of their six months at the Peoria County Jail. They were not sentenced "day for day," and the men won't get one day off for every day they served like most jail sentences.

The men will serve their time in different parts of the jail, and Lyons said they will not receive special treatment.

It's also possible they could end up sleeping on cots until a cell opens up in the overcrowded jail, Peoria County Sheriff Michael McCoy told the Journal Star.

The men have been ordered to pay a restitution amount close to $21,000 together. They will also have to pay $25 a month for 30 months, the length of their probation. The probation money will go to Bradley and the Dahlquist family.

Lyons said he understands what it means to be a college student, and he tried to put himself in the four men's positions.

"I have made decisions for a long time, and I have made much more difficult decisions than this," he said. "It's not the end of their lives. They will recoup and recover, and I know the Bradley community will help them do that."

The men will remain Bradley students until three weeks into the semester. At that point, when they haven't claimed their classes, they will be dropped from the university. Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said any student who leaves Bradley for a semester must reapply for admission.

"It's a shorter application process," he said. "But it's not automatic."

Galsky said unlike some schools, Bradley doesn't have a policy prohibiting students with felonies from being admitted. However, if the men are reaccepted by the admission department, they may still face university penalty for Dahlquist's death. Expulsion is a possibility.

Crady, Cox, Mentgen and Johnson had been drinking with Dahlquist at an off-campus house at 2008 W. Laura Ave. Sometime after Dahlquist went to bed during the early morning, the men gathered Roman candles and allegedly fired them underneath Dalquist's door and into his room, and Dahlquist was unable to escape. An autopsy indicated he died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

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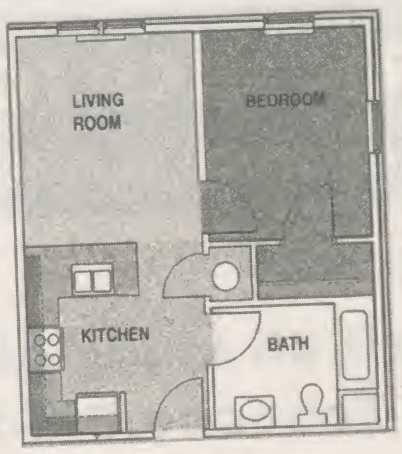

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BASKETBALL

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sions of Theron Wilson and Tyrone-Cole Scott, but that didn't stop them from jumping out to an early lead.

After giving up the first four points of the game to the Shockers (9-12, 2-8 MVC), the Braves reeled off a 31-8 run over the next 9 minutes, 30 seconds to take a commanding 19-point lead.

The run was highlighted by back-to-back 3-pointers by sophomore guard Andrew Warren, who finished the game with 10 points.

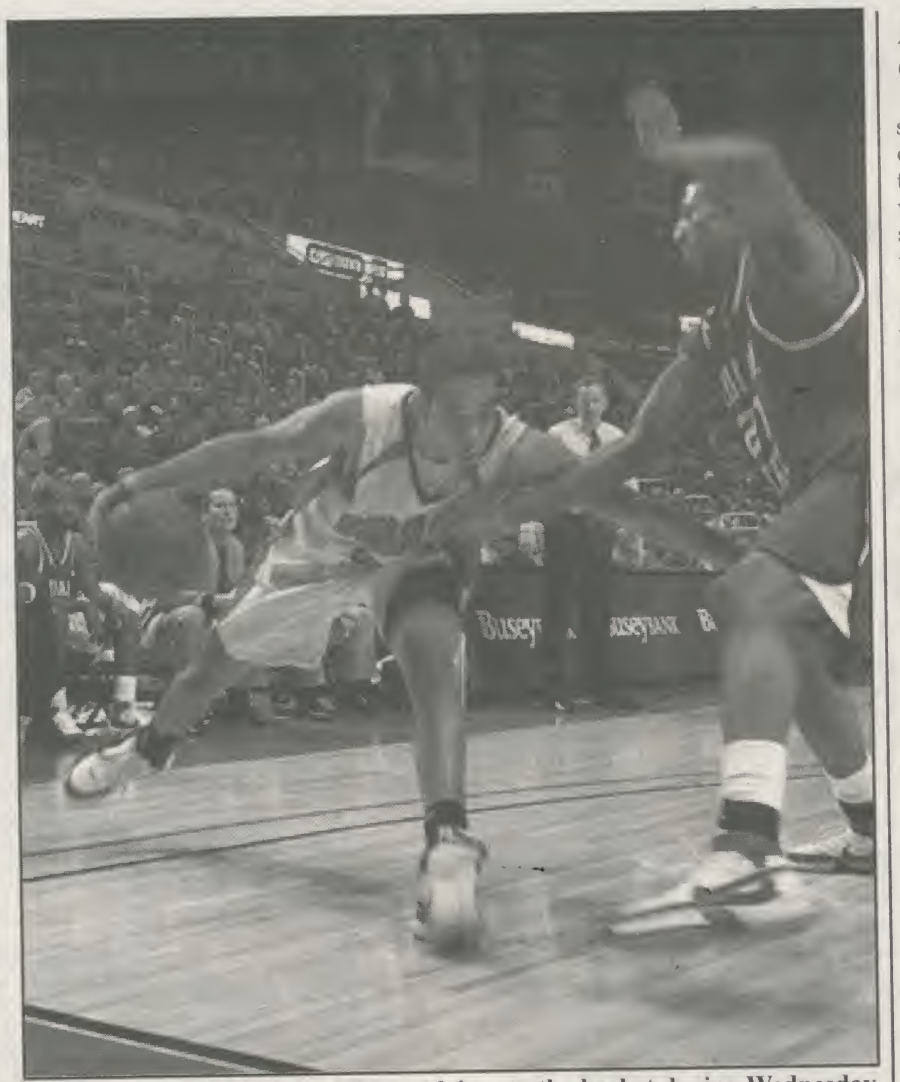
Wichita State tried to go on a run of its own late in the half, cutting the lead to 14, but Bradley quickly widened the gap again. The Braves scored the final seven points of the first half to take a 41-21 lead into the locker room.

Following the break, the Shockers came out looking like a different team, outscoring the Braves 33-21 in the half.

Bradley struggled offensively for much of the period, shooting just 5-for-15 from the floor and enduring a scoreless drought of more than 7 minutes.

During the Braves' cold streak, the Shockers went on a 12-0 run to cut the lead to single digits at 54-46, but it wasn't enough.

Ruffin hit a pair of free throws with 4:20 remaining to ignite an 8-1 Bradley run to close out the game.



Sophomore guard Andrew Warren drives to the basket during Wednesday night's game at Carver Arena. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

The run proved enough to put the Shockers away for good, and the Braves took home the 63-54 road victory.

Crouch led all Braves players in scoring with 16 points, including a 16-foot jumper in the second half for the 1,000th point of his career.

Crouch is just the 42nd player in Bradley history to join the 1,000-point club.

Freshman guard Sam Maniscalco scored 12 points and dished out five assists for the Braves, while Ruffin added eight points and four assists off the bench.

The Braves return to action tomorrow night when they travel to Evansville, Ind., to face the last place Purple Aces.

ARRESTS

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standard. They're not normal college students. They're held to a higher standard, and we want to make sure they understand that. I think they do, and they're very remorseful."

Les later altered his stance on the matter, deciding to suspend both players for last Saturday night's game against Wichita State.

"Although our disciplinary policies for first-time alcohol offenses by student athletes and general students do not automatically dictate a suspension, upon further review, I have determined a one-game suspension is warranted in this situation," he said in a press release announcing the suspensions.

In the same statement, Director of Athletics Ken Kavanagh said he supported Les' decision.

"I appreciate and concur with Coach Les' reassessment of this matter," he said. "In light of our being sensitive to the potentially devastating effects of underage alcohol consumption, we believe altering our stance on this important issue is the right course of action."

Kavanagh declined to comment further on the incident.

Wilson and Cole-Scott were not in uniform for Saturday's game.

Both players were back in action Wednesday night when the Braves faced off against Indiana State.

BURDETTE

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Middle blocker Megan Schmidt from Central Catholic High School, right side Annie Cave from Illinois Central College, libero Genevieve Dejean from Neuqua Valley High School and setter Randi Williams from Blue Valley West High School will be joining the team next season.

Burdette said even though the team has recieved four committments for next year, he's still actively recruiting for both next year and for future seasons.

"We are already on the road recruiting for the class of 2009," he said.

Burdette is in the process of hiring an assistant recruiting coach, but said all the staff will be involved in the recruiting process.

Burdette said though the team had a disappointing season this year, he's looking forward to next year and expects the team to be successful.

"My full expectations are to compete in the Missouri Valley next year," he said. "I expect to be competitive."

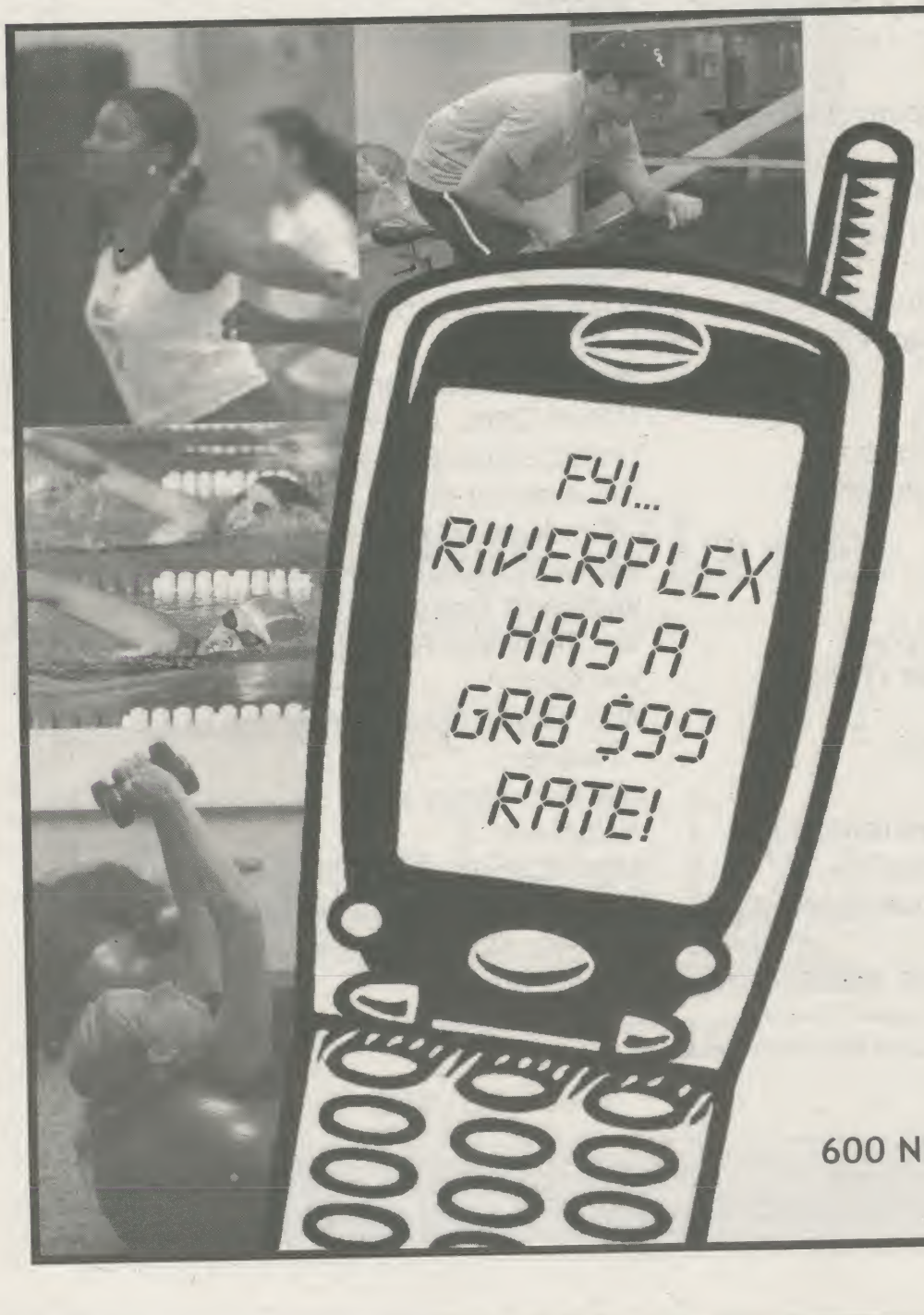
With individual practices coming up, Burdette hopes to discover next year's team leaders.

He also said he wants to get an idea of who his starters will be.

Along with his college coaching experience, Burdette has also coached club volleyball teams for men and women and high school teams.

Burdette said he plans to put the best possible team on the floor next season and that the team will be putting their best foot forward.

The volleyball team resumes competitive play next fall.



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Adam Underwood	30
James Stenger	30
Ashley Birdsong	29
Casey Stark	29
Kevin Farney	28
Jennifer Martin	28

Nowak leads Bradley track and field team at ISU Open

BY LUKE MROZIINSKI
for the Scout

Junior runner Katie Nowak continued to string together a series of quality races last Saturday, placing third in the one-mile run on the second day of the Iowa State Open.

Nowak, who finished with a time of 5 minutes, 5 seconds, led the Braves and was 7 seconds behind winner Katherine Bloemker.

Bradley competed in both short and long distance races as well as a variety of field competitions.

Junior Shelby Lile led the four Braves runners who competed on the first day with a 10th-place finish in the 5,000-meter run, clocking in at 18:57.

Sophomore sprinter Erika Sepich competed in the 200-meter dash, crossing the line in the event with a 37th-place finish and a time of 27.64.

Shortly behind Nowak in the mile run were sophomores Rachel Brubaker and Marlana Haefelin, finishing 11th and 19th respectively. Brubaker had a time of 5:19, with Haefelin following closely behind clocking in at 5:25.

"Each event is difficult in its own way depending on how you look at it," Haefelin said. "Field events involve a lot of skill. The long distance events can be a little more relaxed because you have plenty of time to make up any mistakes, however they can be difficult to keep focus for a long period of time. The sprinting events leave little room for error."

The only field event Bradley participated in on the second day of the ISU Open was the shot put.

Senior Kim Martin hurled a career-long throw of 12.98 meters, placing fifth in the event.

Because the women's track and field season is just starting, runners had to get used to the indoor atmosphere for races instead of racing against the field and the elements.

"There are a lot of differences," Brubaker said. "Running on a track can be easier in that it is all flat, and we don't have to deal with hills and bad footing."

The Braves travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa, on Saturday to compete in Northern Iowa's Invitational. Looking ahead, one aspect this team is not lacking is motivation.

"This team is so supportive of one another. They are always standing by the track cheering every time I go around," Brubaker said. "A lot of other schools don't do that, and it really shows what a great team we have."

Tennis teams prepare for spring

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The men's and women's tennis teams will feature several young players this spring.

Between both rosters, there's only one senior, but men's coach Jacek Wolick said that's not necessarily a bad thing.

"We try to give every guy the most opportunities along the way," Wolicki said. "It's going to be a learning experience."

This season, the two squads will feature players from all over the world. The women's tennis team has players from Wisconsin, Kentucky and Arizona, just to name a few.

The men's tennis team features players from France, Serbia, Russia and Australia.

Such a diverse team doesn't worry Wolicki.

"Tennis has become an international sport," he said. "Communication is not an issue, the more time we spend together the more we gel."

During the fall season the focus was more on individual play because the teams matches were in tournaments. The women were 20-37 and the men were 28-43 in singles play.

In doubles the men were 10-20 and the women were 6-16.

Records still matter when it comes to league play in the spring, but if a player loses one match, the team can still pull out a victory.

"It's all about the team success, you can go out there and have a couple guys lose and still win as a team," Wolicki said. "We put an emphasis on team outcome and success."

He said he doesn't currently have set pairs for doubles, but instead he will look at his upcoming opponent and make pairs that take advantage of opponents' weaknesses.

The fall season was a way for Wolicki to find out his team's potential, and he said he saw great strides toward success being made.

Wolicki has made out both short and long term plans for the Braves this season.

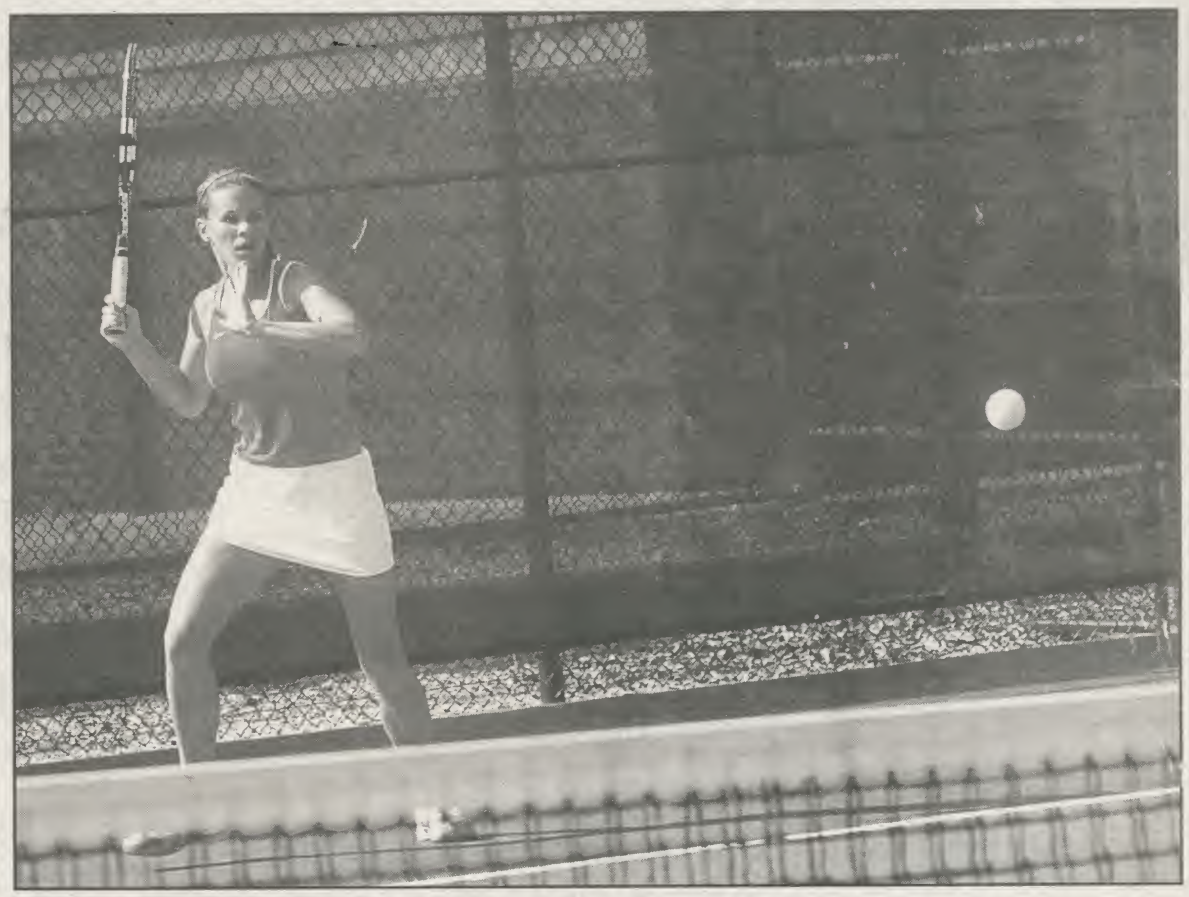
"To go to the next level we need to win conference championships," he said.

Wolicki said the conference championship is his short-term goal, but he also has his eyes set on being successful at a national level.

The women's team is looking to improve on its record from last year while only losing two seniors from the previous season.

The women's tennis team kicks off its season with a home match today against Saint Louis.

The men's team will begin its season when it plays Northwestern on Saturday, with its first home game scheduled against DePaul on Feb. 8.



Sophomore Kelly Donohue returns a serve last fall at the David Markin Tennis Courts.
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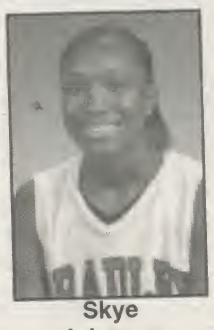
Women's hoops drops pair of road games

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The injury bug made its mark last week as a shorthanded women's basketball team went on the road for a two-game trip but came back empty handed after losing both contests.

The Braves (7-11, 1-6 MVC) dropped close games to both Drake (13-5, 6-1 MVC) and Creighton (11-7, 4-3 MVC) last week playing without their roster intact.

Already without junior Monica Rogers for the rest of the season, Bradley lost senior leader Devyn Flanagan in the second half of the Drake game after she was hit in the eye and suffered a concussion.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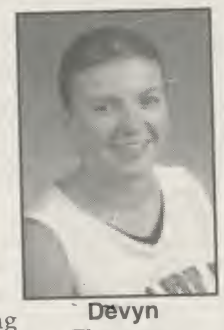
Devyn Flanagan

Although senior Rachel Merriman played in both games, she hasn't been healthy battling the flu.

Coach Paula Buscher said the team would have to make changes due to these injuries.

"It means other people have to step up and we've had some people step up," she said. "Sonya Harris, a freshman, has stepped up and got some more playing time and she has done a good job of it. I think everyone just has to step their level of play up a little bit."

On Jan. 24, the Braves traveled to Des Moines to take on the preseason Missouri Valley Conference favorite Drake Bulldogs.

Bradley fell 75-70 after letting the game slip away in the final minutes. It's lack of getting to the free-throw line didn't help its cause.

"They shot 25 free throws and we shot eight," said Buscher. "Obviously it would have been nice to get to the free-throw line a few more times but as far as how we played the game, I thought we played very well. We just need to get through the hump and take care of key possessions."

Bradley came out shooting and scored the first six points of the game and eventually took a 17-8 advantage early on. The Bulldogs then began to rally and came back.

The second half went back and forth as the Braves and the Bulldogs took turns leading the game.

Junior Skye Johnson began making plays, finding Flanagan open for a three and turning a steal at the other end into a layup to give Bradley a 63-57 lead.

As much as Johnson did to keep the Braves in the game, Bradley couldn't withstand an 18-7 Drake run, and eventually lost the contest.

Johnson had a career night putting up solid numbers in all aspects of the game. She finished with 20 points, six rebounds, six assists, two blocks and two steals.

The game hurt twice as much after Flanagan's injury.

Buscher said she isn't sure when she will return.

"She's just day-to-day right now, she got hit in the eye so she had a slight concussion," she said. "Now is just a matter of the swelling in the eye going down."

The Braves dropped another heartbreaker Saturday when they lost to Creighton 72-69.

The Bluejays controlled much of the first half and were up by six as they headed back into the locker room.

Creighton then came out strong in the second half and started to run away with the game.

Bradley was down 56-40 with less than 10 minutes remaining.

The Braves didn't give up on the game and started to fight back.

Junior Kelly Krumwiede began to catch fire, hitting back-to-back shots and knocking down a free throw. Her spurt got Bradley going.

The Braves were able to go on a 29-15 run capped off by Bradley's first 3-pointer of the night by Johnson to pull them within two at 71-69.

Creighton freshman Kelsey Woodward, who shoots over 90-percent from the line, then split a pair of free throws to make the game 72-69. Bradley wasn't able to get a shot off in its final possession and lost the game.

The Braves were scheduled to play Evansville Thursday night, results were not available at press time.

The Braves return to action Saturday when they host Southern Illinois at Robertson Memorial Field House.

Senior Chasity Cotton shoots a fadeaway jumper during the Red-White Scrimmage last fall. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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A guy's guide to the Super Bowl

Assistant Sports Editor

BY ALEX MAYSTER

Super Bowl Sunday.

It only comes once a year and is considered a national holiday by many sports fans across the country.

The Super Bowl becomes your plans for the day. People gather together with their friends and families to watch not only the game, but the commercials too.

All the Super Bowl excitement can become too much for some fans, so to get you through the upcoming weekend here's a guide to your Super Bowl Sunday.

The day will start out just like any other day – waking up.

As you glance at the clock you should notice two things. First, that it's noon already, which means pre-game started at least two hours ago for the 5:30 p.m. start, and second, it's time for breakfast.

In an ideal situation there will still be pizza left over from last night. This way it takes no effort to get food into your system.

If this isn't an option, Wheaties is always there for you.

Not only do you get the ego boost of feeling like you should be out on the field later just because you ate your Wheaties, you also get the back of the box experience which will likely teach you something about one of the stars in the game.

Now is the time when you take your breakfast, grab a cold beverage from the fridge and sit down to watch some pre-game.

This is a good time to get pumped up for the game. There's nothing better then waking up watching Super Bowl pre-game while eating some Wheaties.

Be sure to listen closley so you know your stuff for later on. Plus, its always funny to hear guys repeat exactly what Howie Long said earlier to make themselves look smarter.

You don't want to overdue it with the pre-game as long as you catch a few of the 18 hours it runs for.

The next thing you should consider is hygiene. Basically the choice of whether to shower or not comes down to whether females will be attending your Super Bowl party. If not, it's perfectly acceptable to apply deodorant and put on a hat.

To invite or not to invite– that's a tough question when it comes to girls.

While it could be annoying when they're not interested in the game, the pros seem to outweigh the cons. Not only do they provide something nice to look at, but they can often be talked into bringing food.

Next you need to decide your apparel for the day.

Now lets be honest, there are two types of people you don't want to be.

You don't want to be that guy who dosen't really care about the game and dresses nice to impress the girls. No one likes that guy. You also don't want to be the guy who takes it too far.

Usually a jersey is a good way to go.

Face paint, masks and a foam finger are often considered taking it too far, unless of course your favorite team is in the game. Then feel free to act however you wish.

It's always good to get to the party early because there's usually a pick-up football game going on.

This is where everyone likes to pretend they're a player on one of the teams, and somehow, it adds excitement.

The game is always fun for a while until someone on defense counts to "five one thousand" too quickly and ruins the game for everyone.

The last thing to worry about before game time is the food situation. You can always rely on the basic snacks such as chips and dip, pretzels and taco dip.

Those are all good for basic snacks, but a bunch of guys watching a game aren't going to be OK with just snacks.

For real food it usually comes down to two things.

The first option is to have girls or parents make food for eveyone. This usually works out, because it's never tough to talk them into making something.

If you can't get food made for you, fast food is always a good option. A pizza or bucket of chicken is the traditional way to go, but there's nothing wrong with hitting up the dollar menu from McDonald's or Taco Bell.

The rest of the night should be pretty self explanitory. Be sure to get in front of the TV before kickoff and have a good time.

Remember there are no breaks in the action – the game and commercials are both exciting.

Heckle fans of the opposing team every time your team scores or whenever their team does something stupid.

Most importantly enjoy the one day a year when everyone gets together to celebrate football.

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One-on-One

What was the greatest Super Bowl ever played?

Super Bowl XXXIV

With the New England Patriots seemingly a lock to win their third title in five years, chances are Super Bowl XLII won't go down as the greatest ever played.

That title belongs to Super Bowl XXXIV (that's 34 for the Roman numeral impaired).

Don't remember what happened on that magical night eight years ago? Here's a quick reminder.

With only 6 seconds remaining in the game, the St. Louis Rams led the Tennessee Titans 23-16, but Tennessee was threatening.

The Titans had the ball on the 10-yard line, but with no timeouts left, were forced to hurry to the line and attempt one final play before time expired.

Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair connected on a pass to receiver Kevin Dyson who ran a quick slant and appeared headed for the end zone – that is, until Rams' linebacker Mike Jones saved the day.

Jones made a shoestring tackle at the 1-yard line to preserve the win and give St. Louis its first ever Super Bowl title.

No other Super Bowl has ever witnessed such an exciting finish (last second field goals just don't cut it), making Super Bowl XXXIV the best ever.

Oh, and it probably doesn't hurt that I'm a Rams fan.

- Adam Mettrick

Super Bowl XXXII

Super Bowl XXXII was the year "The Comeback Kid," John Elway, finally received what he deserved – an NFL championship.

The game wasn't Elway's greatest game by any means, I wouldn't even say it was in his top 50 games of all time. He didn't need to play great when he had Terrell Davis in the prime of his career.

The game was neck and neck the whole time. With the score tied 24-24 late in the fourth quarter, Elway marched the Denver Broncos down the field. Davis waltzed the ball into the end zone with 1:47 remaining to give the Broncos the lead 31-24.

Brett Favre couldn't complete a pass and with 30 seconds remaining, the Packers turned the ball over on downs, giving Elway the taste of glory after being in the league 15 years and suffering through three Super Bowl losses.

The game's MVP was Davis, but it wasn't about him, it wasn't really even about the game that made it so special, it was the fact Elway had a dream and didn't give up until he got a Super Bowl ring.

He will always be remembered for this game and it will forever be part of his legacy.

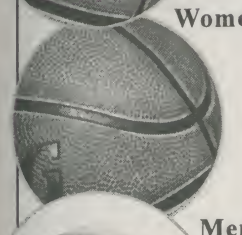
- Dru Tate

WHO'S ON DECK

Men's Basketball

Saturday
at 7:05 p.m.
vs. Evansville
at Evansville, Ind.

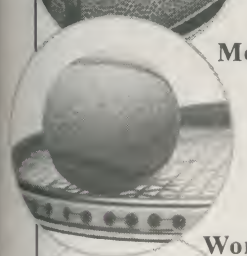
Wednesday
at 7:05 p.m.
vs. Missouri State
at Carver Arena



Women's Basketball

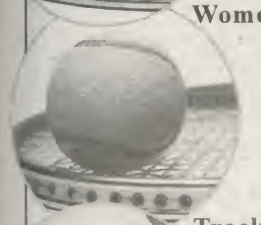
Saturday
at 2:05 p.m.
vs. Southern Illinois
at Robertson Memorial Field House

Thursday
at 7:05 p.m.
vs. Indiana State
at Robertson Memorial Field House



Men's Tennis

Saturday
at 11 a.m.
vs. Northwestern
at Evanston

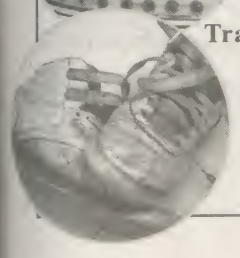


Women's Tennis

Today
at 1 p.m.
vs. Saint Louis
at Peoria

Sunday
at 10 a.m.
vs. IPFW
at Peoria

Wednesday
at 1 p.m.
vs. Northern Illinois
at Peoria



Track & Field

Saturday
at Noon
Northern Iowa Invitational
at Cedar Falls, Iowa

Sport SHORTS

Twins trade Santana to the Mets

The Minnesota Twins have agreed to a deal that will send former Cy Young winner Johan Santana to the New York Mets.

The deal is tentative and will only go through if the Mets are able to reach a multi-year extension with the pitching ace.

New York would send outfielder Carlos Gomez along with pitching prospects Phil Humber, Kevin Mulvey and Deolis Guerra to the Twins. The Mets were able to make the deal without giving up outfielder Fernando Martinez, who's considered their best prospect.

Santana will join a rotation including Pedro Martinez, John Maine, Orlando Hernandez and Oliver Perez. The starting pitching combined with their potent offense should make the Mets an early favorite in the National League.

Coach donates shoes for good cause

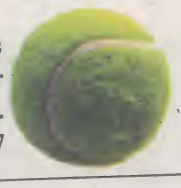
IUPUI coach Ron Hunter decided to coach barefoot for a game in order to raise money for needy children in Africa.

His original goal was to collect and send 40,000 pairs of shoes to Africa, but as word spread and donations began to come in he was able to send over 100,000 pairs of shoes.

Hunter went on many ESPN shows to spread word of what he was doing, and he was heard. Converse, Wal-Mart, Nine West and the Department of Homeland Security all donated to the cause.

Hunter, along with some players from the team, plan to personally bring the shoes to Africa.

Bradley tennis teams gear up for spring season. Page A17



Braves notch fourth straight win

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Playing in just his third game and making his first start since returning from sports hernia surgery, Daniel Ruffin looked like he never missed a second of action.

The senior guard scored 12 points and dished out three assists on Wednesday night, helping the men's basketball team down Missouri Valley Conference rival Indiana State 63-44.

The win was the fourth straight for the Braves (12-10, 5-5 MVC) and the fifth in their last six games.

Coach Jim Les said having a healthy Ruffin available to play an entire game makes his team a greater threat.

"I think when Daniel is attacking the rim the way he is, it puts teams in a bind," he said. "He's so good at finding people, and our guys are used to the fact that if they get to an open area he'll find them."

Ruffin, who also notched three steals, said he isn't feeling any lingering effects of the injury.

"I don't really feel any pain," he said. "I'm still getting my legs back, but I actually feel like I've been playing this entire time. I feel like I'm in midseason form like I did in years past."

The game got off to a slow start in the first half, as both teams struggled to find a rhythm offensively.

The Braves shot 35 percent from the field in the first half, but held the visiting Sycamores (10-10, 5-5 MVC) to only 26 percent shooting and took a 24-19 lead into halftime.

Both squads improved their shooting touch in the second half.

Bradley improved to shoot 57 percent from the field in the period.

"In the first half I thought we settled way too quickly for perimeter shots that weren't going down," Les said. "Once we focused on driving the ball we got into the bonus and got some really nice possessions."

Despite the Braves' improved shooting, the Sycamores managed to remain within striking distance for most of the period.

It wasn't until the game's final seven minutes that the Braves finally took control.

Following an Indiana State layup that cut the lead to eight points at 50-42, the Braves went on a 13-2 run to close out the contest.

Les said he didn't think his team played particularly well, but was pleased with its defensive effort.

"I thought in a lot of ways it was just a grind it out win," he said. "We weren't very sharp, but the one thing I thought we did do was defensively I thought we guarded pretty well."

Senior guard Jeremy Crouch led the Braves in scoring with 13 points, while fellow senior Matt Salley pulled in a team-high nine rebounds.

Bradley 63, Wichita State 54

The Braves were forced to play shorthanded Saturday night because of the suspen-

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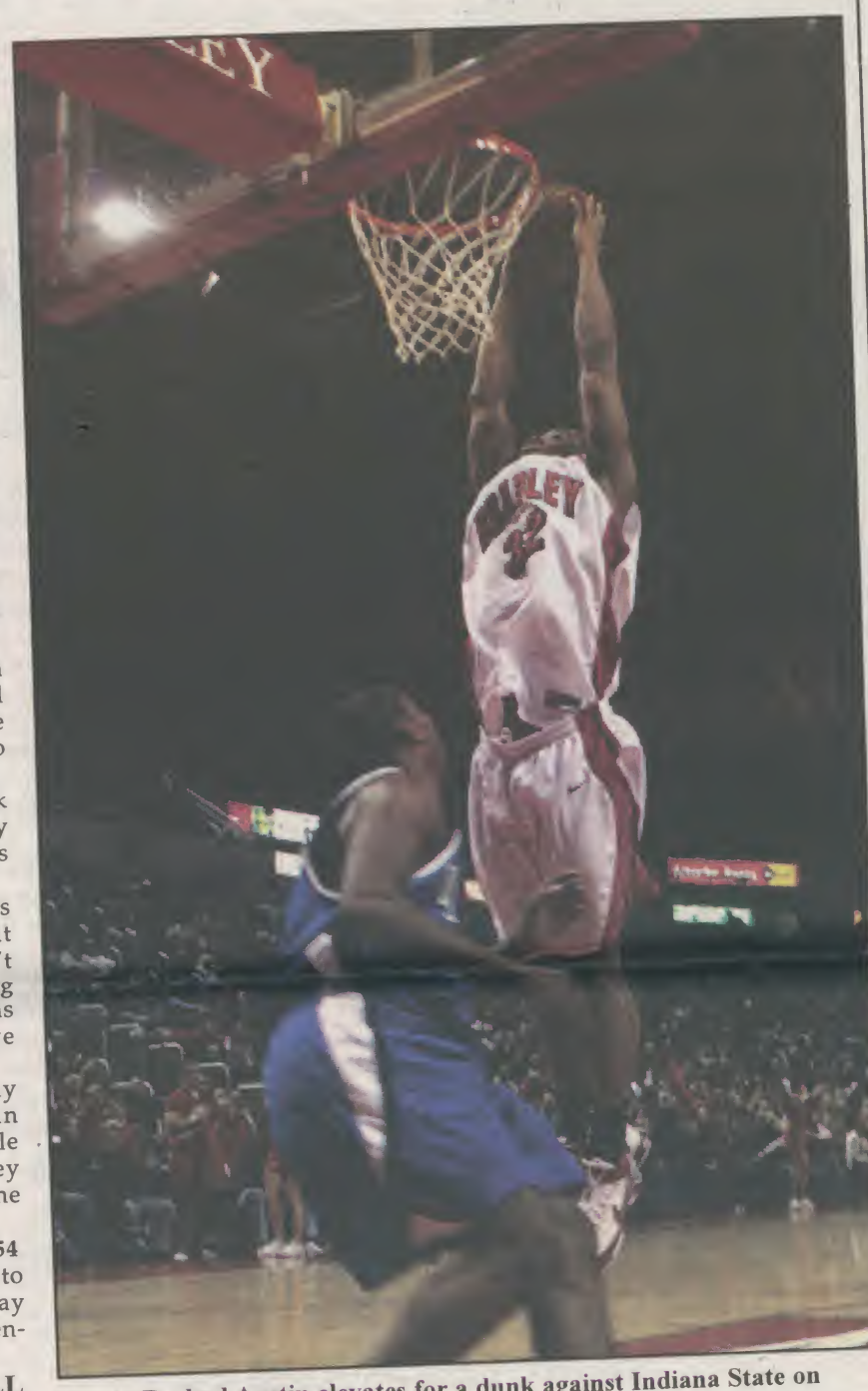

Junior Rashad Austin elevates for a dunk against Indiana State on Wednesday night. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Pair of BU basketball players arrested

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Bradley men's basketball players Theron Wilson and Tyrone Cole-Scott were recently arrested on alcohol-related charges.

The two players were arrested Jan. 20 after Illinois State Police stopped the car Wilson was driving for speeding, according to police reports.

During the stop, the officer detected the smell of alcohol on the breath of both players. Wilson, 20, was arrested on charges of zero tolerance, illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and speeding. Cole-Scott, also 20, was cited for illegal consumption.

Both players were released at the scene with orders to appear in Peoria County Court.

Senior forward Matt Salley and Chasity Cotton, a senior on Bradley's women's basketball team, were also passengers in the vehicle, but weren't cited because both players are of legal age.

The vehicle, a silver Ford owned by senior guard Daniel Ruffin, was not impounded because the officer determined Cotton hadn't been drinking and allowed her to drive it away from the scene, according to the Journal Star.

The arrests were first reported prior to Bradley's Jan. 23 home game against Illinois State.

Wilson, a junior forward who had started each of the Braves' previous 19 games, wasn't in the starting lineup for the first time against the Redbirds. Cole-Scott, also a junior, didn't play in the game, marking the first time he failed to see action all season.

Following the game, coach Jim Les said the punishment for both players was complete.

"They've paid a price this week and tonight with skipping part of a rotation or a start," he said. "It's unfortunate, but we hold our guys to a high

see **ARRESTS** Page A16

Burdette named new volleyball coach

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The volleyball team is heading in a new direction with the hiring of coach Sean Burdette.

After a 3-28 season and 2-16 conference record Bradley decided it was time for a coaching change.

Burdette has wasted no time implementing new ideas and plans for the team.

"My plans are to get into the gym and evaluate where we currently are," Burdette said. "We want to get into four spring tournaments and win."

Burdette, a former assistant coach at Ohio State, was part of a team that made three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

He spent five seasons at Ohio State and three of those five seasons he helped coach the Buckeyes into the national rankings.

Sean Burdette

Burdette is from Silver Spring, Md., and graduated from Ohio Dominion University.

He said he's excited to coach at Bradley.

"I was attracted to the position because of the community and relationships with the people from the department," Burdette said. "Comparing the size of Bradley to the size of Ohio State was a big draw. Having the academic background here will also help draw students."

Burdette is no stranger to the recruiting process. During his tenure at Ohio State he recruited three top-20 recruiting classes, according to www.prepvolleyball.com.

He already has a positive outlook for the upcoming season because of the four incoming recruits.

see **BURDETTE** Page A16

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

M BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
DRAKE	10-0	19-1
ILLINOIS STATE	7-3	15-6
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	6-4	11-10
CREIGHTON	5-5	14-16
NORTHERN IOWA	5-5	13-8
BRADLEY	5-5	12-10
INDIANA STATE	5-5	10-10
MISSOURI STATE	4-6	11-11
WICHITA STATE	2-8	9-12
EVANSVILLE	1-9	6-14

W BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
ILLINOIS STATE	7-0	17-1
DRAKE	6-1	13-5
EVANSVILLE	5-2	11-7
CREIGHTON	4-3	11-7
MISSOURI STATE	4-4	6-13
INDIANA STATE	3-4	9-8
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	3-4	7-10
NORTHERN IOWA	2-5	6-12
BRADLEY	1-6	7-11
WICHITA STATE	1-7	7-13

On the Record

"Is Plax playing defense? I wish he had said 45-42 and gave us a little credit for scoring more points."

— Tom Brady on Plaxico Burress' prediction of the Giants 23-17 Super Bowl win.

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HAPPY 80TH, OSCAR!

Even with writers on strike, the show must go on

Story by Lisa Fitch and page design by Antonio Gentile

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With the Golden Globes reduced to a simple press conference, the big question on Hollywood's mind is whether the red carpet will be rolled out on schedule Feb. 24 for the Academy Awards.

Being the glitziest and most profitable award show Tinsel Town has to offer, many wonder if the lingering writers' strike will continue to put the entertainment industry in a tizzy, with the Oscars being the next principle battleground.

Strange as it may seem, the bigwigs in showbiz have warranted fears, with many of the nominees choosing to opt out of the ceremony if talks haven't been resolved in time for the awards.

If all goes well, the writer-filled picket lines that have become a Hollywood staple for the last three months will hopefully soon come to an end, enabling the Academy to maintain its excessively long, overly dry and politically correct award show to continue into its 80th year.

While certain characteristics of the Oscars have become seemingly indispensable to the Academy, still at the heart of the show are its nominations.

The nods for Best Picture come as no surprise for those who've followed the Oscar race, with "There Will Be Blood" and "No Country for Old Men" being the frontrunners. However, obviously snubbed a golden statue is David Fincher's "Zodiac," a film that ended up on many critics' "Top 10" lists, but obviously not the Academy's.

On the other hand, credit must be given to them for somewhat listening to the average moviegoer by including the indie hit "Juno" into its mix of nominations.

While Fincher may have been left in the dust with his masterpiece, Paul Thomas Anderson as well as Joel and Ethan Coen have secured their rightful places with the other nominees for Best Director, both greatly overshadowing the competition.

Nevertheless, both are long overdue for the Oscar, with Anderson having five nominations under his belt and the Coens having established themselves as the dynamic directing duo. While it's a toss-up for the win, whoever brings home the gold had it a long time coming.

Whereas certain nominations seem almost natural, a few shockers are periodically thrown in each year for good measure.

Cate Blanchett is 2008's head scratcher. With her nomination for "Elizabeth: The Golden Age," she earned the rather dubious accolade of double-dipping, having been nominated for the same role in 1998's "Elizabeth."

Nonetheless, Blanchett's nomination for her androgynous role as Bob Dylan in the offbeat biopic "I'm Not There" is well deserved, and her dual nomination is evidence that the Australian actress is in a class of her own.

While Blanchett's two nominations is a rarity in itself, it's female screenwriters who made Oscar history this year.

For the first time ever, three of the five nominees for Best Original Screenplay are of the fairer sex, with the movies "Juno," "The Savages" and "Lars and the Real Girl" taking the nods in the writing department. Also included into the mix is Sarah Polley's adapted-screenplay for "Away From Her," which rounds out the number of female scribes to an emasculating four.

With less than a month for preparation, the possibility of a less than star-studded Academy Awards is still a likely scenario.

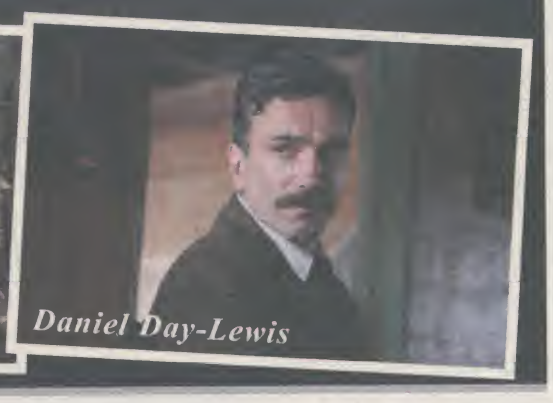
In spite of this, higher-ups in Hollywood feel that some sort of traditional Oscar ceremony will take place, although on a smaller scale akin to this year's Golden Globes.

Despite recent obstacles, the Academy seems to be sticking to its guns, following to the old Vaudeville maxim "the show must go on."

Johnny Depp

Tommy Lee Jones

Cate Blanchett



Daniel Day-Lewis

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

The works of painter **Susana Jacobson**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hartmann Center gallery

Activities Council presents the poetry of **Gemineye,** 7 p.m. to midnight in the University Hall cafeteria

SATURDAY

Live music at Rhythm Kitchen featuring **Dave Berchtold,** 8 to 11 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria, located at 305 Water Street

"Dan In Real Life," 6 p.m. to midnight in the Marty Theater.Tickets are $1 for students and $1.50 for public.

SUNDAY

"Super Bowl Party," 4 p.m. to midnight in the University Hall Lounge

'CLOVERFIELD' IS MONSTER SMASH DESPITE SHAKY CAMERA WORK

BY ERIK JOHNSON
for Voice

Some small part of everybody wanted to see "Cloverfield." A little voice inside everyone who saw a preview for it said, "What the hell is that thing?"

Despite my desire not to see an entire film shot on a camcorder, I caved in and saw it just to figure out what that monster was.

I have to say it was worth it.

The film was about a monster tearing down New York City, people running, guns firing and all the things you expect from a monster movie.

The camcorder followed the same group of people throughout the whole film, bringing a level of humanity and focus to a film that could easily have become extremely confusing.

"Cloverfield"

Michael Stahl-David
Lizzy Caplan

Grade: B

The acting in "Cloverfield" was incredible. Anyone who can play a character spending the entire film holding a camera and still make you worry about him is certainly a good actor in my opinion.

But every character seemed genuine – they all acted like you'd expect a small group of young adults to act when their hometown is suddenly ravaged by a 20-story-tall monster for no apparent reason.

And, somehow, the total absence of character development that occurs when the characters have no time to talk still seemed right.

The plot was, as expected, not the best.

The film's "hero," Rob (Michael Stahl-David, "Law and Order: Criminal Intent"), gets a new job in Japan and is a day from leaving. His friends surprise him with a going away party but he spends most of it moping about a girl and then the city is suddenly torn apart by a gigantic monster.

Yeah, great party.

In keeping with the mysterious nature of the previews, I won't tell you what the monster looks like. You'll just have to see for yourself.

Once the monster begins its rampage, a few people from the party take off together until Rob realizes the girl he was moping about is trapped in her apartment in Midtown, where the monster capable of decapitating the Statue of Liberty runs amok.

Well, guess we'd better go after her.

The rest of the film chronicles the journey across New York City, dodging military units and gigantic feet all the way.

The only real complaint I had about the film was the cinematography. The camcorder made it feel more real, put you in the scene and provided a unique and artistic perspective on a genre that has long since seen its glory days. It also, however, gave me a raging headache.

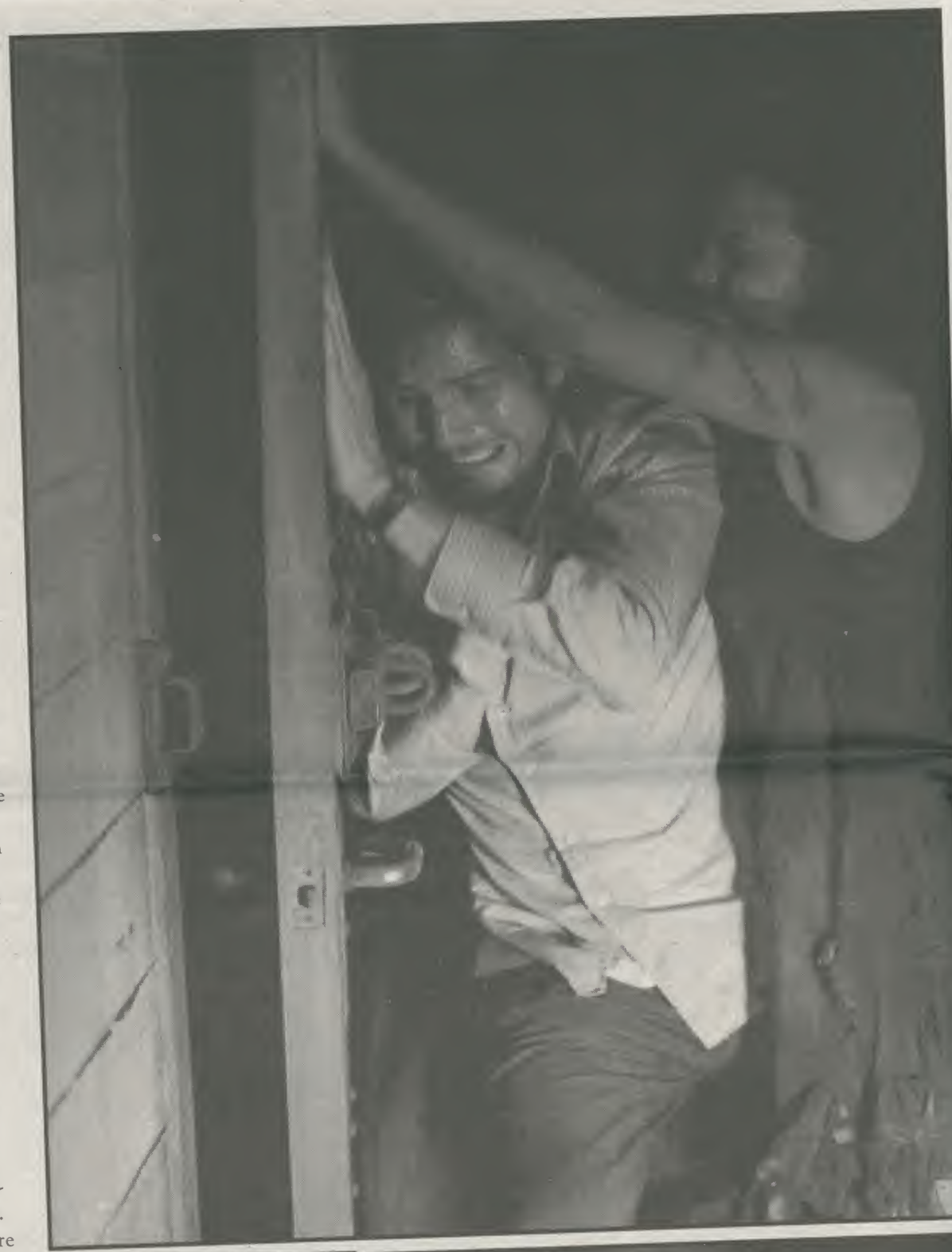
Every time you hear a sound and you know the characters are about to start running, all you can think is, "Oh, God, not again."

It put an interesting perspective on shots of the monster and the carnage, though. It made you feel as if you were there – as frantic and jittery and scared as everyone in the scene – able only to catch glimpses of horrific images.

And the sporadic nature of the shots allowed the film to avoid an "R" rating without sacrificing realism, since the camera guy just looks away when something really gory happens.

All in all, I was pleasantly surprised by "Cloverfield." It had more plot and character depth than I'd expected from a monster movie, but it still had the important parts. Namely, a giant monster tearing down buildings and eating people while it gets mercilessly bombed by hundreds of soldiers.

I'd recommend it, but only if you can handle the headaches.



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voice picks the 7 best in movies, 7 best in music

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

We're already a month into 2008, but the wild year before this deserves recognition.

Paris Hilton went to jail. The race for the 2008 presidency started to get nasty. Britney stumbled back into the spotlight with the perfectly titled "Blackout." Threequels were popular at the movies, with film studios squeezing more juice out of "Shrek," "Spiderman" and "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchises.

Voice took a look back and picked the notable music and films from 2007.

O Foo Fighters – "Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace"

Dave Grohl wanted his band's previous effort, "In Your Honor," to be considered its essential album, but the more concise follow-up snatches the title instead. Foo Fighters haven't released a best-of, but "Echoes" captures the band's various styles just as well.

Fans of acoustic Foo can mellow out to the bittersweet "Stranger Things Have Happened," and the throat-shredding on "The Pretender" could energize even the weariest of underdogs.

O Wilco – "Sky Blue Sky"

Now you and Dad will have something in common besides that amazing Chinese food place back home. The sometimes alt-country, sometimes jam band calmed down a bit after getting its ya-yas out over the last couple records (singer Jeff Tweedy also changed hobbies, from painkillers to jogging).

The result is 50 minutes of smooth retro folk-rock reminiscent of a more adventurous Eagles and bathed in a warm vinyl sound.

Like a blanket for your ears.

O Arcade Fire – "Neon Bible"

The most mainstream-sounding indie band hasn't budged from veteran indie outpost Merge, but "Neon Bible" is the stuff of major label debuts.

Singer Win Butler's wails are as infectious as they are frequent on the indie rockers' third album. "Keep The Car Running" and "Intervention" sound like thundering gospel in their wide-eyed Springsteen-ian glory.

O Amy Winehouse – "Back to Black"

She's a hot mess outside the studio, but "Back to Black" is tighter than your favorite jeans after the holiday season.

Winehouse's voice is like chocolate rum on the rocks, and aside from a Ghostface Killah cameo, the girl stands on her own throughout the entire disc.

Let's hope she can do the same in her personal life before this budding career is cut short.

O Kanye West – "Graduation"

The best commercial rapper not named Jay-Z gets his diploma and rocks the joint all the way up the aisle.

One of the year's catchiest singles, "Stronger" is the ultimate workout song, but Kanye doesn't even break a sweat as he effortlessly surfs the lean, robotic beat (thanks to Daft Punk for the sample).

O Radiohead – "In Rainbows"

With all the hype about the "pay-what-you-want-online" approach, you may have forgotten that Radiohead's seventh album was actually worth the standard price (it's out now on CD for a reasonable $8).

Fanboys wet themselves at 10 new tracks from their lazy-eyed hero, and Thom Yorke has never sounded better than when he's singing tortured love songs like the gorgeous ballad "Nude."

O Jay-Z – "American Gangster"

Mr. Carter's 2006 comeback album "Kingdom Come" was anticlimactic to say the least. But the Denzel Washington drama "American Gangster" inspired Jay to make his own soundtrack, and he ended up with his most focused album since "The Blueprint." Essential track: the chilling drama of "Pray" is a career highlight.

O "Grindhouse"

You've got to love loopholes.

These two movies, Robert Rodriguez's "Planet Terror" and Quentin Tarantino's "Death Proof," were released together as a 191-minute cinematic orgasm, complete with fake trailers, machine-gun legs, muscle cars and more blood than the Red Cross can handle.

Tasty.

(Highlight: zombies eat Fergie's brains. Maybe the Black Eyed Peas will start making good records again.)

O "Juno"

If the overused phrase "breakthrough performance" was ever applicable in 2007, it was to describe newbie Ellen Page's portrayal of Juno, a 16-year-old who gets pregnant from her dorky almost boyfriend (Michael Cera).

"Juno" is a cute drama with some laughs. It's also pleasing to the ears, with songs from Sonic Youth and The Moldy Peaches thrown in.

O "Knocked Up"

A more humorous look at pregnancy than "Juno," this comedy turns its attention to the adults.

A night out for Ben (Seth Rogan) results in a phone call from his one-night stand (Katherine Heigl) eight weeks later, telling him she's got a bun in the oven.

Call it a "bro-mantic comedy" – jokes for the boys, romantic elements for the girls.

O "300"

SPAAAARTAAAAAA! Yeah, that pretty much sums it up.

O "The Bucket List"

Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson make such a great onscreen pair, it's a wonder this is their first film together.

With surprisingly wide appeal outside of the geriatric crowd, "The Bucket List" is a seize-the-day movie managing to be sweet without sugar-coating things.

O "Superbad"

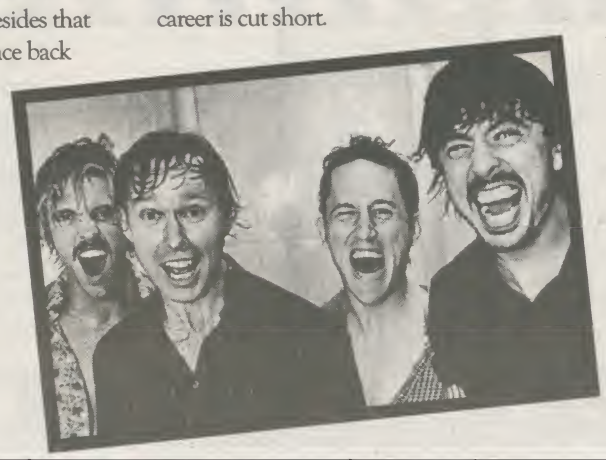
Not since "Anchorman" has a movie been this quotable. Writers Seth Rogan and Evan Goldberg don't even give the audience time to catch their breath from laughing in this crude, last-chance-to-get-some-before-college comedy.

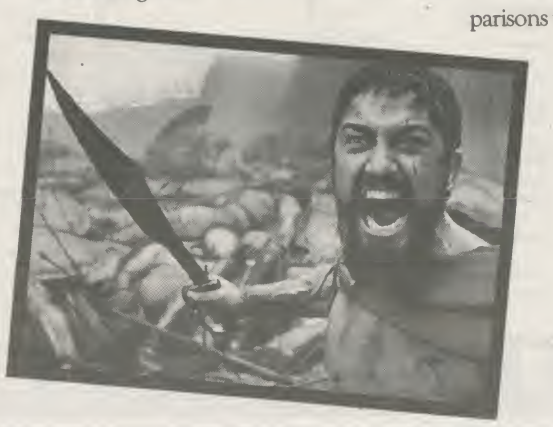
O "3:10 to Yuma"

A farmer in need of money to keep his family out of poverty (Christian Bale) takes a job escorting the most notorious outlaw in the Wild West (a whip-smart Russell Crowe) to the train to jail.

This proves much more difficult than expected, but an odd friendship develops between the two, leading to a spectacular ending.

Those lofty "Unforgiven" comparisons were not far off.





A FAILED EXPERIMENT
UPDATED FABLE LEAVES AUDIENCES LOST

BY KEVIN MCCLELLAND
for Voice

Bradley's Theatre Department has done some wonderful things this season.

Its run of "Urinetown" was a complete success, as was "Night of the Iguana."

"Alice (Experiments) in Wonderland" doesn't match the quality of these shows. However, this production does have some merit, but it isn't in the script.

This is Bradley's fourth production involving the use of Internet2, an ultra high-speed connection linking actors from different colleges.

Two other schools and their casts interact with Bradley actors in real time. The two other schools, the University of Central Florida and the University of Waterloo in Canada, use cameras to capture the actors and transmit the images to screens at the other locations.

Bradley's actors perform live for an audience in the Hartmann Center. Actors interact with the audience, one of the few entertaining parts of the show.

Despite the actors' attempts to make the audience feel like children, most of the script is poorly executed and half-baked.

The writers attempted to bring the story into the 21st century and grab attention, but the final product is a visual overload. The audience has to focus on three locations at once, making the plot and characters difficult to follow.

The cast interacts with ease and speed in all locations with minimal delay in sound and picture.

The costume design was well executed on several characters, most notably the Caterpillar and the Gnat, played by junior theatre arts major Devin Ceres Kelly, who was hilarious while buzzing through the audience.

However, beyond providing distractions from the poorly written script and remaining visually interesting, the screens and multiple locations only serve to jumble the plot and confuse the audience.

An actress in each location plays Alice, so it's difficult to know who to follow. Senior theatre arts major Johanna Roden stars as Bradley's Alice whose youthful playfulness was a welcome refresher to the show.

Technowizards, one played at Bradley by senior theatre arts performance major Tahnee LaMon, are nerdy Internet-based characters. These were a horrendous addition to the story line. These actors, dressed as computers, act as Alice's companions and attempt to help her get through Wonderland.

The Technowizards in all three locations and serve no purpose but to torment Book, a character who narrates and acts as the original version of "Alice in Wonderland" and tries relentlessly to get the storyline back together. But Book only exists in one location, and appears at random times.

In addition, the writers try to throw every other character in the book into this show, which means things only get more confusing in trying to figure out which character was helping Alice or hurting her on her adventure.

This kind of disarray and confusion create the complete absence of a solid plot line.

Sure, Alice goes through Wonderland, but the message of this piece of theatre is lost amidst all of the glitz and technology.

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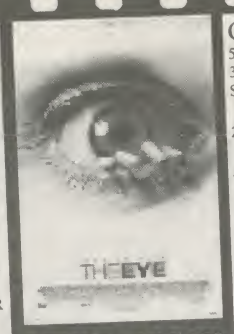

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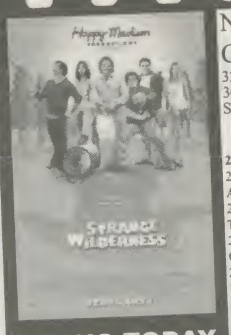

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CHAMPIONS?

The Audition is merely a contender in the pop-punk race

BY MARK HEMMER
of Voice

Whenever confronted with reviewing an album from a band I've never heard of, skepticism can almost be seen dripping off me.

When I heard I was reviewing a flavor-of-the-month, pop-punk band, I was dreading it. The Audition's "Champion" sounded like an album I'd have to cut.

I immediately began to think of ways to sugarcoat what would inevitably be a negative review of a beloved group. I was ready for a barbeque, but as always, I was open for a change of heart.

Since I've never been one to attack without evidence, I tried to get a feel for how the band's initial work was received.

The Audition's first disc was described as "strikingly similar from song to song, with an overuse of double-tracked vocals and stop-start guitars that's nearly criminal," by www.allmusic.com's Johnny Loftus.

After reading about the band's alleged "emo homogeny," I didn't expect much from the Chicago-based quintet.

After sampling The Audition's first album and confirming *the allegations against the* band, I was downright sour about having to sit through its newest effort.

Sometimes, having the lowest of expectations can work in your favor.

Within the first minutes of the album, the catchy guitar parts and vocals impressed me.

The Audition may be homogenous, but its sound is a carbon copy of good music if you like energetic pop punk.

The Audition

"Champion"

Victory; 2008

Grade: C

The album has almost no slow parts, and with no song running longer than five minutes, it doesn't overstay its welcome.

The album has only 10 tracks, but it serves as a benefit. The listener is given a concise but packed disc and few, if any, weak tracks.

"Ether" struck me as an especially spirited track. "Edinboro," "Basbhat" and "Make it Rain" are all highlights on a strong sophomore effort.

While "Champion" comes off as a boastful or lofty title, it rings true in one very important area – it knocks out the first album with ease.

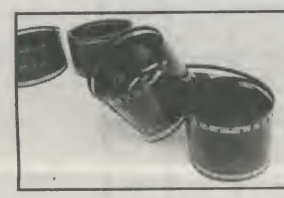
Improvement is at least half the battle on the way to becoming a successful band.

The Audition doesn't disappoint. "Champion" sounds like a faster, varied and revamped version of an old game. It's the kind of album helping shed its doubters and critics, or at least suppress them.

As far as band quality goes, The Audition sits in a comfortably gray area. The band's not Sufjan Stevens in creativity and innovation, but the band's not Papa Roach in the department of making me want to steal a present idea from Van Gogh either.

Victory Records has signed many upstart bands to deals. Whether or not The Audition is truly "champions" of that domain remains to be seen.

With its current trend of building upon previous works, the future looks promising.



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TUESDAY 2/5

Jack Johnson - "Sleep Through The Static"
Sheryl Crow - "Detours"
Lenny Kravitz - "It Is Time For A Love Revolution"
Nada Surf - "Lucky"

VIDEO/TUESDAY 2/5
DVD RELEASES

"Across The Universe"
"The Assassination of Jesse James"
"Elizabeth: The Golden Age"
"The Brave One"
"The Jane Austen Book Club"

Photo Poll

Who do you want to be president in 2008? Why?

"I am a huge fan of Hillary Clinton, but Obama is a close second."
Brittany Bennett
freshman
electronic media

"I'm not exactly sure. Both Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are very strong candidates for me."
Diana Christine Johnson
freshman
mechanical engineering

"I want Obama to win...I believe he would make a better president than any candidate running."
Dan O'Connor
freshman
accounting

"Mitt Romney because perhaps we might all benefit from becoming a client state of the Mormon Empire."
Daniel Randolph
freshman
chemistry

"Ron Paul, because he wants to abolish the FCC, as well as legalize marijuana."
Kevin Schenke
freshman
business

"Barack, because of his views on important issues and his charisma."
Micah Thurn
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compiled by Megan Loos

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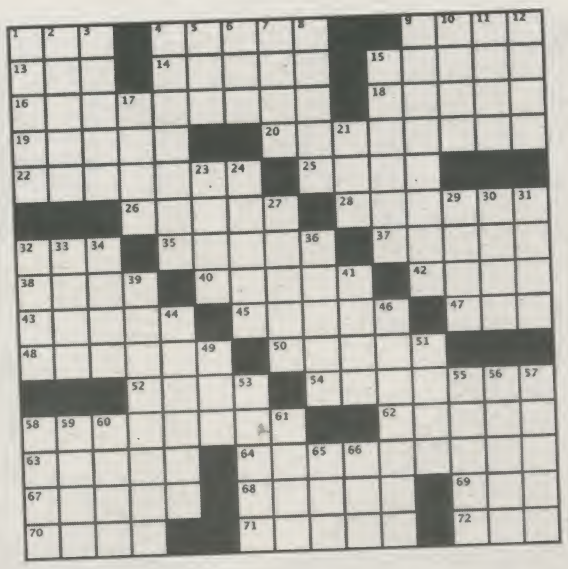

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4- Satan
9- Hairless
13- Very skilled person
14- Musical study piece
15- High public esteem
16- Scheme
18- Cavern
19- Fine fur
20- Tending to soothe
22- Long journey
25- Western pact
26- Aquatic mammal
28- Negligent
32- Wrath
35- Gastropod mollusk
37- Monetary unit of Saudi Arabia
38- Tides that attain the least height
40- Slang
42- Roof overhang
43- Mother-of-pearl
45- Battery type
47- Sunburnt
48- Round body
50- Valleys
52- Starch used in puddings
54- Milky
58- Counselors
62- Soup implement
63- Newly married woman
64- Songlike
67- Covered on the inside
68- Love affair
69- Rocky pinnacle
70- Epic poetry
71- Twill-weave fabric
72- Eye infection, pig house

Down
1- Low voice
2- Group of eight
3- Bowler hat
4- Hates intensely
5- Basque separatist organisation
6- Small cavity in a rock
7- Mid-month times
8- Yellowish citrus fruit
9- Geniality
10- Word that can precede war, biotic and climax
11- Bereft
12- Remnant
15- Seller of hats
17- Too
21- Lever for rowing
23- Sicilian volcano
24- Long
27- Stiff
29- 8th month of the Jewish civil calendar
30- Rescue
31- Hill toy
32- Taverns
33- Harvest
34- Apiece
36- Nearby
39- Is in the chair
41- Currency unit in Western Samoa
44- Rubbed out
46- Proclaim
49- Self-esteem
51- Pierce with a knife
53- Killer whales
55- Prepares for publication or release
56- Dole out
57- Wary
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65- And not
66- Drag

Sudoku

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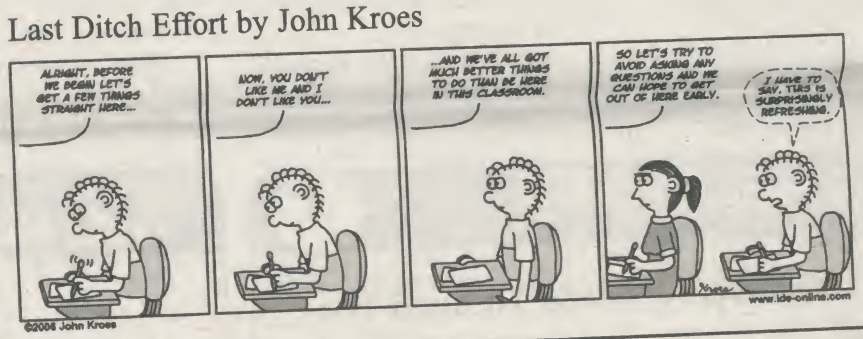

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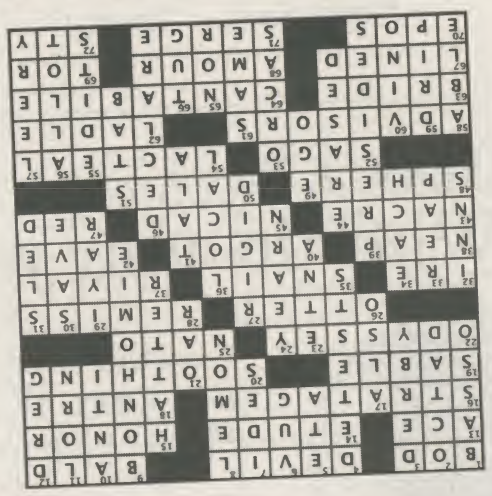

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Good luck on your road trip BU Hockey! Go #8!

Vicky: Go Team Weird!

Alyssa: Just dropkick her.

Bri-monster: Don't mess with the curlies. You'll lose.

Brian Feldt, this is what a real paper looks like.

We miss you, Heath Ledger. We could name 10 things we love about you.

I'm real moderate.

Happy 19th, Ryan!

Woody, we need more food.

Antonio, I heart you.

Dayna, let's drink some BM.

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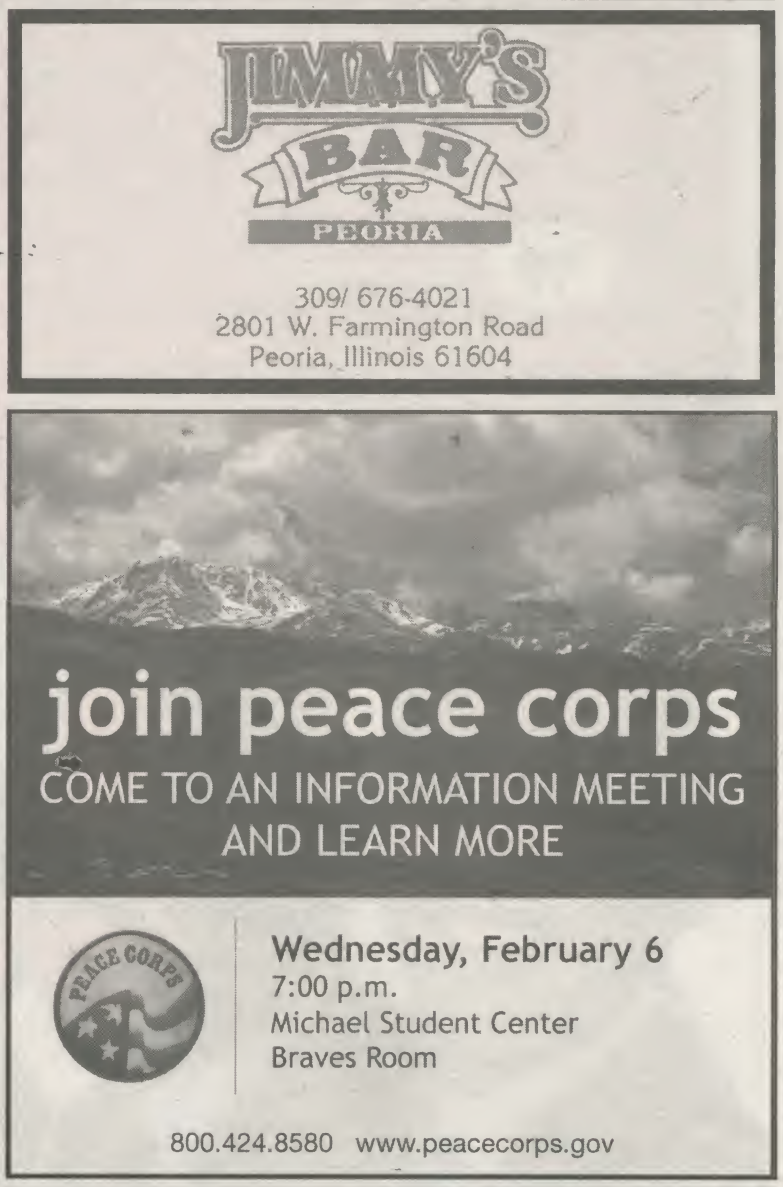

DECISION 2008

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Get educated, get involved, vote

As many probably know, this is election season.

For those who don't, here's a guide to make it a little easier:

This Tuesday is Super Tuesday, a 22-state primary including Illinois and Missouri.

In the past, candidates who fared well on Super Tuesday went on to win their party's nomination.

Each state party has a certain number of delegates to send to a party's national convention. For instance, the Illinois Democratic Party has 185 delegates to send to the Democratic National Convention. In all but two states, the delegates are divided up by congressional district, so candidates who win individual districts win those delegates. For example, the Democratic candidates will need 2,025 delegates to win the nomination.

It's too late to register to vote in the primary election or to receive an absentee ballot to vote, but it isn't too late to register for the general election in November or vote on Tuesday if already registered.

Those who have registered and plan to vote on Tuesday will be able to pull either a Green, Democratic or Republican Party ballot.

Illinois has closed primaries, so you can't vote for candidates from different parties. An important first step is to figure out which party you identify with. The Web site, http://politicalquiz.net/, will help determine which party you most closely identify with.

This year is also interesting because it's the first year the Green Party is an established party in Illinois, so there is a statewide primary.

Democrats

The frontrunners for the Democrats are Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. John Edwards dropped out of the race on Wednesday. Clinton and Obama have differing views on some issues, which is important in making a decision, but they have similar views on others, such as abortion.

They plan on repealing the tax cuts the Bush White House put into place to boost the economy.

The candidates oppose the War in Iraq, but they have differing views on how and when to end it.

Obama's plan involves immediately pulling out one or two brigades a month, which would take about 16 months.

Clinton, on the other hand, plans to start withdrawing troops within 60 days of taking office, but she wouldn't withdraw all troops until the end of 2013.

Health care is another important issue being raised by the candidates.

Clinton plans on instituting mandatory health insurance subsidized by employers and the federal government. The insurance would be funded in part by instituting higher taxes on households with income higher than $250,000.

Obama plans on instituting mandatory health care only for children, but he also plans on paying for it by raising taxes on households making more than $250,000 a year.

Republicans

The three leading Republican candidates are John McCain, Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee.

While all three now disagree with Roe v. Wade, McCain and Romney supported the law before they started their presidential campaigns.

The candidates have some different ideas for improving the economy.

Huckabee's plan is to eliminate all federal income and payroll taxes and implement a 23 percent tax on everything except education.

Romney's plan would eliminate taxes on unearned income for the middle class and would make the Bush tax cut permanent.

McCain plans to make Bush's tax cuts permanent and eliminate the alternative minimum tax.

All three candidates feel a consumer-based health care system is ideal, but they each have different ways of accomplishing this.

Romney plans on giving states the flexibility to create health care programs by using federal money. The same federal money is currently being used to help states pay the health care costs for the uninsured.

Huckabee is against state-mandated health insurance and instead wants to make private insurance affordable through tax credits.

McCain's plan is a little less specific.

He's against the government making health insurance mandatory but thinks universal health care is possible without a tax increase.

Another heavily argued topic in the GOP is immigration reform.

Huckabee wants to give illegal immigrants 120 days to register and then leave the country. Under that plan they would then have the opportunity to return and become citizens.

Romney wants to give illegal citizens no path to citizenship but rather toughen penalties on companies that hire illegal aliens and complete the Mexican-American border fence.

McCain supports a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, including learning English and paying fines. He also supports the building of a fence between Mexico and the United States.

The candidates mentioned aren't the only ones running. While they have the best chance at winning, that doesn't mean those who likely won't win shouldn't be heard.

This is already a history-making election. It's the first time a woman and a black man have an actual chance at becoming president.

Get educated and go vote.

by Pat Oldendorf

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Embrace (or erase) Valentine's Day. See page B8.

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Wild winter weather

Students battle a snowstorm Wednesday afternoon while trudging to class. Peoria has had a variety of weather during the past week, including three days of snow. Classes were canceled last Friday because of heavy snow. *Photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Peoria gets variety of storms; students take advantage of snow day

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

Peoria has had rain, sleet, snow, fog, sunshine, strong winds, thunder and lightning – all in the past week.

Beginning a week ago, the Midwest has been on a weather roller coaster.

Last Friday's snow day, brought on by about five inches of snow, was a wintry start to students' three-day Super Bowl weekend.

For the first time since ForeWarn's installment, Bradley officials let students know of the class cancellation through text messaging.

Messages were sent out at about 6 a.m. to students registered for the service.

While Sunday and Wednesday also brought heavy snow, classes weren't canceled, and students trudged through the blizzard.

Rather than sleeping in on Friday, some students took hold of the snow day, strapping on boots, hats and gloves to celebrate the day off.

Bradley Park was filled with students hitting the hills on everything from sleds to cafeteria trays.

Riding in a plastic laundry basket, senior theatre performance major Ally Reinke said snow brings back memories of times when life was simpler.

"It's funny how college kids play in the snow," Reinke said. "As kids,

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Smoking ban enforcement rules hazy

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

More than a month since the statewide smoking ban went into effect, the guidelines of how to enforce the law are still unclear.

Peoria Police Chief Steve Settingsgaard has said on several occasions that the law is difficult to monitor.

About a month ago, he told the Journal Star it's "not the type of law that is best suited for enforcement by the police."

However, he said Tuesday that police will begin patrolling Peoria, making unannounced visits to various establishments. A large number of complaints about local bars not complying with the smoking ban led Settingsgaard to announce that he will take action.

Businesses found to be in violation will be fined and may also be referred to the Liquor Commission for review of their liquor licenses.

While Peoria bars are feeling the heat of the smoking ban, Bradley hasn't fared too poorly. Fortunately for University Police, the few Bradley students who smoke between classes have been abiding by the law while on campus and have not caused trouble for police.

That's not to say they aren't lighting up in the privacy of their own dorms or apartments or standing closer than they are supposed to when no one is watching, but University Police Chief Dave Baer said he hasn't had any complaints of violations.

"The men and women who attend the university have honored the law," he said.

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Food survey says change needed

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

An all-you-can-eat pizza and pasta buffet dinner will be available to students on a trial basis as a response to feedback from a recent online food survey.

Student Senate and the Association of Residence Halls will host the dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the Michel Student Center dining room as a response to 77 percent of students who said they would take advantage of the dinner.

"This dinner is a result of direct student feedback," ARH campus outreach chair Erica Hammock said. "This is what students said they want so they should be taking advantage of what they want."

The organizations collaborated on the survey to obtain student responses on the food services offered at Bradley.

The survey pooled about 400 students posing questions such as what dining venue was preferred and what hours and food options students would like. Students were also asked if they had meal plans.

"The survey had a lot of feedback concerning dissatisfaction on the choices of food being offered in the cafeterias," Hammock said. "Students said they were unhappy with the unhealthy food choices and lack of vegetarian options."

According to the survey, 52.2 percent of students said they would like to see more Italian food offered in the venues.

ARH Campus Affairs chairwoman Margaret Hammar said students were also unsatisfied with the amount to time it took waiting in line.

To accommodate the waits, senate accepted a resolution to accept student meal plans in the faculty dinning room.

"It's the largest cafeteria on campus but students don't want to eat with professors," Hammar said. "We are not trying to invade the professors' space. We are trying to make another option and make meals more accessible."

Junior public relations and

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
35 / 27
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Saturday
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Partly sunny.

Sunday
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Mostly sunny.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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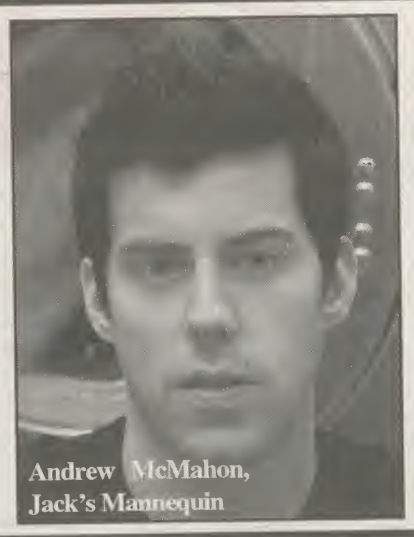
• Comedian Kevin Bozeman will perform from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday in the University Hall lounge. For more information call x3063.

• Jack's Mannequin will perform from 6:30 p.m. to midnight Sunday in Robertson Memorial Field House. Northern Room and Treaty of Paris will open for the band. Tickets are $5 for students, $15 for faculty and $20 for the general public.


Andrew McMahon, Jack's Mannequin

• A behind-the-scenes look at the I-74 reconstruction project will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday in Neumiller Lecture Hall. Pizza and dessert will be provided following the presentation. For more information e-mail bmcmillan@bradley.edu or call x4408.

• Nationally recognized expert and leader in student rights and academic freedom C.L. Lindsay will speak from 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday in the Marty Theater. For more information call x3050 or visit www.bass-schuler.com/cllindsay.php4.

• Brother to Brother/Sister to Sister, a discussion on relationships, will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Garrett Center. For more information e-mail Frances Jones at fjc@bradley.edu or call x2646.

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Around the World

Schock wins nomination

Aaron Schock won the 18th Congressional District GOP nomination Tuesday.

The 26-year-old Bradley grad defeated opponents Jim McConoughey and John Morris by winning about 71 percent of the votes in the 20-county district.

Schock will face a yet-to-be named Democrat in the November general election. If elected, Schock will be the youngest member of Congress.

The 18th Congressional District seat is now held by Republican Ray LaHood, who didn't endorse a candidate to take over his position. However, after Schock's win, LaHood said he will support him and "do everything he asks me to do and more to help him get elected,"

The 18th District hasn't had a Democratic Congressman since 1917.

Information from www.pjstar.com.

Storms ravage South

A wide series of thunderstorms including tornadoes, high winds and hail killed more than 50 people and left at least 100 injured after tearing through southern states on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Authorities are searching for others trapped in the rubble. Other states reporting fatal injuries include Arkansas, Kentucky and Alabama.

President George W. Bush said he called the governors of the storm-damaged states, assuring assistance from the federal government.

"Loss of life, loss of property – prayers can help and so can the government," Bush said in brief remarks before a ceremony at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. "I do want the people in those states to know the American people are standing with them."

Information from www.nytimes.com.

Baby survives fall

Nine-month-old Onur Celar survived a four-story drop from a burning apartment building in Ludwigshafen, Germany, on Sunday.

Celar's uncle Kamil Kaplan chose to drop the boy to a police officer standing below, who caught him. Celar's 2-year-old brother, Ilyas, was killed in the fire, with eight others. Five of the dead are children, officials said.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but investigators have not ruled out arson. The building went up in flames while revelers were celebrating Carnival. The fire quickly spread, eating up a wooden staircase, which gave way, blocking exits.

The apartment building is home to several Turkish immigrant families, and was the target of a Molotov cocktail attack two years ago, police said.

Information from www.cnn.com.

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McCain secures GOP nomination, Democrats too close to call

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

John McCain likely secured the Republican presidential nomination on Thursday when Mitt Romney suspended his campaign.

"I must stand aside, for our party and our country," former Gov. Romney said to conservatives Thursday.

By the end of Super Tuesday, it appeared that McCain would likely take the nomination. He won the majority of states, including Illinois.

A senior aide for Romney told NBC News on Tuesday night they were going to have serious talks about the campaign's future.

While the Republican nomination is clear, the Democratic candidates were close most of Super Tuesday.

The votes continued to pour in until the early hours of Wednesday morning, when there were races still too close to call.

In California – a hugely important state for Democrats – delegates were up in the air until about 1 a.m. when it was predicted that Senator Hillary Clinton would win.

The Democrats will have to continue their fight for delegates because as of Wednesday afternoon Clinton is up by 80 *delegates, which* means the election is still up in the air. Several important states such as Ohio, Texas and Washington haven't had their primaries, so the Democratic nominee can still go either way.

Clinton won the important states of New York, New Jersey and California, among others, giving her the larger states and, in turn, a larger number of delegates.

Senator Barack Obama won Illinois, Missouri and Georgia, among many smaller states, enabling him to rack up nearly as many delegates as Clinton.

The pundits are predicting Obama will do well in the Potomac Primary on Tuesday, which includes Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland. Those three states have a total of 236 Democratic delegates, so it is an important region for both campaigns, according to the Chicago Tribune.

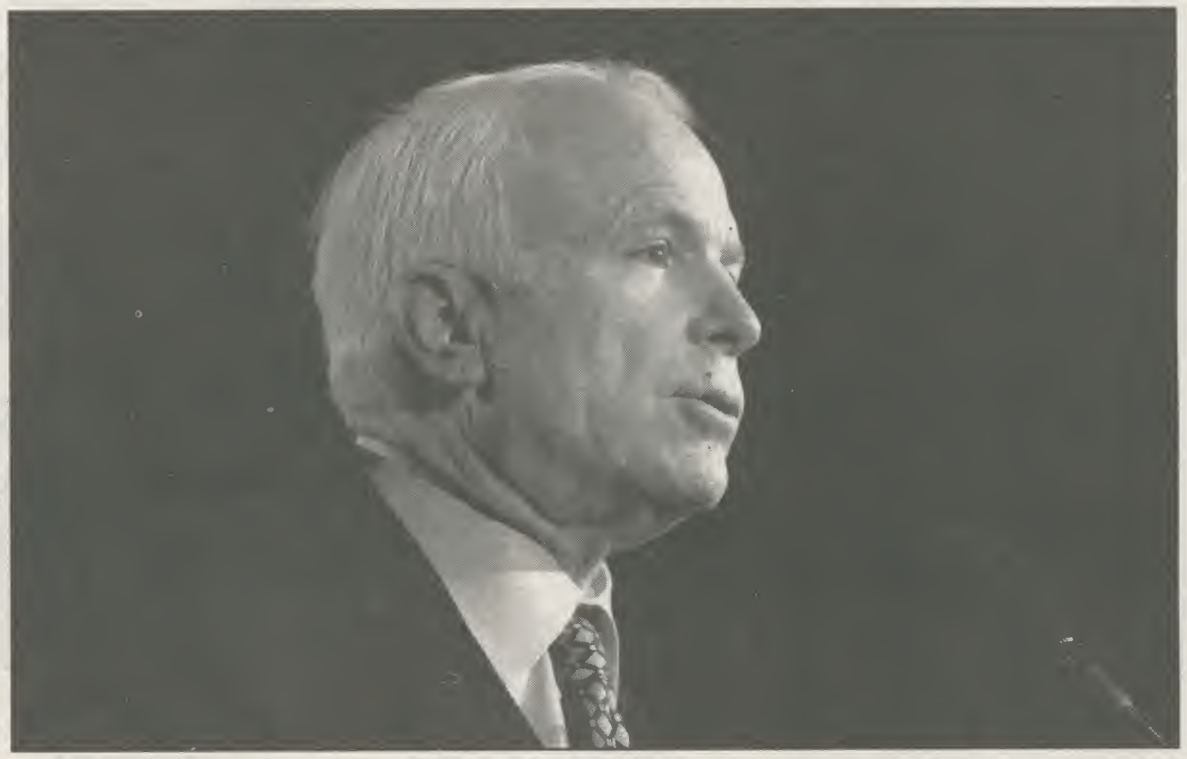
While McCain will likely take the GOP nomination, former Gov. Mike Huckabee did well with his core voters, southern conservative Christians, including his home state of Arkansas. These wins put his delegate number at 190 of the 1,191 needed to win the nomination. Huckabee announced he will stay in the race until the end.

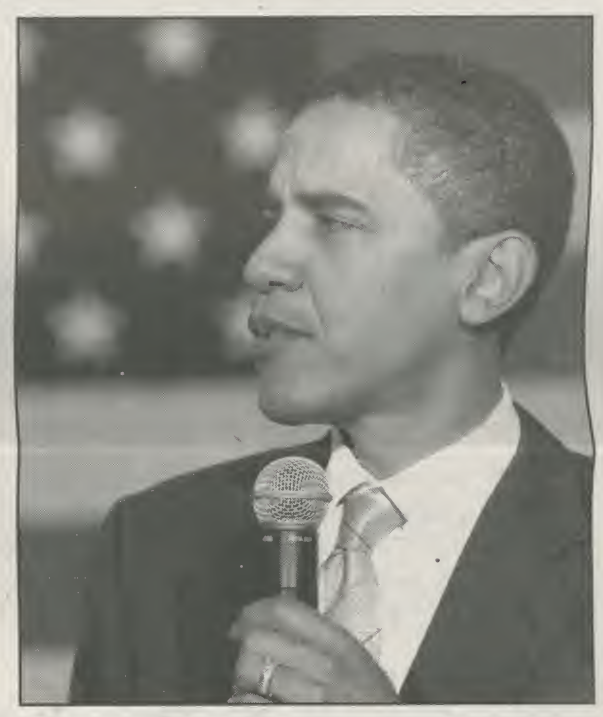
McCain did well in the Midwest, the Southwest and the West Coast. McCain's next step is to make sure his campaign doesn't make any major mistakes in the coming month while the remaining states are voting.

Romney, though his campaign is suspended, scored victories primarily from the Rocky Mountain States, as well as his home state of Massachusetts, but he had no major wins.

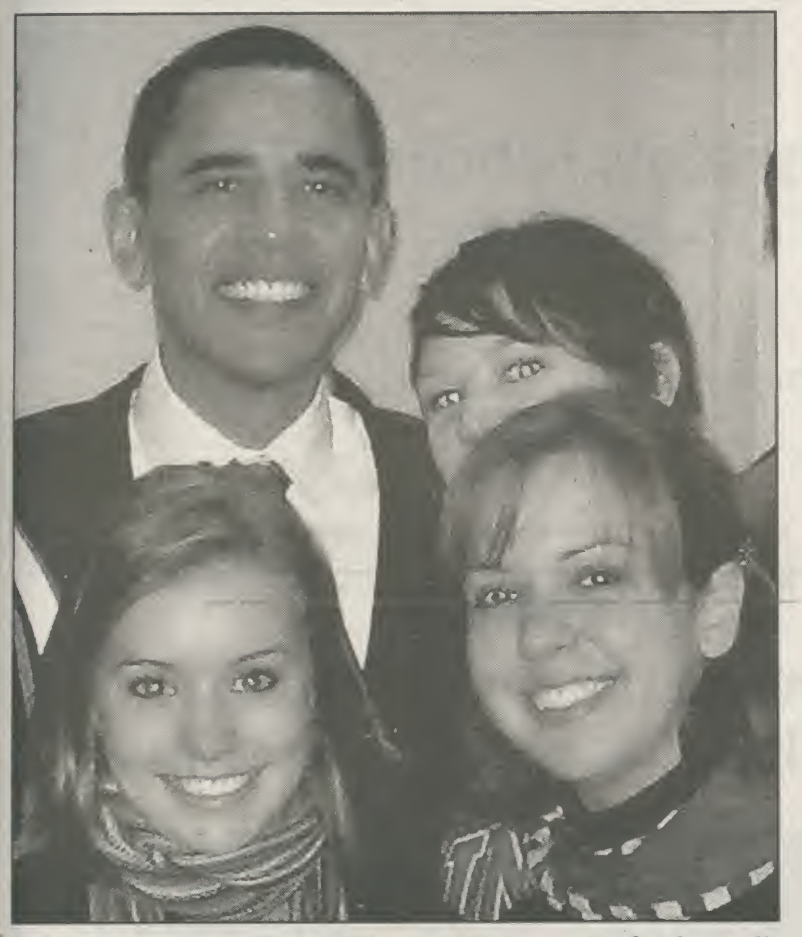
If current trends continue, the Democrats will continue duking it out for delegates and go into the convention nearly tied.

Assuming McCain's campaign doesn't have any major issues, it appears that he will be the Republican nominee this summer.





Students, faculty react to primary election results



Bradley students meet Barack Obama while canvassing for the candidate before the presidential primaries. *Photo courtesy of Anna Ruch*

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Anna Ruch said she thinks the results of Super Tuesday are exactly what everyone expected.

"People said we're going to have a lot to do these next couple weeks," the chapter coordinator for Bradley Students for Obama said. "Our job's not over yet."

Days after the polls closed in 24 state primaries, the race for party nominations is far from over – especially for the Democrats.

While Sen. John McCain will likely get the GOP nomination, the delegate count for senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are too close to call.

Despite close numbers, Ruch said she thinks Obama will gain popularity with time.

"He's racing against the clock," she said. "The more people get to know him, the more people get to know his story and the more likely they'll be to switch over and vote for him."

However, sophomore political science major Kyle McEvilly said it's too early to make any predictions.

"I would say that Obama gained an advantage because he won a lot of key southern states and that's really crucial to his campaign," he said. "But on the other hand, Hillary got a lot of the mid-southern states."

Political science professor Craig Curtis said he doesn't know if one candidate will be able to secure enough delegates before the Democratic National Convention, which will take place from Aug. 25 to 28.

This will cause a brokered convention, he said.

He said usually at the conventions, "the real drama is who's going to be the vice president." However, this convention may be a "real convention where something is decided," he said.

Before Romney dropped out of the race Thursday, President of the College Republicans Zephanie Custer said she thought the race for the Republican nomination was too close to call as well.

"I wouldn't say it's for sure, but [McCain] definitely has a pretty good shot at getting it," she said after Super Tuesday. "But I think it's still up in the air because there's still a lot of states to go."

She said Romney and Gov. Mike Huckabee split the votes of those not supporting McCain. But the race has now changed since Romney's dropout.

Curtis said one negative aspect of McCain's campaign is his support of the War in Iraq. The Democrats have been using this against him.

However, McCain is able to counter the Democrats, Curtis said.

"I hope Obama and Clinton don't beat each other to death," Curtis said. "Every time they beat each other to death, that gives McCain ammunition."

Custer said Super Tuesday's large turnout shows how much people care about the results.

"A lot of people are very passionate about the candidates," she said. "Based on how many people are talking about it more than in years past just shows that people are more into this election."

Super Bowl XLII most-watched sports game in history

Party stores put football decorations away; students dig into leftovers

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

The party snacks have been cleaned up, the decorations have been thrown out and the trophy has been awarded to the Giants. Another Super Bowl has come and gone.

Sunday's game between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants had 97.5 million viewers, making it the most watched Super Bowl in the history of the NFL, according to the Associated Press.

Many Bradley students were glued to their TV sets, rooting for their picks for the Super Bowl victor. Whether it was just a few friends or a house full of football fanatics, Super Bowl Sunday is America's No. 1 party occasion, according to Hallmark Inc.

Freshman advertising major Brannan Myers said the Super Bowl just wouldn't be the same without a party.

"It's been happening so long at my house that I couldn't imagine a Super Bowl without all the people, food and craziness that has come along with it," she said.

Myers' family is a veteran of the Super Bowl party. For over 15 years, the Myers have celebrated with the same six families, with an average attendance of 25 guests.

The average Super Bowl party has about 17 people present with about 40 percent of those watching the game not even football fans, according to Hallmark.

Myers admits the game is the focus of the party, but it's not the only thing going on.

"It's just something to do in the dead of winter when we don't see each other as much as we do in the summer," she said.

For the Myers family, the Super Bowl wouldn't be what it is without the huge amounts of food consumed for the festivities.

"Everyone at the party has a job," Myers said. "Each family always bring the same food each year."

The more than 125 million people who celebrate Super Bowl Sunday spend just less than $55 million on food alone, according to Associated Content.

Almost 15,000 tons of potato chips, 4,000 tons of popcorn, and about 13.2 million pounds of avocados are sold in preparation of the big day.

Pizza deliveries are at their highest on Super Bowl Sunday, according to www.realfootball365.com. And of the 8,760 hours in a year, the halftime show represents the busiest pizza delivery hour of the entire year.

Along with all that food, decorations are key to throwing a festive football feast. While the decorations may be minimal, there are a few essentials for any party.

"The store isn't a huge seller on Super Bowl goods, except to a few die hard customers who come in," said Cindy Marcus of Tepper's Gift and Party Place. "Most people like to go out."

New York Giants head coach Tom Coughlin gets soaked by his team after their upset win over the New England Patriots. The Giants won 17-14 Sunday during Super Bowl XLII.

But for those who enjoy annual parties like the Myers, Marcus said there is no shortage on Super Bowl supply.

"Our balloons of the team colors are probably the biggest sellers for us. That's about as decorative as most people get anymore," she said. "Second to that would be our party essentials – napkins, plates, that stuff."

Some people like to deck their parties with decorations specific to the year, but Marcus said for her store, it just doesn't work.

"We don't buy it anymore. Once [the Super Bowl] was over, those plates used to end up in our lunchroom or marked down," she said. "The bigger stores can move the specialized products easier, and it just didn't help us in the long run. We really like to focus on the team colors only."

Marcus also said she had seen a shift in the party supply need over the years too.

"Food has become such a big thing that party supplies have sort of been pushed to the wayside," she said. "They want team colors for the plates for food, and that's what works."

With all this partying going on, it's no surprise 6 percent of all working Americans call in sick the Monday after the Super Bowl, according to Associated Content.

As for keeping all the food down, 20 percent of 7-Eleven convenience store sales the next day are antacid.

Whether holed up watching every play of the game alone or at a house party laughing at the commercials between passes, Americans love the Super Bowl.

It's no wonder companies will shell out an average of $2.7 million for a 30-second commercial slot during the big game.

As for the leftovers? There's always the possibility of the Pro Bowl Party.

Students encouraged to be selfless for a week

BY ANNABELLE VANG
for the Scout

Anne Kross wants students to be selfless, even if it's only for a week.

She said Random Acts of Kindness Week, which will take place next Monday through Friday, encourages the Bradley community to perform caring acts to spread cheer around campus.

"There will generally be no reason other than to make people smile, or be happier," said Kross, the Ambassadors President. "We are trying to have it as one other mean of connecting the university, bringing students and staff together to be kind to one another and to help those in need."

Ambassadors is a student alumni organization that promotes the development of beneficial relationships among Bradley and its alumni.

The organization hosted a Month of Kindness up until two years ago when it was changed to a Week of Kindness.

The week's funds will go to the Salvation Army and the Children's Hospital of Illinois.

Monday through Wednesday, Ambassadors will sponsor a Crush soda fundraiser in the Michel Student Center. The organization will sell cans from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. all three days, and they will be delivered to the Children's Hospital on Valentine's Day. Students can also write inspiring messages to the children.

Ambassadors will also host a clothing drive benefiting the Salvation Army. Campus offices, greek houses and dorms will compete to collect the most clothes.

"We would like to see the campus focusing on kindness and doing unselfish things for others," Kross said. "We are hoping to be able to donate clothing for many at the Salvation Army from Bradley University."

The organization will recognize selfless people through nominations. Students can nominate others based on kind acts they have performed. One man and one woman will be chosen as winners.

Ambassadors will also host a Campus Police Appreciation Day on Thursday. Kross encourages all students "to say thank you to the police for keeping our campus safe."

Vice President of Ambassadors Ashley Little said she hopes students learn about themselves and others throughout the week and realize everyone is here to work together.

"We hope that with this week people will see that and everyday try to be kind to another," she said.

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Students network at Job Fair; some disappointed

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

About 129 employers were expected to attend the 2008 Spring Job Fair on Wednesday, but because of inclement weather, several had to cancel at the last minute.

Many of the employers said they came because they know Bradley has an excellent reputation for producing high-quality employees.

"Since a lot of our current workers graduated from Bradley, we know that Bradley offers classes that are relevant to the things our employees do every day," Farnsworth Group engineering intern Jonathan Bartczak said.

Farnsworth Group is a unique new company because it is a full service engineering company.

The group hires all kinds of engineers to collaborate on projects that normally require many companies to work together.

"We mainly recruit from Bradley and [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign] because we like our employees to be from this area, since all our business is done in this area," Bartczak said.

Since Bradley specializes in engineering, many of the employers were at Bradley to recruit those types of students.

Junior philosophy and history major Jessica Myers had trouble finding employers to suit her interests.

"I wish they had more employers for liberal arts majors," Myers said. "Most are just here to look for engineers or accountants, but Bradley has more majors than that."

Although many employers advertised that they were looking for students with any major, students complained that these jobs were not relevant to their majors, but were filing or sales type jobs.

"I wasn't expecting as many opportunities as a business student, but it would have been nice to see a couple positions specialized to my majors," Myers said.

She said she tried to apply for a job at the Lakeview Museum in Peoria, but since she was not a permanent resident of Illinois, she was unable to apply.

"Since I live in Kansas, and the museum gets all their money from state funding, they said I couldn't work there," Myers said. "Overall, it was a pretty frustrating day."

Sophomore business management and administration major Ripki Patel attended the job fair as not only a student looking for an internship, but also as an employee for the Smith Career Center.

"One of my main jobs there is to update the eRecruiting Web site," Patel said. "I add resumes to the Web site and update employer information."

In addition to preparing herself for the employers, Patel had to prepare things for them as well.

"It has been a long process, and everyone has been working diligently to get everything ready for the job fair," Patel said. "We set up tables, made signs, assembled packets, all kinds of things to get ready for this. Plus I had to get my own resume ready and write a cover letter."

Patel researched the companies she was interested in online at the SCC's Web site and tailored her resume to what the particular companies were looking for.

"The job fair is a great opportunity for Bradley students to find a great internship or job that will advance their career," Patel said.

Freshman finance major Jennifer Lopez talks to a representative from Target Corporation at the Spring Job Fair Wednesday afternoon. *Photo by Sam Lemanski*

Annual black history celebration extends to BU

BY BRENNA SCURLOCK
of the Scout

February marks the 32nd Black History Month and to honor the month, Bradley's Multicultural Student Services office, along with the Black Student Alliance and local NAACP chapter will host several events over the course of the month.

The celebration of black history dates back to the 1920's, beginning with a history week founded by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. According to the organization's Web site, the week was expanded to include the entire month of February on its 50th anniversary.

Bradley's celebration of Black History Month has expanded as well.

In 2006, Bradley's week-long celebration was extended throughout the entire month.

The best way for students to participate in Black History Month, said Multicultural Student Services Director Frances Jones, is to come to the events the office is hosting.

The first event, sponsored by the Activities Council, features comedian Kevin Bozeman at 7 p.m. Saturday in the University Hall lounge.

Tuesday, students, faculty and staff can eat a home-cooked soul food dinner starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Geisert Hall cafeteria.

The third event will be a presentation and discussion titled "Brother to Brother/Sister to Sister; It's a Different World Than Where You Came From." The forum will discuss relationships, Jones said. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Garrett Center.

Another forum, "African and African American Issues" led by Garry Moore, will take place 3 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 17 in the Garrett Center.

The movie "Just Black? Multi-Racial Identity" will be shown at 6 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Marty Theatre.

Former Harlem Globetrotter Curley "Boo" Johnson will discuss "The Spirit of a Leader" at 6 p.m. on Feb. 21.

Johnson will discuss the transition from college life to professional life, Jones said.

In addition to being a former Globetrotter, Johnson is also the son of one of the first black Bradley Braves basketball players.

Students will have the opportunity to perform during the Jazz Poetry Slam on Feb. 22. Interested students should sign up beforehand by calling the Garrett Center, Jones said.

The event will also feature jazz flutist Galen Abdur-Razzaq, and starts at 8 p.m. in the U-hall lounge.

Comedian Azeem, known for his collaboration with "Allah Made Me Funny – The Official Muslim Comedy Tour" will do a stand-up routine at 8 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the U-hall lounge.

The celebration of Black History Month will come to a close with a soul food brunch beginning at 11 a.m. on Feb. 24 in Geisert cafeteria.

Jones said she encourages students of all ethnicities to attend Black History Month events.

"These events aren't just for students of color, but for everyone," she said. "We are all unique, and we all matter."

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Editorial

Job fair unfair; some majors not represented

Many students braved the snow on Wednesday, stomping through slush in high heels and business suits to get to the Spring Job Fair.

The Michel Student Center was packed full of students hoping to score interviews and careers with prospective employers.

With about 120 businesses at the event, one would expect that all students would be able to collect some business cards, hand out some resumes or even score an interview or two.

However, some students probably had an easier time finding jobs that fit their expected career paths than others.

A quick glance at the list of employers in attendance would reveal an imbalance in the type of majors being recruited. Many employers were looking for students with the same majors, and attendees only represented the university's most acclaimed programs: engineering, construction and business.

Bradley boasts high student and employer turnout at job fairs, but it seems only students who have certain majors would benefit from attending the fairs.

Peoria is home to companies who especially need engineers and business people, such as Caterpillar, so it's no wonder why these employers dominate the job fairs. Demand is high for graduates with majors in these fields, and employers are quick to recruit them.

Job fairs have recently gotten so crowded with civil engineering and construction employers that the SCC created a separate day solely for those fields.

But businesses who need civil engineering and construction majors are still also dominating the generic job fairs, so much so that students in other fields are discouraged from attending.

Some employers at the fair were looking for all majors but many of these employers were looking for people to work certain jobs. For instance, Carmax was represented at the fair and was looking for students with all majors but unless you're studying sales or business, you probably wouldn't want to work there.

It's not that the SCC isn't doing a good job helping students find internships or careers. The SCC offers countless resources available through its Web site such as eRecruiting and resume and interviewing tips.

However, job fairs provide one of the best opportunities for students to network and, hopefully, find jobs. They allow students to get to know employers they otherwise might overlook.

But when all different types of employers aren't being represented at the fairs, some students are at a disadvantage.

Internships and jobs can be competitive and hard to find, and some students may not know where to begin to look for them.

Opinions from other campuses

Candidates should be treated as humans

Hillary choked.

No, that isn't a commentary on yesterday's primary results. Rather, it is a literal observation.

In two separate instances, the presidential hopeful was unable to finish televised interviews because of apparent uncontrollable coughing.

Videos of the incidents quickly appeared on YouTube and other sites.

Oh no.

How could a candidate for president of the United States do such a thing?

The answer is simple: Clinton, and all the other candidates, are human.

Spending 18 plus hours a day talking, even for the most seasoned speaker, makes your throat hurt. Constantly getting on and off airplanes and germ filled buses can make you sniffle. Days and days of picking up babies and shaking thousands of hands can make you sneeze.

But, according to the circulation of these videos and the subsequent commentary, it looks as though some simply cannot accept a president who is susceptible to disease.

Conservative "news" site the Drudge Report even went as far as to make this astute observation:

"Just as Mrs. Clinton touted the importance of good health and universal healthcare for America, a scary coughing fit forced the end of a live TV interview on Super Tuesday."

Is this, somehow, suggesting that Clinton cannot be a credible source of knowledge on health care because she cannot control a cough? Is there somehow a hypocrisy to talk about health care reform when one is sick?

At this critical time in the democratic process, we all need to take a step back and realize that the campaign trail is a very, very tough road.

We need to acknowledge that these individuals are dedicating every waking hour to the belief that they can lead our country.

With this in mind, we should really respect each and every one of them.

So watching videos of a candidate having a coughing fit, or looking at pictures of a candidate at the beach without a shirt on (i.e. Barack Obama) degrades the process as well as makes us more shallow as voters and citizens.

While keeping an eye on the actions of those who may someday become commander in chief, we need to remember what is important, and what does not matter in the race.

Let's stick to the issues and spend a little less time making our political interests lie in the petty and insignificant details of those running.

After all, there are enough prominent figures doing petty and insignificant things to fill the news with headlines everyday.

They are pretty good at it, so let's leave it to them.

This editorial reflects the opinion of the editorial board of the Daily Vidette at Illinois State University.

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Small town girl misses home

Cow tipping isn't something typically associated with a weekend activity on a college campus.

Most likely, spending time with friends in a barnyard around a bonfire and walking along a winding river can't trump tickets to a movie, dancing at a club or dining at a popular restaurant.

Most of my friends laugh at me when I call Peoria a large city, but my hometown can't compare to the busy, fast-paced atmosphere of a city.

In fact, it surprised me how ignorant my college friends are about growing up in a small farming community.

The majority of my friends live in or around large cities such as Chicago or St. Louis and don't have any concept what growing up in a small town is actually like.

Someone even once asked me if a rooster woke me up as an alarm and if I had to milk a cow in order to enjoy it in my cereal. Normally I laugh and joke it off but unfortunately, they were serious.

Small town living is not different from living in a city. Small towns have the same characteristics of a large city, just on a smaller scale. But small towns also have their own qualities that make living "down on the farm" unique.

Though suburbia is associated with large urban cities, my small town of Geneseo also has subdivisions intermixed with miles and miles of farmland and farmhouses.

My nearest neighbor doesn't moo or squawk, and I don't have to walk or drive miles and miles to borrow a cup of sugar.

I live in a two-story house with a fenced-in yard, a typical home and lawn seen in a large city. Living near a farm, let me be clear that I do not live on a farm. Some of my friends do, but I do not.

The main street of Victorian Geneseo is cluttered with antique shops, cozy locally owned restaurants, business offices and a movie theater.

Yep, there's a movie theater.

Even though it offers one movie a week, I still see the same movies that show in a larger cinema but for a cheaper price.

My ticket, drink and bag of popcorn cost the same price as a movie ticket in an urban cinema.

City dwellers should think twice about this before they tease small movie theaters, while moping because they can't enjoy a snack during the show because their tickets are overpriced.

Corporations such as Wal-Mart, Culver's and McDonald's provide their services to my hometown, but our local hand-tossed pizza from LaRoma's and homemade donuts and cup of the sweetest hot chocolate from the Geneseo Donut Shop can never be replaced by a Papa John's or Dunkin' Donuts.

My hometown is not without a mall, well known restaurants, clubs, live theater or sporting events either.

Though a 30-minute drive is necessary to enjoy these delights, I don't arrive upset about the strange driver who cut me off or drove 10 miles slower than the speed limit.

In fact, there are very few strange faces. Most business owners recognize customers and have seen generations grow. It's common to be greeted by a friendly and familiar face while shopping.

Many families are related, and everyone knows the gossip of the town and individuals.

Though this can be a drawback to living in a small town, the lack of kindness, traffic and emergency sirens found in a city, especially the latter in Peoria, are not missed in my hometown.

Living in a city means missing out on the chance to go horseback riding on a busy road or spending time in a barn petting sheep, goats and feeding a baby calf. It's fun driving to a friend's house and being greeted by pigs, cows and even a llama, instead of a dog in the front yard.

No matter how much I enjoy the busy life and the opportunities the city has to offer, it will never replace the peacefulness of my hometown in the fall.

The beauty of the vibrant red, orange and yellow leaves crunching under foot, the hayrack rides with thermoses of warm apple cider and the laughs when someone trips and falls in a corn maze may seem like Hicksville, but they are pieces of my home that can never be replaced by the city's industrialization and hustle and bustle of which I hope to be a part.

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Segregating fat people not a funny joke

I could go for a Whopper right now.

I just might get into my car, order my burger as saliva is dripping down my mouth, revel in its deliciousness and thank God I'm an American.

The same Whopper-for-all right may soon be ripped out of pudgy Mississippian fingers.

Proposed Mississippi legislation would prohibit restaurants from serving obese customers, according to a recent USA Today article.

One of the bill's founders, State Rep. John Read, told USA Today he wasn't trying to be offensive and didn't think the bill would be taken seriously. Instead, he was trying to illustrate that obesity is problem.

Obesity is a problem.

Duh.

But letting some people into a restaurant and not letting others is wrong. That's segregation.

I have to open my history books to find out what that word means. Are we taking a step back in equal rights?

Civil rights aside, this proposal is extremely disrespectful. No matter why people look the way they do, they shouldn't be shamed by anyone.

This is especially true when it's purely based off looks (unless restaurants would be equipped with scales). This is a new low, no matter if Read was serious about the bill or not.

How can you tell if someone eats healthy just by the way they look?

We assume that overweight people look overweight because they don't eat healthy.

However, assuming the opposite – that all skinny people eat healthy – is false.

It's not fair to judge someone's eating habits by the way they look. I know some Popsicle-stick chicks who eat a pizza as a snack.

Read and his friends must have had a major brain fart when they constructed this bill. Maybe they had too much greasy food that day.

Instead of not allowing people to eat somewhere because they don't "look" healthy, he should have come up with ways to reduce obesity.

For instance, let's think of why underprivileged people tend to be overweight. It's not because they can't stop eating.

Many times, it's because they can only afford cheap foods, which are consequently high in fat and low in nutritional value.

Why doesn't Read concentrate on discovering cheaper ways to eat healthy and create some decent legislation based on those findings?

I have enough faith in the majority of our politicians to assume this legislation won't get much more attention and will be a distant memory sometime soon.

However, this bill brings up a more substantial issue.

Sometimes the American government gets caught up in its citizens' business.

I understand the smoking ban because most people don't want to be lung cancer candidates if they don't smoke.

However, it's not the government's job to tell me I must wear a seatbelt because it's the safe thing to do.

I feel like a teenager upset that my mom keeps telling me to get off the phone because it's too late to be on it.

If you start to intervene in people's lives too much, one day they'll start to rebel, just like teenagers.

Don't push me off the edge, Uncle Sam.

I just may go on a joy ride with no seat belt while stuffing my face with a Whopper.

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Smoke Free Illinois? Not so much.

A lot of people are coughing this time of year.

It's cold season, and Peoria has been on a weather roller coaster. Normally, I'm the first one to get sick. Maybe I'm immune to vitamin C, if that's even possible. I drink orange juice like it's my job, so it always surprises me when I'm the first one hacking up a lung and clipping coupons for Mucinex.

But I'm even more surprised I haven't had to do any of that yet this winter season. My friends and family are all passing Kleenex boxes back and forth and rubbing Vick's on each other, and I'm wondering how I slipped by.

That's why, with my obviously beefed-up immune system, I was surprised I started coughing Saturday night while I was out with friends.

I felt completely fine walking into the dive bar, but after being there a few minutes, I was practically begging for an inhaler. Then I said to a friend, "That's weird. It smells like smoke in here."

She proceeded to point at several women sitting inches behind me, flaming cigarettes in hand. That's when I noticed the cloud of smoke engulfing my head.

A few months ago, this situation wouldn't have bothered me or my innocent lungs. But not being around smoke for more than a month, I couldn't stop myself from coughing – or giving the women an unfriendly stare. They weren't the only daredevils in attendance, though. This tiny karaoke bar was chock full of disobeying smokers.

Talking to friends who have ventured to other back-alley establishments, this seems to be the norm. The chain restaurants and bars seem to be smoke free, but the privately owned off-the-wall pubs aren't losing the ashtrays – or loyal customers – just because the governor said so.

In my naive bubble of reality, I somehow thought "Smoke Free Illinois" might somehow lead to, well, I don't know, smoke-free Illinois. Of course, creating a new law often means rousing some lawbreakers. No rule can go completely unbroken.

I understand and appreciate the fact that there are experimenters out there to test the laws at the risk of getting a ticket or maybe even some jail time, if they're feeling really felonious.

But what's going on with this law is different. It's not one or two absent-minded smokers unconsciously lighting up at the sound of a beer tap flowing. No, they're doing it deliberately.

While I wanted to turn around and blow smoke right back in the faces of the women who were ignoring the law, I had to stop myself. One, they wouldn't have cared – or might have even liked - if I had blown smoke in their faces. And two, it's not their fault.

We can't blame the smokers for this mess the state calls a law. And we can't blame police for not writing tickets, when lawmakers didn't designate anyone to enforce it. Peoria Police Chief Steve Settingsgaard announced this week that police will patrol Peoria and randomly visit establishments because of the large number of violation complaints.

It's reassuring to know I'm not the only one who has noticed the deliberate noncompliance. While I have to give Settingsgaard props for his plans, I doubt police have the time or energy to patrol for smokers. And without any direction from the brains who wrote the law, why should Peoria police have to waste their time if it's technically not even their job?

Given the debate surrounding the Smoke Free Illinois Act, you might have thought the state would be ready to back it up with guidelines, penalties and enforcement methods. You might have even thought the Illinois Department of Public Health, a clear proponent of smoke-free air, would have been there to assist in working out the kinks. Wishful thinking.

About five weeks after the statewide ban went into effect, there are no answers. The hotline to register complaints goes straight to a full voice mailbox, and meanwhile, the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules is sitting back, probably having a smoke. That group of 12 bipartisan legislators was supposed to fix the problems during a Jan. 9 meeting, but that clearly didn't happen. The next time it may be addressed is during next Thursday's meeting, and let's hope this time they don't ignore it.

While students have been mostly respectful of the law while on campus, we can't live inside the "Bradley bubble" all the time. We go to bars, restaurants and other public places where secondhand smoke affects us.

Unfortunately, Gov. Rod Blagojevich is on record as saying that JCAR is nothing more than an advisory body that his administration can ignore, if it so chooses. And it's not unlikely that will happen with this law.

But let's hope Blagojevich is wise enough this time around to listen to 12 people who are likely smarter than him, at least when they put their heads together.

Until then, we'll have to keep coughing.

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Workout center makes changes

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

The Heitz Hall work-out facility will post a dry erase board, so when there's a wait students will be able to get on machines in the order they arrive.

Students won't be able to specify which cardio machines they want to use. However, they can remain at the top of the list and have the next person go ahead of them if they wish to wait for their preferred machines.

"Students were frustrated because they would choose to walk over to the weights and then someone would go up to use the cardio machine before they could get there," said Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports Mike Keup.

The board and a policy for it will be posted this week.

Keup said he hesitated to put the board up.

"My experience at other places with sign-up sheets has not been positive," he said. "Sometimes it creates more conflict than it reduces."

However, when Senator Lisa Beltrame informed Keup how chaotic the room can become, he decided to give the board a chance.

The sign-up board won't allow people to sign up for certain times in advance. If students aren't present when their turns come, they'll be taken off the list.

The student workers will help facilitate the sign-up board and inform students of whose turn it is to get on machines, Keup said.

Employee of the Heitz work-out room Clayton Mason said he thinks the board is a good idea.

"There's still going to be people waiting," he said. "Sometimes there's 30 people in here at once, but it should help make things a little easier.

A scale is also going to be added to the fitness center because of requests brought to Student Senate.

Keup said he would have been happy to buy a scale a long time ago, but students don't inform him of their wants.

"It's a $50 purchase, it's not like it's a big deal," he said. "As quickly as we can get one purchased it will be put in there."

The stretch between Winter and Spring Breaks is usually the most popular time for the work-out facilities at Heitz and Haussler, Keup said.

"I'm glad to see fitness is important to people and they're choosing to do that on a daily routine," he said.

Heitz is almost always full, but later in the evening there is usually a shorter wait to use cardio machines, Mason said.

SMOKE

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The Smoke Free Illinois Act prohibits smoking in public places and places of employment. All of Bradley's buildings, including all student housing, were smoke free long before Jan. 1 of this year, but the new law also prevents smokers from hovering near doors while lighting up.

Baer said he doesn't expect the new law to be an issue on campus, but his officers are ready to deal with noncompliance if it arises.

If someone were smoking in violation of the law, he said an officer would first ask the smoker to comply.

"Hopefully that would be the end of it," he said.

If the smoker refuses to put out the cigarette or refuses to move 15 feet from an entrance or exit, the officer will order the smoker to obey the law. If the smoker refuses to take an officer's order, Baer said the officer will write the smoker a ticket for obstructing police because there is no existing ticket for a smoking violation.

However, Baer said his officers and other local police won't search for non-smokers, and the law will be driven by complaints.

SONOR and Student Senate have put signs and ashtrays 15 feet away from many major campus buildings so students and staff know where they can smoke.

SONOR President Amy Donnelly said the organization received grant money for its campaign.

"We wanted to let people know about Smoke Free Illinois," she said. "They know about bars and restaurants, but it's also at school. We wanted smokers to know they have to be 15 feet away."

There are visibly less signs on campus than there were when students first returned from Winter Break, but Donnelly said the signs were put up when the ground was frozen, and recent strong winds have blown many over.

She said she doesn't think students are purposely knocking them over or removing them.

"I think they've responded pretty well," she said. "It's a college campus, so you always have conflicting viewpoints, but people have been noticing and complimenting the signs."

But not everyone is supportive of the smoking ban.

Students smoke between Heitz and Geisert halls.
photo by Megan Loos

The Smoke Free Illinois Act

Guidelines:
- Smokers can't smoke inside public places or places of employment, including campus buildings, student dorms, restaurants and bars.
- Smoking is prohibited within 15 feet of entrances, exits, windows that open and ventilation intakes of designated smoke-free buildings.
- "No smoking" signs must be posted in any place where smoking is prohibited.
- Ashtrays must be removed from smoke-free areas.

Penalties and fines:
- Any person, business owner, association or other entity violating the law may be fined.
- A person who smokes in a prohibited area may be fined $100 to $250.
- Call (866) 973-4646 or log on to www.smoke-free.illinois.gov to file a complaint.

Sophomore international studies and public relations major Anna Lindquist said she is a daily smoker, and she smokes even more at parties and bars.

"I think the smoking ban is way too broad," she said. "Outside, I find it amusing that people have put up so many banners and signs stating that we must stand 15 feet away, while next to the door, there is still pollution and other chemicals in the air. Smoke is just one of them."

Freshman English major Alex Oberlin said he smokes regularly and hasn't gone out to eat as much since the ban went into effect.

"Half the point of going there was so that you could sit down, eat a meal and smoke a cigarette," he said. "This ban is invading the rights of owners who should be able to choose for themselves whether or not to allow smoking."

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Police Reports

On Feb. 3, a victim contacted Peoria Police to report a sexual assault. The victim stated that at about 12:30 a.m. Feb. 11 she was walking alone in the snow between Robbie's Service Center and MacMillan Hall. The victim stated she passed a male wearing a dark coat and ski mask. She said she didn't look at the man and no words were exchanged. After passing the man, the victim said she was grabbed from behind. She said the man had a box cutter and she saw his hand, which told her he was a white male. The victim said the man's voice sounded like he was between 30 and 50 years old. The man told the victim he wouldn't harm her if she complied and didn't speak. He told her to remove her pants, the victim complied, and the suspect had vaginal intercourse with her. It is unknown how the victim got away. University Police are working with Peoria Police and conducted a search of the area on Feb. 3. University Police found a pair of male boxer shorts in the area, but it is unknown if the boxer shorts are related to the case.

All information taken from university police reports.

WEATHER

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we loved playing in the snow. When we were in high school, we were just too cool to play in the snow. But now that we are in college, it's just fun to go outside and make fools of ourselves like when we were children."

Campus remained mellow for the majority of the morning.

Although offices were closed, students giving tours of campus to prospective students were called in to fulfill their duties.

Sophomore special and secondary education major Clay Theisinger said campus seemed to be empty.

"I was doing campus tours without actually going into any of the buildings," Theisinger said. "This place was dead and a half. I think I saw a total of four people while doing the tours. There was not much going on at all."

Later in the day, Baker Quad started to heat up. Students gathered at about 1 p.m. for a chilly game of Ultimate Frisbee.

Junior health science major Lisa Paluszkiewicz, member of the Ultimate Frisbee team, said she and about 10 friends played on the quad.

"It's an incredible amount of fun because the snow becomes a great equalizer, adds a whole new level of difficulty, but also a lot more fun because it's easier to [dive] for the disk," she said.

About 5 p.m. Friday, an all-out snowball fight broke out on the quad, wrapping up most of the campus' snow day activities.

Last year was the first time in several decades that Bradley canceled classes.

FOOD

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political science major Emily Schilmeister said she thinks the November survey was a great idea.

"I know this a persistent issue on our campus," she said. "The trial will allow students to show they are interested in proactively seeking a change."

Junior public relations major Rachel Kukana Strack said she was also pleased the organizations took initiative to start making change to the food services.

"If [these organizations] can get a better idea of when and what people eat more, people will actually eat in the food courts rather than go off campus or be forced to eat at Cafe Bradley or Center Court, which are not as healthy," she said.

Hammock said many students were unhappy going out to eat on the weekends and wanted more options on campus.

"Not everyone can afford eating outside the cafeterias and don't have a means of getting there," she said. "If the event goes well it will be put into the normal dining schedule. If students don't respond well it won't be put into effect and there will not be change. That's why we encourage everyone to attend."

Hammer also encouraged students to attend the dinner.

"The dinner's success will indicate whether this will continue," she said. "There aren't anymore weekend dinners scheduled but it might be a permanent meal for next year if it's successful."

Junior elementary education major Hillary Taxman said if the weekend meals are successful, students traveling on weekends wouldn't have to stress about dinner after trips away from campus.

"If the students are coming home from the bus, or don't want to spend more money trying to get somewhere off campus, then it allows them somewhere on campus to eat," she said.

Taxman said she was willing to give the weekend meal a try, saving money and her time.

"The food is already made for me and I wouldn't have to waste gas money to go to a restaurant and then the money to pay for the meal," she said. "As well, with making my own food, the weekend meals would limit my trips to the grocery store."

Strack also said she would take advantage of Sunday's meal.

"Especially now when it is so cold out," she said. "I'd rather just walk [on campus] for dinner then all the way to Campustown."

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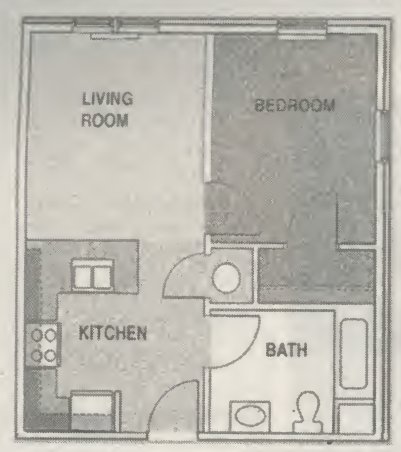

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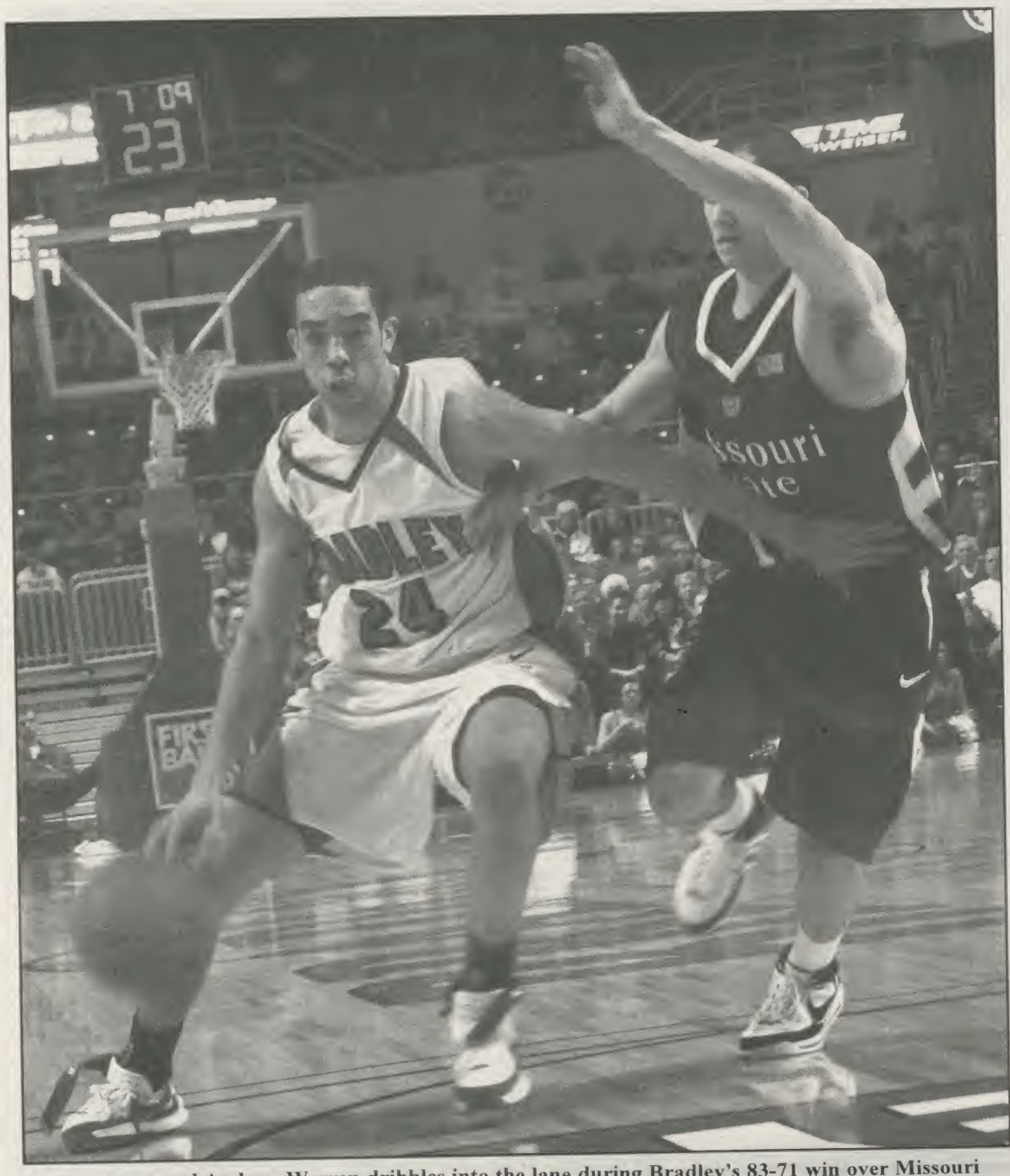

Sophomore guard Andrew Warren dribbles into the lane during Bradley's 83-71 win over Missouri Valley Conference rival Missouri State. Warren had a solid all-around game for the Braves, finishing with 19 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals. *photo by Sam Lemanski*

Senior point guard Daniel Ruffin drives past a Missouri State defender during Wednesday night's game at Carver Arena. Ruffin finished the game with a career-high 25 points while dishing out seven assists. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

BASKETBALL

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it around: He wasn't doing too well last time I checked on him."

Les said he was also feeling under the weather, but said it's better for him to be sick than the players.

"I'll take all the germs for now," he said. "I want them to be healthy. It's more important that they are."

Bradley 72, Evansville 59

The Braves turned another solid performance by Ruffin into a 72-59 win on Saturday night when they traveled to Evansville to take on the Purple Aces (6-15, 1-10 MVC).

Ruffin picked up team-highs of 19 points, six assists and six rebounds to lead Bradley to an easy win over the last-place Aces. He shot 6-for-11 from the floor, including 5-for-6 from behind the 3-point line.

After getting off to a slow start offensively for the first 12 minutes of the game, the Braves found themselves trailing 14-10.

Evansville wouldn't lead for long though, as the Bradley exploded with a 25-5 run to end the half and head into the locker room with a comfortable 35-19 lead.

The Braves continued their offensive onslaught in the second half, pouring in 37 points on 11-for-20 shooting, including five 3-pointers.

The Purple Aces did their best to climb back into the game, improving to shoot 57 percent from the floor after only hitting 20 percent of their shots in the first half.

Their efforts proved to be too little too late however, as they weren't able to slow down the Braves' offense. Evansville was also hampered by poor free-throw shooting in the game, making just 12 of its 22 shots from the charity stripe.

Along with Ruffin, Warren also turned in a strong performance for Bradley, finishing with 13 points and five rebounds.

Freshman guard Sam Maniscalco also added 11 points and five assists.

The Braves look to continue their hot streak on Saturday night, when they hit the road to take on arch rival Illinois State in the second installment of the "War on 74."

SINGH

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full season, Singh said his previous injuries were still slowing him down.

"Last year everyone thought that I was healthy. I didn't have any injuries but I was still coming off of two knee surgeries and I was still way behind everyone else," he said. "I was still trying to get back into shape and get my feel back. I really look at this as being my first real year of Div. I basketball."

This season, Singh has become a key contributor for the Braves. He's played in 22 games, starting three of them.

Though he rarely puts up eye-popping statistics, Singh said he's OK with that.

"I'm not looking to go out there and score 20 points and get 20 rebounds, although I wouldn't be too opposed if that happened," he said. "But I know what my role is and I just want to fill that role."

Singh has seen his production increase as of late.

He's averaging more than four points and three rebounds per game while playing about 12 minutes per game since the start of Missouri Valley Conference play.

Coach Jim Les said he isn't surprised Singh is playing well.

"Now we're starting to finally see, because he's been absent of injury, the player we really *liked when we recruited him*," he said. "He's got tremendous skill, he's a good passer and he can score around the basket."

Now that he's healthy and back on the court, Singh said he hopes to put the injuries behind him, continue to improve and help the Braves win.

"I just look for the rest of this season and next season to fill my role, play hard every night and kind of guide our new young talent into what they need to do to help this team and be successful in the upcoming years," he said.

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Nowak places first in 1,000-meter run

BY LUKE MROZINKSKI
for the Scout

Junior Katie Nowak blew past the competition to seal a first-place finish in the 1,000-meter run for the track and field team at the Northern Iowa Invitational last weekend.

Her time of 2 minutes, 55 seconds was 10 seconds better than that of second place finisher Lauren Verzal of Saint Louis.

A record time for Nowak barely missed Bradley's school record of the 1,000-meter run set by Deb Knieja in 1995 by .11 seconds.

Katie Nowak

Nowak's individual victory was the first for a Bradley runner this season.

Nowak's polished running was contagious as two other Bradley runners finished in the top four for the 1,000-meter run.

Sophomore Rachel Brubaker placed third with a time of 3:06, and freshman Leann Murphy finished just behind her in fourth place.

Other Braves competitors set personal bests in the field competitions.

Senior hurler Kim Martin threw a career long 13.05 meters for the second consecutive week. She placed seventh in the shot put.

Sophomore teammate Anne *Bucalo placed 19th*, throwing the shot 11.32 meters.

Bradley also placed in the long jump.

Sophomore Erika Sepich stepped up and leaped five meters into the sand, putting her in 11th place.

Junior Trish Martens matched that 11th place finish in the triple long jump competition with a 10.36 meter jump.

In the short distance events at the UNI Invitational, Sepich led Bradley in the 60-meter dash, clocking in with a time of 8.32 seconds and a 19th place preliminary finish.

She would later place 40th in the 200-meter preliminaries for Bradley in 28.57 seconds.

Freshman Nadia LaBostrie followed closely behind in 44th place with a time of 29.34 seconds.

LaBostrie also saw some action in the 400-meter run coming in 24th place for the Braves at 1:05.

The only Bradley runner to participate in the 60-meter hurdles was junior Amanda Harmes who placed 20th in the preliminaries with a time of 10.19 seconds.

Junior long distance runner Shelby Lile made the most of her 3,000-meter race with her second consecutive 20th-place finish and a time of 11:01 for 18th place.

Bradley competes at Iowa State Feb. 15 for the second time this season.

Sophomore thrower Cat Schamberger said Bradley is usually the underdog at these meets.

"We're definitely one of the smaller teams," she said.

Although the team has a few meets left for the indoor season, the real test will come when the Braves compete at the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championship.

"Everyone's goal is to perform their best at the peak or highest level of competition, the conference meet," Schamberger said.

Braves struggle at Northwestern

BY DRU TATE
of The Scout

The spring season opener for the men's tennis team wasn't an ideal start for new Jacek Wolicki.

The team was no match on the road for Northwestern last weekend.

The final score read 7-0 in favor of the 66th ranked Wildcats as they notched their fifth win of the season.

Freshman Milos Romic, who led the Braves with seven victories during the fall, played the No. 1 singles match and was defeated in straight sets 6-1, 6-3 by Marc Dwyer.

Junior Evgeny Samoylov played the second singles match and was defeated in straight sets 6-2, 6-1 by Alexander Thams.

Freshman Vuk Bolic lost the third singles match to Alex Sanborn 6-0, 6-1.

Then junior Michel Macara-chvili dropped the fourth singles match to Peter Pispoli 6-2, 6-2.

The No. 5 and No. 6 matches were the most contested. Freshman Wilder Sampson lost 6-4, 6-2 to Juan Gomez and sophomore Richard Robertson lost 7-5, and 6-2 to David Seyferth.

The Braves were also swept in doubles matches.

The No. 1 pairs match consisted of Samoylov and Romic. They were defeated 8-2 to Dwyer and Sanborn.

The second pair was Robertson and Macara-chvili against Rispoli and Thams. The duo put up a fight but lost 8-6.

The third and final match consisted of Sampson and Bolic, who lost 8-2 to Gomez and Seyferth.

Wolicki and the rest of the men's tennis team couldn't be reached for comment on the game.

Up next for the team is a home match against DePaul scheduled for today at the Clubs at River City. DePaul also faced a tough opponent last weekend and fell 5-2 to Kentucky. The Blue Demons are 2-3 on the season.

The Braves will have their second home match on Saturday against Northern Illinois. NIU is 1-2 on the season and are riding a two game losing streak. The Huskies feature a veteran team of three seniors, four juniors and no freshmen.

Women's tennis swept by IPFW

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's tennis team squared off against IPFW to open its indoor season on Sunday and was on the losing end of a 6-1 decision.

The Braves kept most of the matches close, but weren't able to finish out the matches and collect points.

"The strengths of the team are their willingness to improve, and get better each day as a team," coach Scott Petersen said. "We have worked hard everyday at practice to be as prepared as possible for the matches that are upcoming."

Bradley's lone point came from freshman Nicole Miller, who took down her opponent in straight sets to win No. 6 singles and put the Braves on the board. She won the match 6-2, 6-1.

Most of the singles matches came down to the wire, with five of the six going to three sets.

At No. 1 singles sophomore Emily Regenold dropped the first set 6-3 before rebounding in the second set and winning 6-2. The third set didn't go Bradley's way and Regenold fell 7-5.

In No. 2 singles sophomore Jessica Buterbaugh fell in three sets. After losing in her first set, she came back to capture the second, but couldn't pull through in the end and lost the match 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

Sophomore Kelly Donohue, in No. 3 singles, started off strong winning her first set 6-1, but lost the next two 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Freshman Erin Krubeck took her match to three sets in No. 4 singles, but lost the match 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

No. 5 singles competitor junior Kim Braun lost in straight sets 6-2, 6-1.

In doubles play the Braves picked up one win in three matches.

The No. 2 doubles pair of Regenold and Miller picked up the Braves lone doubles victory when they won their match 8-5.

The No. 1 doubles team of Donohue and Buterbaugh fell 8-3, and the No. 3 team of Krubeck and Braun battles to a tiebreaker but eventually lost 9-8 (4).

Petersen said the team needs to work on understanding what to do in certain situations.

"Some of the things that we have been focusing on is controlling the points and understanding the situation that we are in and how to deal with them," he said. "Everyone on the team can hit the shots, but there is more to it than that. We have to make sure that we can execute the shots in the big moments in a match, and play fearless tennis."

Bradley's scheduled match against Northern Illinois on Thursday was canceled because of snow.

The Braves will return to action on Saturday when they travel to Valparaiso.

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Women's basketball splits pair of home games

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's basketball team had a rollercoaster week in which it collected a win and a loss, both in blowout fashion.

On Jan. 31 Evansville (13-7, 7-2 MVC) came to town and wiped the Braves (8-12, 2-7 MVC) away with a 71-50 victory. Two days later the Braves welcomed Southern Illinois (7-12, 3-6 MVC) and took them down 76-59.

Coach Paula Buscher said no one was happy with the team's performance in the Evansville game.

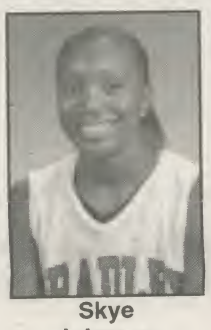
Paula Buscher

"We didn't feel like we played up to our expectations, let alone anybody else's expectations," she said. "The effort we had on Saturday is how we need to play. We all enjoy playing that way a lot more, and I know people enjoy watching them play that way a lot more."

Bradley used a strong shooting performance and a big second half run to beat the defending Missouri Valley Conference champions on Saturday.

The Braves started the game knocking down eight of their first 11 shots, but SIU was able to keep pace and tied the game at 16-16.

The Salukis held a 32-26 lead late in the first half before Bradley went on a 10-0 run to go up by four.


Skye Johnson

SIU then answered back with two consecutive baskets to tie the game at 36-36 going into the half.

The second half belonged to the Braves. They gave up only eight field goals in the half, giving up just 23 points.

The teams battled back and forth to start the half, and the score was tied 42-42 before Bradley took over the game.

The Braves didn't allow another Southern Illinois field goal for the next 11 minutes and went on a 23-1 run which helped them put the game away.

The Salukis were 0-for-18 shooting during the run, which allowed the Braves to go up 65-43.

SIU hit some shots after the run ended, but the damage had already been done, and Bradley won the game 76-59.

The Braves dominated underneath the basket. They pulled down 42 rebounds compared to Southern's 24, and outscored them in the paint 54-18.

Junior Skye Johnson had yet another strong offensive performance, matching her career-high with 20 points and recording a new career-high six assists.

Freshman Sonya Harris had her first career double-double, putting up 17 points and coming down with 12 rebounds. She shot 9-for-10 from the field and blocked five shots.

Things were different when Evansville made the trip to Peoria.

The Braves' 32.7 shooting percentage and 23 turnovers didn't help as the Purple Aces dominated the game and won 71-50.

Bradley fell behind early, going through a 9-minute scoring drought.

The Braves were then able to go on a 14-5 run to pull them within four points. They went to the locker rooms at the half losing 29-25.

The Braves scored the first basket of the second half to pull within two before Evansville scored the next 14 points.

The Purple Aces were up by as much as 28 points and they eventually won the game 71-50.

The team is nearing the end of the season, and Buscher said she thinks the team can play better the second time around in the conference.

"We're not real pleased with how we finished the first round of the conference, but yet, four of those losses were by five points or less and we really feel like we can make a big difference in the second round," she said. "We just need to keep playing with the same level of intensity. I really feel like this team is headed in the right direction and we just need to keep it going."

The team is getting healthy as seniors Devyn Flanagan and Rachel Merriman are both back to 100 percent.

They are still playing without junior Monica Rogers and junior Aseer Itiavkase who recently had surgery to repair a torn meniscus.

The team was scheduled to take on Indiana State on Thursday at Robertson Memorial Field House. Results were not available at press time.

The Braves return to action on Sunday when they travel to Normal to take on Illinois State.

Freshman Sonya Harris attempts a shot against Southern Illinois on Saturday afternoon at Robertson Memorial Field House. *photo by Megan Loos*

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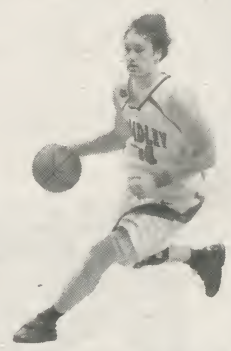

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Today's sports stars lack loyalty

BY DRU TATE

Lou Gehrig spent all 18 of his seasons as a New York Yankee, while Alex Rodriguez's longest tenure to date has been seven years with the Seattle Mariners.

Loyalty is a forgotten word in today's modern era of sports.

Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight just quit on his team with more than 12 games to go in the season. He preached on never giving up, yet gave up himself.

Knight is just the latest to quit or leave his current team. Wide receiver Chad Johnson declared he wanted to be traded from the Cincinnati Bengals, and Bobby Petrino quit his coaching job with the Atlanta Falcons with three games left in the season.

This onslaught of quitting isn't just at the professional level either. A player or coach quitting on his team occurs all the time at the collegiate level.

Many might remember a certain basketball player named Patrick O'Bryant. O'Bryant averages 1.6 points per game for the Golden State Warriors.

I'm not saying he's a horrible player, but in his two seasons he has played in less games than the Boston *Celtics have won* this season.

Players leave their college teams all the time – sometimes it works out for them, like Carmelo Anthony, other times it ends up like O'Bryant or Kareem Rush.

You have no idea who Rush is do you?

My point exactly.

What the players don't consider is how it will affect the team that made them who they are. The year after Anthony left Syracuse, the team didn't make the NCAA tournament after winning the championship with him.

The Braves made the Sweet 16 with O'Bryant, and without him they also failed to make the NCAA tournament the following year.

The mind-boggling issue with the players leaving college early is what are they going to do after their careers are over? If they don't have a successful career, they don't have an education to fall back on.

Even if they do have a long career, what are they going to do to occupy their time after they retire? Not all of them can go on ESPN and break down a zone defense.

When players leave teams early ,it's often because someone is offering them more money, or if they are a college player, any money at all.

The average major league baseball player makes over $2.5 million a year. When these players reach free agency they look for the most money, not loyalty.

I forgot making over $2.5 million a year is not enough to stay in a city where the fans already love you.

Then they all say they want to sign long-term contracts and be with the same teams until their careers ends. Yet every year you hear about people opting out of contracts.

I smell hypocrisy.

The sport that is making a slow comeback, hockey, is heading in the right direction. The teams aren't waiting until free agency to sign players, they are resigning their stars and even fourth liners to eight-year deals, and in Alexander Ovechkin's case, 13 years.

The NFL has no excuse as to why it can't do the same.

The Patriots, even with their Super Bowl loss, are considered the dynasty of 2000s, but they are not a franchise.

A franchise is a team that stays intact throughout the years. Tom Brady, Tedy Bruschi and Kevin Faulk are practically the only players left from the Super Bowl XXXVI championship team. That's three people out of a 54-man roster.

Even worse, the Patriots this year didn't return any of their starting wide receivers from the previous year. As of right now, the only one locked in for next year is Wes Welker.

The days of saying a team name and thinking of more than one player over the years is all but gone. I can't even tell you any other Los Angeles Laker than Kobe Bryant, who has been on the team for more than two years and even he is constantly demanding to be traded.

Players simply just don't care anymore about the team logo on the front of their jerseys. It's about making a big salary and trying to get an endorsement with Nike.

There are the rare exceptions in today's sports where you see a superstar stick with one team.

Craig Biggio just retired and spent all 20 years as a professional baseball player as a Houston Astro. Mario Lemieux spent 17 seasons as a Pittsburgh Penguin, Dirk Nowitzki has spent his first 10 years as a Dallas Maverick and will probably finish his career there.

And who can forget Brett Favre, Mr. Green Bay Packer. He was with the Atlanta Falcons briefly but that doesn't count – he was there one year and was a back-up.

Many of today's players will go down as some of the greats of all time, but when they retire, do the three or four teams they played for get to retire their numbers or do they have to split pieces of a commemorative statue?

Maybe I'm just bitter because I was a loyal player to my team as a kid growing up and it never got me anywhere. Yet, the players I know who jumped ships and got their college scholarships are either in jail or can't play anymore because of injuries.

Justice is served.

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One-on-One

Was Bobby Knight wrong to retire midseason?

Yes

Texas Tech men's basketball coach Bobby Knight's decision to retire midseason is completely inexcusable.

Knight may be one of the greatest college coaches of all time, but no number of wins, not even 902, gives him the right to walk out on his team in the middle of the season.

Knight has spent the past 42 years preaching discipline, teamwork and never giving up to his players, yet with his team not living up to his standards, he quits. Talk about sending mixed signals.

Following his resignation on Monday, Knight told ESPN he was "kind of tired," and that he had been contemplating this move since the beginning of the season.

If that's the case, why didn't he just retire at the beginning of the year?

Knight has long been known for doing things his own way, and this is certainly going out on his own terms, but they're the wrong terms.

Knight should have stayed with the Red Raiders for the remainder of the season. That's the right thing to do – not walking away because you're a little tired.

This is truly a sad way to end an otherwise brilliant coaching career.

- Adam Mettrick

No

Bobby Knight made the right choice walking away from the team at this point in the season.

He has nothing left to prove after recently winning the 902nd game of his career, extending the record of the winningest coach in NCAA Div. I basketball history.

Knight's son, Pat, will immediately take over as the team's coach. Knight said he made the decision in order to give his son a chance to get some experience under his belt.

The Red Raiders have a lot of players returning next season and should have a solid team. They should be able to compete with the best teams in the country.

Pat has been groomed for the job for three years now. It's not as if he's just some assistant coach taking over in the middle of the season.

The team knows Pat, and Pat knows the team.

It should be a good fit for the future of the Texas Tech basketball program.

Knight is a great coach who has earned the right to leave the game under his own terms.

His decision to retire now was the right one. It will benefit both his son and the school in the long run.

- Alex Mayster

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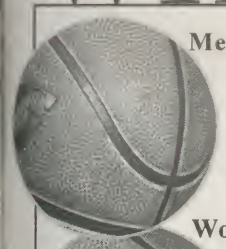

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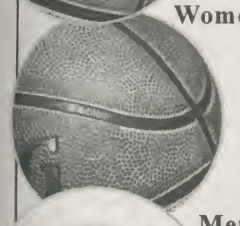

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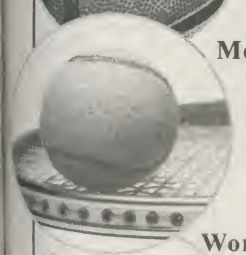

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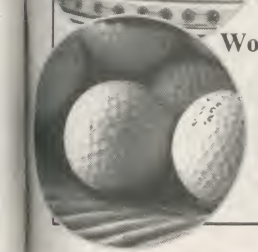

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Sport SHORTS

Michael Vick to keep signing bonus

Michael Vick was awarded $16 million from his signing bonus on Monday after the NFL Players' Association stepped in to defend his rights as a player.

The NFL originally ordered him to forfeit the money after he was convicted on federal dog fighting charges.

A U.S. district judge ruled teams can't recover money made by a player while on the roster.

The league has suspended Vick indefinitely without pay.

Vick is serving his 23-month sentence for running an underground dog-fighting operation.

Shaq traded to Suns

Shaquille O'Neal was traded from the Miami Heat to the Phoenix Suns for Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks.

Shaq had to pass a physical, including an MRI on his injured left hip, but the tests came back fine and the trade was finalized Wednesday night.

The Heat's record is 9-37 and it's the worst team in the NBA – so a trade to rebuild was necessary.

O'Neal is expected to improve the defense and rebound situation where Amare Stoudemire is lacking.

O'Neal has won four championships, three of them with the Los Angeles Lakers and one with the Heat.

This is O'Neal's fourth team since starting his career in 1992.

Braves beat Bears for sixth straight win

Junior forward Theron Wilson dunks the ball during Wednesday night's game against Missouri State. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Bradley builds big lead, holds on for 83-71 win over MVC rival Missouri State on Wednesday night

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Daniel Ruffin scored a career-high 25 points, and three other Braves finished in double figures on Wednesday night as Bradley picked up an 83-71 win over Missouri State.

The win was the Braves' sixth straight and seventh in their last eight games.

Bradley jumped out to a quick start, using an 8-0 run to open the game.

The Braves' defense held the Bears in check throughout the first half, holding them without a field goal until the 15:23 mark.

Missouri State attempted to claw its way back into the game, but another Bradley run at the end of the period gave the Braves a 36-19 lead at the break.

Bradley came out firing again in the second half, starting the period on a 12-0 run to build a game-high 29-point lead.

Daniel Ruffin

Missouri State countered with a 19-3 run of its own, holding Bradley scoreless for 4 minutes. The run wasn't enough though, as the Braves managed to hold off the charging Bears and hang on for the victory.

Ruffin said the Braves had trouble finding their offensive rhythm in the second half, leading to the long scoring drought.

"It was a little difficult because there were a lot of calls being made," he said. "Sometimes it's hard to get into a rhythm, but you've to be able to come out, concentrate and play through that."

Coach Jim Les said he thought his players started scoreboard watching after building a big lead. He said the lapse in concentration likely contributed to the Missouri State run.

"It's human nature," he said. "I thought we got a little too cute and casual offensively, which led to some fast break baskets and some threes, and all of a sudden [Missouri State] had a little rhythm going."

Junior forward Theron Wilson turned in a double-double for the Braves, scoring 13 points while pulling in a career-high 13 rebounds.

Wilson said he and the other Bradley big men have been concentrating on their rebounding as of late.

"We know we have to go in there and rebound day in and day out," he said. "[The coaches] are pounding that in into our heads in practice every day."

Sophomore Andrew Warren and senior Jeremy Crouch also scored in double figures for Bradley, dropping in 19 and 16 points, respectively.

Les said he liked what he saw from his team, especially on the defensive end.

"We held them to 19 points and turned them over 16 times in the first half and that created a nice little halftime lead," he said. "Overall, in particular defensively, I was pretty pleased with the effort."

Junior forward Rashad Austin played 6 minutes in the first half, but didn't return to the game in the second period. Les said Austin wasn't feeling well.

"Rashad didn't return because he's fighting the bug," he said. "Hopefully we're not passing

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Bradley draws Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Bracketbuster

The men's basketball team will take on Wisconsin-Milwaukee this year as part of the sixth annual annual O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBusters event. The Braves will host the Panthers on Feb. 23 at Carver Arena. The game will be part of the 14-game television package, but the game time and network won't be announced until some time next week. Wisconsin-Milwaukee will be the fifth Horizon League member Bradley has faced this season.

Singh finally playing after injury plagued start to career

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

When Sam Singh walks into a room, people notice.

At 6-foot-9 and 256 pounds, Singh is an imposing physical presence in any room.

Yet, with a personality big enough to match his size, he'd likely find a way to get noticed even if he wasn't often the largest man in the room.

Singh, a junior center on the men's basketball team, has become a fan favorite for his outgoing, friendly demeanor as well as his contributions on the court this season.

But while he's all smiles now, things haven't always been so pleasant for Singh during his time at Bradley.

After a successful high school career in which he averaged 20.7 points and 9.7 rebounds per game as a senior, Singh came to the Hilltop with high hopes, but injuries soon got in the way.

Singh played in just five games as a true freshman during the 2004-05 season before undergoing surgery for a shoulder injury and taking a medical redshirt.

Sam Singh

He then suffered another season-ending injury the following year. This time it was his knee, just seven games into the season.

The injuries didn't stop there either, as Singh underwent a second knee surgery in the spring of 2006.

Singh said the injuries were difficult to deal with.

"It was excruciating," he said. "I hate sitting out and not being able to go through the battles that my team is out there going through. But at the same time, it gave me a chance to see the game and understand the game a little more."

Following the third surgery, Singh was finally able to resume his playing career. He appeared in 24 games last season, but played sparingly, averaging only 5.1 minutes per game.

Though he was finally able to play a

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DRAKE	12-0	21-1
ILLINOIS STATE	8-4	16-7
CREIGHTON	7-5	16-16
BRADLEY	7-5	14-10
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	7--5	12-11
NORTHERN IOWA	6-6	14-9
INDIANA STATE	5-7	10-12
MISSOURI STATE	4-8	11-13
WICHITA STATE	2-10	9-14
EVANSVILLE	2-10	7-15

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ILLINOIS STATE	8-1	18-2
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CREIGHTON	6-3	13-7
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INDIANA STATE	4-5	10-9
MISSOURI STATE	4-5	6-14
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	3-6	7-12
NORTHERN IOWA	3-6	7-13
BRADLEY	2-7	8-12
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On the Record

"Trying to beat traffic I guess."

— Eli Manning on why New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick left the field with one second remaining in the Super Bowl.

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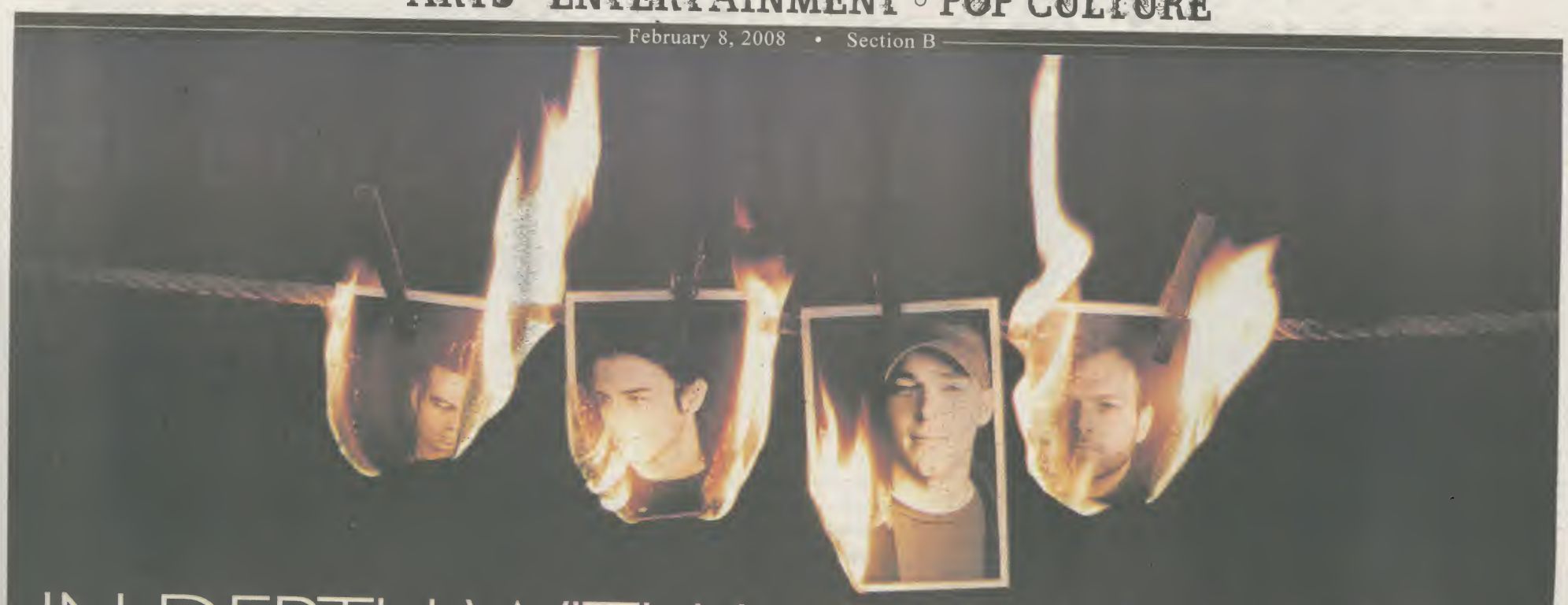


IN DEPTH WITH NORTHERNROOM

Interview by Kristen Tammen

Jack's Mannequin is coming to *Bradley this* Sunday, and this time, it's for real.

They're bringing a couple friends in tow, namely the Milwaukee band Northern Room.

Not familiar?

Voice sat down with NR's singer/guitarist/keyboardist Andrew Jonathan to talk about the band's past, present and future, so take a seat and get up to speed on this melodic four-piece pop outfit.

Voice: How did you guys meet?

Andrew Jonathan: Tony and I were in a band for three years previously to Northern Room forming. Nine months after our first band broke up, [guitarist] Tony [Olla] called me late one night during the summer of 2004 to catch up. We talked about life, family and music for a few hours. It finally came out that he wanted to leave the country for Spain but couldn't lay down the idea of playing music together just yet. It was the phone call I had been waiting for, as I didn't know if music would ever be a part of my life again.

We started writing and rehearsing with Mike [Morgan], who was a mutual college friend and known in the area for his insane drumming. The sparks that would eventually create Northern Room began.

Later, in the fall of 2004, when we knew we needed a bass player to round out the band we asked Tony's brother Micah to learn the instrument. He hadn't played bass until he joined the band.

V: How did you come up with your name?

AJ: During the summer of 2004, a friend of mine asked me to write lyrics and melodies to an electronic project he was involved in. "Northern room" was a lyric I came up with as a part of a chorus to one of the tunes.

I didn't like the song at all once I was finished, but the "northern room" lyric stuck out to me as having some sort of value as a band name.

During the fall of 2004 when we were searching for a moniker, I suggested the lost lyric for our name. It stuck immediately. It represents "an ambient place, somewhere other than here."

V: Who are your biggest musical influences?

AJ: We all have a vast record collection that spans from early Beatles records to Jeff Buckley to Wilco. Some of the bands that we have waited in those "midnight sales lines" for are Spiritualized, The Verve, Ryan Adams, U2, Joseph Arthur, Oasis, Bob Dylan and Radiohead. I can't leave out The Replacements or The Cure, either.

V: Do you play a lot of college campuses?

AJ: We have hit numerous campuses all the way from Southern Illinois to the Twin Cities. We play as many campuses as we can because we feel a strong connection with most students that end up at our shows.

They are usually low-key shows as well, which helps the "storytellers vibe" to flourish more than at a big rock show where the distance to the audience is greater.

V: What's your touring schedule like for the rest of this year?

AJ: It's a bit sporadic. Mainly longer weekends are being planned right now throughout the Midwest. There are talks of going out West later in the year but no plans have been made yet.

V: Any band starting out has to pay its dues in small clubs or odd-ball places like pizza parlors. Where is the weirdest place you've played?

AJ: I would have to say the weirdest place was in Merrill, Wis. A music festival called "Random Rockfest" was being put on by a married couple that owned their own record label. They were originally from Merrill but lived in California at the time. We were mysteriously contacted via e-mail to play what was being called "a guaranteed sell-out music fest that will be swarming with record label execs from across the country."

We were leery from the get-go. We were told over a thousand tickets had already been sold the day of the show and four thousand more people were expected to show up. It ended up that about six people showed up to see 15 different bands play at this all-day event that was being held at a small sports arena in the middle of nowhere.

The best part of it was the majority of the bands involved were all screamo and death metal acts.

Early on in my career when I was 19, in my first band, I will never forget playing a dive called "Quarters" in Milwaukee. The entire place was dimly lit and smelled like a stale urinal. The only people in attendance were the bartender, our drummer's mom and dad and a homeless guy. The homeless guy stood at the edge of the stage screaming the word "penis" to me for almost an hour. The bartender finally grabbed him by his beard and kicked him out the door. I think we made $4.00 that night.

V: Are you planning to go back into the studio anytime soon?

AR: Right now we are writing and developing a lot of new material for our next record. I don't foresee us returning to the studio for at least the next 12 months, though. There is always a possibility of returning earlier to knock out a four or five song EP, but I think we are all itching to release a full length record so we will probably wait.

V: What is your favorite concert you've ever been to?

AR: I saw U2 during its Elevation tour in 2000. I wept the entire time. It was the only concert that I had been to where I felt like one of the screaming girls in the crowd when the Beatles performed on the Ed Sullivan show in 1964.

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

Live music at Rhythm Kitchen featuring **Rob Williams and The Sogy Bottom Blues Band,** 8 to 11 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria, located at 305 Water Street.

Live at the Five Spot presents **"Chahrm,"** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is $6 for student members, $9 for student nonmembers.

SATURDAY

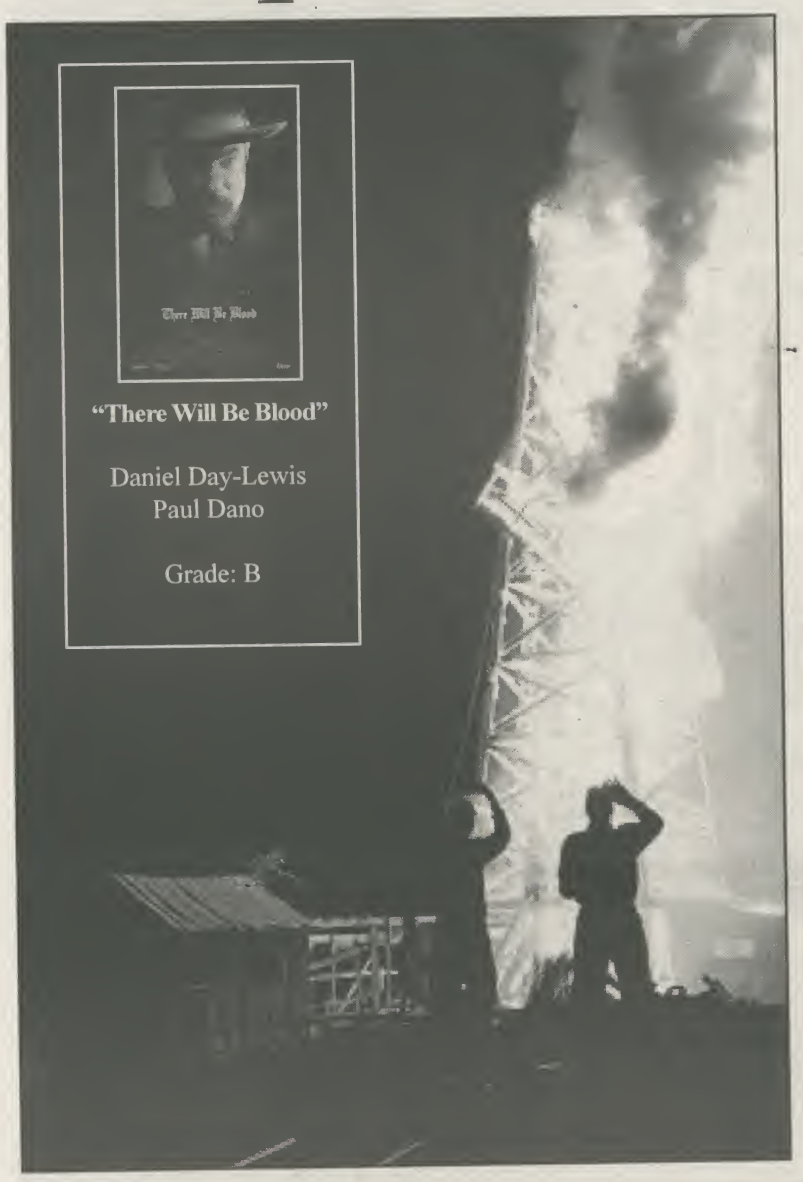
45th Annual Midwest Truck Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Peoria Civic Center. Tickets are $5 at the door.

Activites Council presents comedian **Kevin Bozeman,** 7 p.m. to midnight in the University Hall lounge.

SUNDAY

ACBU presents **Jack's Mannequin Concert** 6:30 p.m. to midnight in Roberton Memorial Field House.

Fine acting and eerie soundtrack combine for an inspired cinematic experience



BY JUSTINE HARRIS
for Voice

Named "Best Picture of 2007" by the National Society of Film Critics, "There Will Be Blood" is ambitious in the account of the early 1900's California oil rush.

Daniel Day-Lewis ("Gangs of New York") plays Daniel Plainview, an oil pioneer who strikes rich with his own built-from-the-ground-up corporation. He works up and down California, persuading inhabitants to sell their land to him for oil drilling.

Plainview's young son, H.W. , played by young Dillon Freasier, accompanies his father subserviently, while also providing proof of Plainview's self-proclaimed "family man" status.

After a few years of success in the business, Plainview meets Paul Sunday, played by Paul Dano ("Little Miss Sunshine," "Fast Food Nation"). Sunday approaches Plainview with information of oil seepage on the California farm grounds.

Shortly after their meeting, Plainview begins drilling in Sunday's town, even promising the residents a roadway system and schooling for their children.

Plainview meets a challenge in the unwilling eyes of the town's evangelical preacher, Eli Sunday, also played by Paul Dano. Eli is reluctant to follow in Plainview's promising sermon of the community's future wealth and success, and more interested in the people's religious well-being.

He is insistent on the construction of a new church, which Plainview agrees to build. The rest of the story revolves around the tension between Plainview and Sunday, fighting for oil and religion, respectively.

The movie's best asset is the startling acting ability of both Day-Lewis and Dano. Day-Lewis convinces the audience of Plainview's every purpose and his passionate inner self. His immense talent and flawless on-screen presence wins audiences over.

Dano is absolutely inspired in his portrayal of two separate characters with completely different facades. He brilliantly depicts the separation between Paul and Eli as somewhat of a "Jekyll and Hyde" situation. The result is a dramatic hidden dialogue adding substance to an otherwise unexciting plot.

While the storyline was somewhat dull until the end, the production aspects added a lot to the final product.

The music in this film is also interesting. The score is filled with tense, screechy violins and booming percussion. It adds to the strangeness and tension between all the characters.

The camera work is equally engaging. The filming's fluidity matches the eerie, peculiar feeling you get as the camera lurks across the vast desert.

This is definitely one to see on the big screen.

The film's acting and production of is what captures the crowd's attention.

Day-Lewis and Dano's performances are unblemished, and the camera work and musical score add the finishing touches to the film's general effect.

While the plot of "There Will Be Blood" is slow at times, on the whole, it's interesting and captivating.

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A field guide on the qualified

A completely, utterly unbiased look at the folks who want to run our country

BY MARK HEMMER
of Voice

Unlike any election before it, America is finally faced with a seemingly insurmountable query – too many good choices. Indeed, like a dessert cart, the ballots have already started to drive citizens wild by offering them more eye candy than informed voters can resist.

In an attempt to settle the issue and give the Scout's readership a clear picture of the candidates' strengths and weaknesses, Voice has assembled a 'field guide' because you can't vote for everyone.

It's the law.

New York Sen. Hillary Clinton makes up one half of America's favorite power couple. Clinton has always been a "middle of the road" type of woman.

According to www.hillaryclinton.com, "Hillary was raised in a middle-class family in the middle of America."

Her non-polarizing stances and her generally strong and independent demeanor are her trademarks.

In fact, when her husband Bill was in the middle of an affair, in the middle of his presidency, Hillary stood up for herself by not crying on TV.

But Clinton put the cyborg rumors to rest by crying during her own campaign.

Softness is the key to America's image under Clinton. It's moving to picture the rest of the United Nations delegates lending their respective shoulders to the blubbering face of America.

A vote for Clinton is a vote towards a sensitive and flimsy foreign image – and it's about time.

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama is a man of few words and a clear political ideology.

As Obama himself was quoted as saying, "We are the ones we have been waiting for."

This guy shoots straight.

Obama's foreign policy looks to put the effective U.N. back into action and pressing our enemies into doing what we want by sternly talking with them.

Once Obama has forced the world into a multi-cultural, hand-holding circle, he also plans on expanding paid sick days.

After swallowing the "Audacity of Hope," it's hard not to support Obama. After all, we've been waiting for us.

The handsomest man to stand at the lectern, John McCain is as hip as he is attractive.

His ability to connect to younger Americans is uncanny. Running amongst a slew of legitimate GOP candidates, it's a testament to McCain's marketability that he's emerged as the clear frontrunner after Super Tuesday.

As McCain continues to take pages from Bob Dole in the charisma and likeability department, his following could become too large to manage!

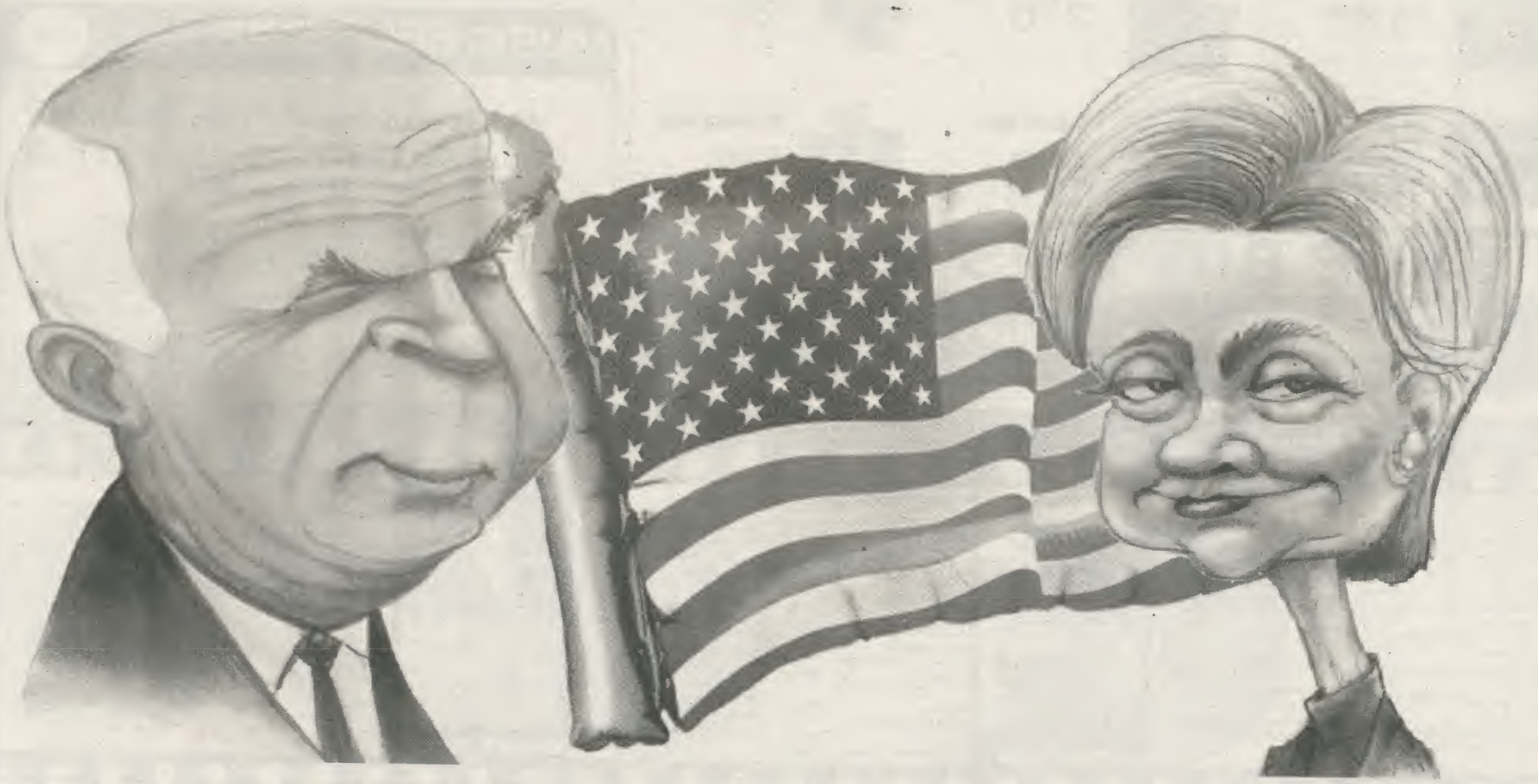
Voting for McCain will lead to firm, conservative social stances and a presidential mug fit for a T-shirt.

Clearly, the presidential race's three top candidates are all right answers. Whether folding like a lawn chair on an international stage is your thing, or maybe you enjoy making change for change's sake, you can't go wrong.

The best advice is to not read, think or know anything about the election at all. That way, when you register and vote, your random decision can be based on something important. Something like whose Facebook group has the most members or whom your friends are voting for.

Remember, being informed involves reading, and reading can't be played on X-Box.

Happy voting!



From N.Y. to BU

East Coast poet slams to an unfairly small crowd

BY MARK HEMMER
of Voice

The University Hall lounge's first official event since its opening played host to Gemineye, a "spoken word artist" from Orange, N.J.

Gemineye took his place on the dainty U-Hall stage and looked into a crowd of no more than 20. Having appeared on "Russell Simmons' Def Poetry" in front of a packed house and a TV audience, he noticed Bradley offered a more "intimate" crowd.

The performance was met with mixed reactions. Gemineye was almost unadvertised, a curious move considering the U-Hall lounge's debut and the performer's fame. The few students who decided to attend were generally in the dark about what to expect.

Besides the sparse posters in U-Hall featuring Gemineye's name in graffiti-like font, the audience seemed taken by surprise by his urban-inspired poetry.

"It was something I'd never seen before," sophomore secondary education, English and Spanish major Ben Koch said. "I wasn't sure how to react to his erotic poetry."

This "erotic poetry" is what Gemineye called his "love poem."

The vulgar and descriptive poem was met with a mix of cheers, grimaces and an overall vibe of surprise from the unassuming audience.

It was the one rigid moment of an otherwise smooth set.

Gemineye charmed the audience with witty chatter between poems. His poems represented a much different perspective about everything from gang life, to spoken word, than the majority of students are used to.

His "Penny for Your Thoughts" poem emphasized the intellectual attraction between significant others and stood out as a show highlight.

Unexpected but undeniably talented, Gemineye gave spectators something to talk about after the show. The only factor softening his impact was the small crowd.

Audience interaction is important in an emotion-based art like slam poetry. When you're met with crickets in between poems, it might deflate your energy.

"If I were him, I would've felt bad about myself for traveling from New York to perform for 11 people," Koch said.

The smaller audience could be contributed to a number of factors – the snow day, Friday night parties, etc. – but it's still discouraging to see how little students care about one of the main advantages to the renovation of the former cafeteria.

The most likely culprit is the nearly invisible promotion for Gemineye. Minus the posters, which were small and didn't particularly stand out, most students didn't get the news.

"If it was promoted online or through e-mail, the turnout would have been better," freshman advertising major Steph Marx said.

With stand-up comedian Kevin Bozeman taking the same stage Saturday night, one has to wonder if things will be different.

Niche artists and performers won't likely turn down the check they'll get from visiting U-Hall, but with an audience that could fit comfortably into a dorm room, the lounge's success, or lack thereof, should be called into question.

Gemineye is an enigmatic poet with an intense and engaging act. He could have had an impact on whoever saw him speak.

Unfortunately, if no one sees the shows or hears about it at all, the message won't work.

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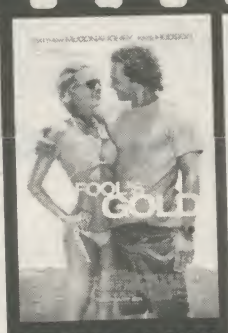

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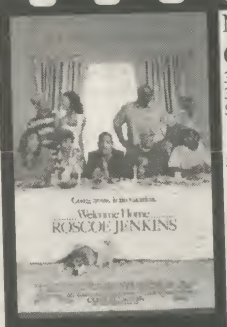

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AMERICA'S BEST ROCK BAND KEEPS ON TRUCKIN' WITH SAME OLD SOUND

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

Economically depressed small towns should get another chance.

Georgia's Drive-By Truckers has made a career out of songs detailing people and events in such towns that see more drifters than permanent residents.

Here, weeds grow out of the driveways, the "downtown" area remains deserted and the trains don't come around much anymore.

There probably isn't a library (nothin' to read but the domestics list at the bar) or a post office (the only thing singer Patterson Hood is sending out is a song to the one that got away.)

But there's enough inspiration in places like these for a whole musical repertoire.

Since 1998's "Gangstabilly," the Truckers sharpened its sound and saw multiple lineup changes.

Its last album, 2006's "A Blessing and A Curse," saw the band boasting radio-ready hooks and mainstreaming its fusion of pedal steel guitars and shotglass-rattling riffs.

The Truckers' new disc doesn't show much of a progression (or a regression, for that matter), but rather an expansion on the pop tendencies of "Blessing."

Most rough edges of past releases like "Decoration Day" have been smoothed out, which makes it all the weirder that its latest effort, "Brighter Than Creation's Dark," is filled with eccentricity and stubbled working man politics.

Fans have to get 10 tracks deep before they hear Hood use that gravelly spoken-word technique he's known for. "Brighter" has the singer straight belting it out more than ever.

In fact, the least strange thing about the Truckers' new album is the funny title.

Relative newcomer and countrified hottie Shonna Tucker steals the show on tracks such as the sly "Home Field Advantage," bringing a feminine quality to the Truckers' songs of brawn-n-booze. But she could still drink you under the table and steal your heart with enough time left for another game of darts.

Drive-By Truckers

"Brighter Than Creation's Dark"

New West; 2008

Grade: A-

Hood, Tucker and Mike Cooley play musical mics often enough to keep things interesting.

Coupled with the group's dynamic three-axe attack, the technique gives "Brighter" a brilliant, layered feel. This is real life in stereo.

On the cracked character portrait "Bob," Cooley skips from sadder-than-hell musings about the title weirdo ("Always had more dogs than he ever had friends") to wiseguy props like "Bob ain't light in the loafers / he might kneel but he never bends over."

Songs like "Bob" and "Lisa's Birthday" prove Drive-By Truckers has the character song down to a science – especially after the double-album "Southern Rock Opera," which chronicled the rise and fall of a band called Lynyrd Skynyrd – but the Truckers' lyrics are sharpest when they focus on the world outside.

"They turned what was into something so disgusting, even wild dogs would disregard the bones / Dead, fat or rich, nobody's left to b**** about the goings on in self-destructive zones," Cooley sings with a weary eye and a belly full of skunked whiskey elsewhere on the album.

At a more-than-generous 19 tracks, "Brighter" is about two songs too long, but that's a minor complaint. You can have too much of something, but an excess of Drive-By Truckers is like spending too much time with your favorite cousin after years of not seeing one another.

If these weathered rural civilizations ("Self-Destructive Zones," as Cooley has so eloquently labeled them) can drive an album's worth of dirty, pretty rock n' roll, then the Truckers may not need to look elsewhere for inspiration after all.

Drive-By Truckers certainly hasn't been called America's best rock band for no reason.

Photo Poll

What is the worst/best part of Valentine's Day?

"The worst part of Valentine's Day is being lonely."
Elie Akkary
junior
mechanical biomedical engineering

"The worst part of Valentine's Day is the stale candy."
Olivia Smith
freshman
electrical engineering

"The worst part is that I am broke afterwards."
Daunte Henderson
senior
public relations

"The worst part is that most of the time you are let down because boys are not living up to your expectations."
Kristen Eggert
freshman
advertising

"The best part is pulling it off, and the worst part is upsetting your girlfriend."
Gabe Thomas
junior
drawing

"The worst part is seeing sappy, lovey-dovey couples."
Aileen Cordero
sophomore
international studies

Compiled by Saleena Fortunato

Crossword

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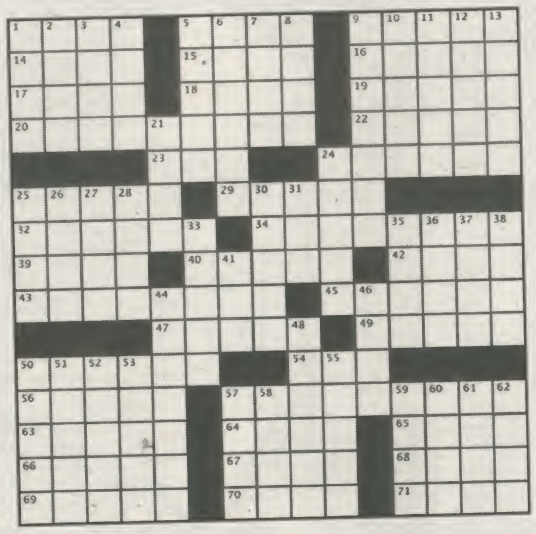

Across
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5- 11th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
9- Woman in charge of a household
14- Canoeing body
15- Unattractive
16- Tolerate
17- Send forth
18- Sack starter
19- Water wheel
20- Disparage
22- Inert elemental gas
23- Strike
24- Testify
25- Tantalize
29- Banish
32- One engraving
34- Tool with a cutting edge
39- Rectangular pier
40- Capital of Vietnam
42- Catch a view of
43- Inhabitant of Kashmir
45- Trader
47- Remove a covering
49- Basic monetary unit of Denmark
50- Exaggerate
54- Tint
56- Irritated
57- Expert in the use of words
63- Pending
64- Old-fashioned exclamation of surprise
65- Type of song, to be sung solo
66- Big
67- Scottish Gaelic
68- One of the Channel Islands
69- Gnu cousin
70- ___-do-well
71- Leg joint

Down
1- Go downhill fast?
2- Without full use of a leg
3- Similar to
4- Abominable snowman
5- Large Nepalese knife
6- Related through males
7- Land map
8- Excitement
9- Plant-eating aquatic mammal
10- Cancel
11- Threnody
12- "Farewell!"
13- Intended
21- Clarified butter
24- Chilly
25- Furniture wood
26- Gas burner or Sicilian volcano
27- Performs
28- Old Iranian ruler
30- Ohio city
31- Simplified version of the language Esperanto
33- Thick-skinned charger
35- Drop of water expelled by the eye
36- Capital of Norway
37- Amenable
38- Harp relative
41- Curve
44- Woozy
46- Supplements, with "out"
48- Unit in a sentence
50- Small egg
51- Open to bribery
52- More
53- Prevail
55- Mammary gland in cows
57- "Pure Guava" band
58- Man-eating giant of popular folklore
59- Face covering
60- Teheran's country
61- Make weary
62- Codlike fish

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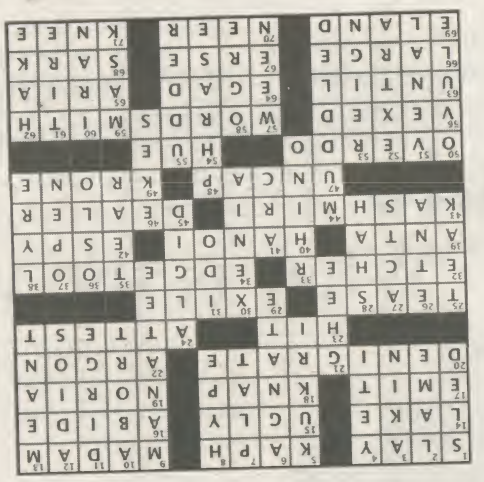

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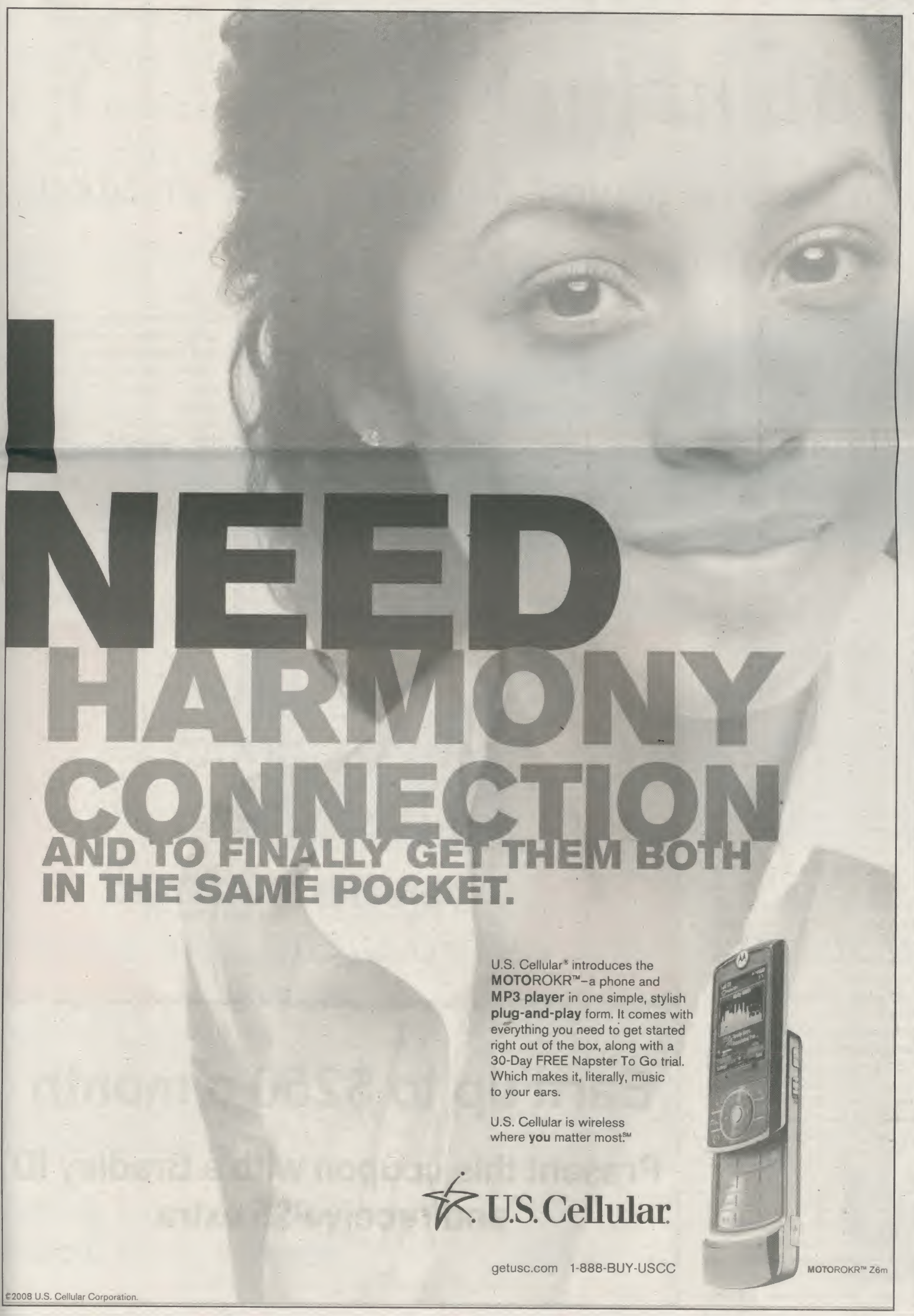
The Scout accepts personals for $1. Personals can be submitted to the Scout Office in Sisson Hall 319 or by calling the newsroom at x3067. Please submit personals by 5 p.m. Monday for inclusion in the Friday issue.

Happy Valentine's Day, Quinny!

Aquaman, have a great Valentine's Day! I love you. Love, Bubbles

Thanks for making me smile, egg omelet.

Woody, we're starving here. Please feed us.



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Celebrate or snub Valentine's Day

The Scout's guide to a day of delight, single or taken

Story by Lauren Rees

The legends surrounding Valentine's Day's inception are murky.

The most well-known tale stems from St. Valentine's days as a priest during the third century in Rome. According to www.history.com, when the Emperor of Rome outlawed marriages so single men could become soldiers, St. Valentine continued to marry lovers in secret.

Valentine was beheaded for his romanticism, and every year on Feb. 14, many single people understand why. It's a controversial day for many.

Lovebirds say the day is a romantic time to show your special someone you care. Those without a special someone, however, snarl at Feb. 14 and argue that greeting card companies fabricated the holiday to make money. Whichever side you're on, the day is an excuse to have fun with your friends or significant other.

If you're single...

For single people, Feb. 14 evokes images of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, not love and hearts. But the holiday can celebrate anyone you love – not just a significant other.

Plan an activity with a group of friends. Don't let the moniker "Single's Awareness Day" make you feel down – single people have it better. They aren't obligated to spend money on anyone but can still enjoy the holiday.

According to ideas from Web site www.stvalentinesday.org, singles should spend the day pampering themselves. Buying something you've had your eye on for a long time, heading to a spa for a day or arranging a fancy dinner for a group of friends can be a good way to spend Feb. 14.

For a relaxing, stress-free Valentine's Day with friends, head to the Riverplex in downtown Peoria.

The Riverplex offers Swedish and therapeutic massages for between $40 and $45 for a half – hour session.

Single friends can also have an "Anti-Valentine's Day" movie marathon. Gather a group of friends, a few action DVDs and a box of wine and have fun.

And while the average college student can't jet off to a tropical location for the weekend, www.frommers.com suggests taking a solo vacation to meet people and have fun.

The site recommends taking a cruise specially designed for singles or using a singles travel service to plan a trip, but a more feasible and economical way to get out of town and have fun would be to plan a road trip to visit another single friend.

If you're attached...

Being in a relationship on Valentine's Day can be a double-edged sword. Typically, females have high expectations that men usually can never match, resulting in disappointment and Valentine resentment.

But Valentine's Day doesn't have to be about obligations.

Every girl appreciates fresh flowers. But roses can sell for three times their normal prices on Feb. 14, and there's nothing original about them.

The Web site www.ftd.com has red tulip or orchid bouquets for between $40 and $60.

Opening up the door to a flower delivery is thrilling and romantic, and these flowers are more unique than standard red roses.

Girls love to dress up and go out, so guys can take their significant others to a restaurant in the Peoria area. But on Valentine's Day, Chili's just won't cut it.

Seven on Prospect in Peoria Heights, for example, is an alternative to restaurant chains and isn't too pricey. Entrees range from $12 to $30 and the last seating in the dining room on weekdays is at 9 p.m.

For those with smaller budgets, homemade gifts are sweet and cheap.

The Web site www.lovingyou.com has a multitude of homemade gift ideas divided into categories by material type or gender to make finding an idea easy.

The site also offers planning tools to prepare for an ultra-romantic night, both at home and out on the town and "Cupid Guides" to everything amorous, including "Romantic Baths for 2" and the "Gift of Massage."

The site even has printable certificates for "Best Kisser" and other equally mushy sentiments.

For couples who aren't into cheesy emotions, skip the heart-emblazoned boxer shorts and stuffed animals. Find out what your significant other really wants, recommends www.about.com, and Feb. 14 will have a deeper meaning. *This could mean tickets to a* sporting event or concert for two instead of chocolates and flowers.

Whatever you decide to do with your significant other on Valentine's Day, make it meaningful and sweet.

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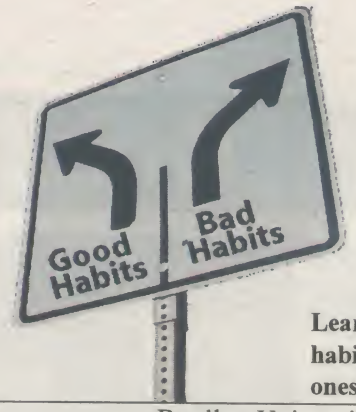

Learn how to break bad habits and pick up good ones. Page B8

Field house farewell

Jack's Mannequin performs for field house's last show

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

John Davidson is nostalgic about Robertson Memorial Field House.

Growing up attending concerts and basketball games at the field house, it has become more than just a building for the 1968 alumnus.

"It's just an amazing place to be," he said. "I don't know another Bradley alum who wouldn't say the same. There was just no way to replicate that atmosphere."

Sunday's concert, headlined by piano-rock group Jack's Mannequin, was the last time a performer would ever take the stage at the field house.

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- An exclusive interview with Jack's Mannequin. Page A3
- Voice reviews the Jack's Mannequin concert. Page B1

Demolition of the building, as part of Bradley's 15-year plan, is scheduled to begin in March.

"To see a wrecking ball crash into the side of that building is going to hurt a lot of people," Davidson said. "I just want to say, 'leave it alone, too many memories.'"

He calls the place a fixture in Peoria and Bradley's history and said it provides an atmosphere he thinks can never be duplicated.

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Piano-rock group Jack's Mannequin performed Sunday for the last show in the soon-to-be-demolished Robertson Memorial Field House. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Gunman murders several at NIU

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

A man went on a shooting rampage about 3 p.m. Thursday at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

As of 6 p.m. Thursday, CNN said the gunman, who reportedly was carrying a shotgun and a handgun, had shot 18 people, killing four, before he killed himself.

The shooter, dressed in black, started shooting after he walked out from behind a screen in an *ocean science class taking place* in Cole Hall, a 600-seat lecture room, NIU president John Peters said during a 5:30 p.m. press conference.

Police know the gunman's identity, but it was not being released Thursday evening.

Many victims were shot in the head, Theresa Comitas, spokeswoman for Kishwaukee Community Hospital told the Chicago Tribune.

At least four victims were in critical condition, eight were in stable condition and six were in good condition as of 6 p.m., the hospital told CNN.

Metamora native Julia Myers, a junior at NIU, said at about 3:20 p.m., floods of students were pouring out of Cole Hall and running to get away from the building. She wasn't near the building when it happened, but she said the entire campus was in complete chaos.

"People were screaming that someone had been shot," she said. "Then a few minutes later, everybody's cell phones stopped working."

Myers said she thinks the large amount of calls coming in and out of DeKalb made phone lines too busy. She couldn't use her cell phone until 5:30 p.m.

Myers said about 2 1/2 hours

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Pizza and pasta buffet trial a success

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

About 300 students lined up for a trial dinner in the Alumni Dining Room on Sunday night.

Student Senate and the Association of Residence Halls hosted the pizza and pasta buffet in response to a recent survey conducted by the organizations in which 77 percent of students said they would take advantage of a weekend dinner.

"I wasn't expecting many people, and it's a good variety of people from greeks to students living in the dorms," Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said. "We got the message out well."

On Monday, senate announced a continuation of the trial dinners for the next four Sundays. Weekend dinners will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. in the dining room and meal plan will

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

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18 / 4
Partly sunny.

Saturday
31 / 24
Partly sunny.

Sunday
35 / 19
Rain and snow likely.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Bradley Briefs

• Do You Want to Dance for Easter Seals? will take place at 7 p.m. tonight in the Michel Student Center ballroom. Couples will dance to compete for $250. Students can register to compete until noon today in Sisson 141. All proceeds benefit Easter Seals.

• ARH and HEAT will sponsor Booze-A-Palooza at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Michel Student Center ballroom. The organizations will compete to see who has the most knowledge about alcohol. Admission is free.

• Alpha Phi Omega will host a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in Robertson Memorial Field House. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543 or visit www.giveblood-givelife.org.

• The Bradley Chorale talent show will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is $5. For more information, contact the Department of Music at x2595.

Curley "Boo" Johnson

• The movie "Just Black? Multi-Racial Identity" will play from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Marty Theatre. For more information, call x2646 or e-mail Frances Jones at fjc@bradley.edu.

• Former Harlem Globetrotter Curley "Boo" Johnson will visit campus from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Michel Student Center ballroom. He will speak about the spirit of a leader.

Around the World

City council waits on smoking ban enforcement

The Peoria City Council voted to wait until state lawmakers answer questions surrounding the Smoke Free Illinois Act before enforcing it on the city level.

According to an Illinois Department of Public Health Spokeswoman, the department is addressing such concerns internally for now.

"The understanding should be clear - this is the law and you won't be able to get away with turning a blind eye," Councilman Ryan Spain added.

The Peoria Police Department is planning to enforce the law, even with the questions about the legal matters.

Police Chief Steven Settingsgaard said the department is going to focus on business that completely disregards the law, including checking in at local taverns suspected of breaking the law.

Info from www.pjstar.com

Obama, McCain sweep Potomac primaries

Sen. Barack Obama swept the Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia primaries on Feb. 5, expanding his winning streak to eight wins over Sen. Hillary Clinton.

The outcome of these races gives Obama the chance to prove the Democratic nomination is headed his way and leaves Clinton with few opportunities in the coming weeks to regain lost momentum.

In Tuesday's contest Obama did well not only with his usual core voter group, but with women, older voters and low-income voters – groups that have voted for Clinton in the past.

Sen. John McCain also swept all three Potomac primaries for the Republican nomination.

Info from www.nytimes.com

Hezbollah official killed by car bomb

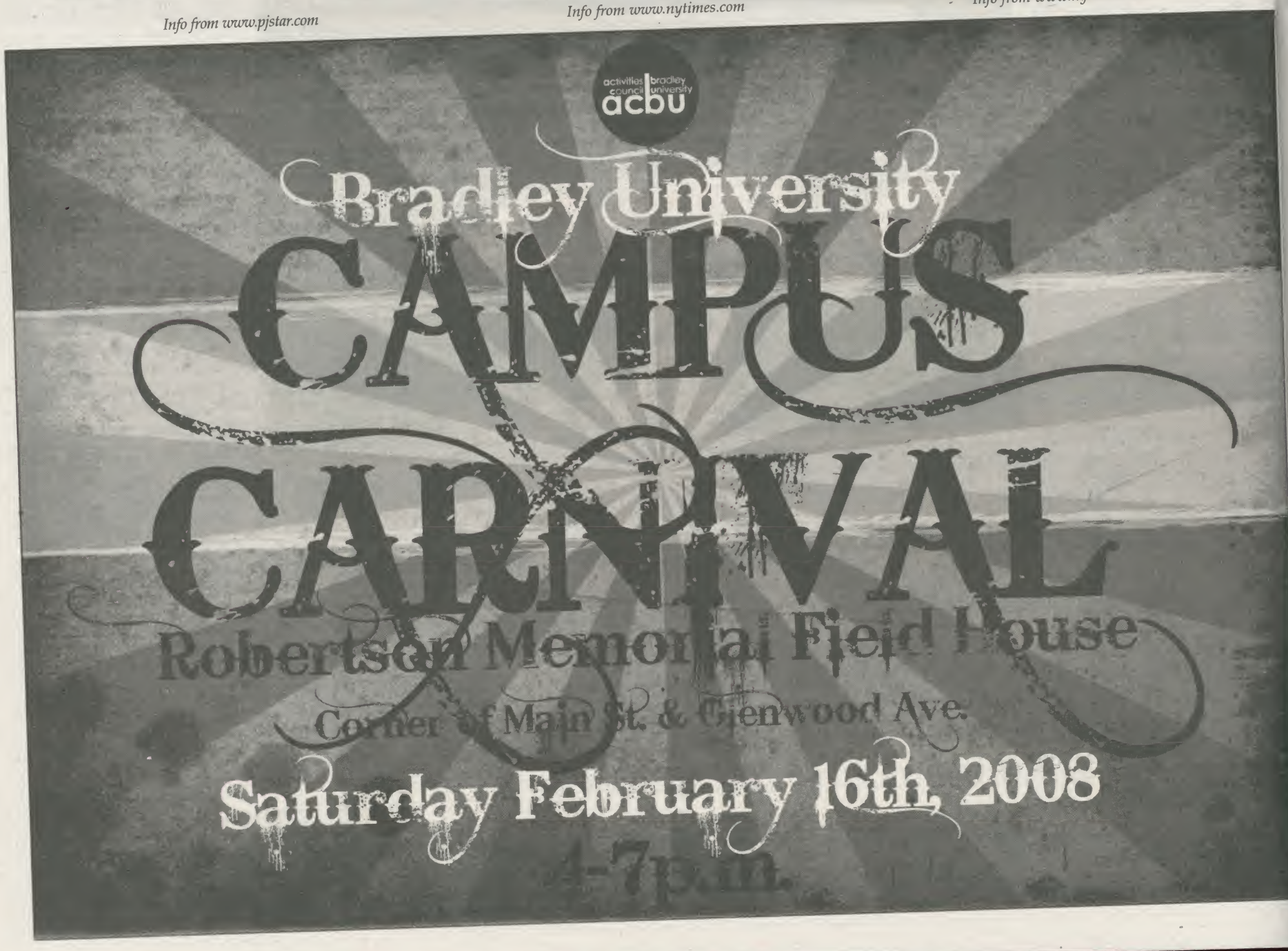
Syrian officials announced that a top Hezbollah official was killed when a bomb exploded under his car Wednesday.

Imad Mugniyah had been sought by the United States for years because he was believed to be responsible for deaths of hundreds of Americans in the 1980s.

Mugniyah, 45, was suspected of plotting the 1983 bombings of the United States Embassy and a Marine barracks in Beirut. He was also suspected of hijaking a T.W.A. jetliner in 1985, among other crimes.

No individual or group has taken responsibility for the death of Mugniyah.

Info from www.nytimes.com



Fatigued frontman still psyched to perform

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Jack's Mannequin frontman Andrew McMahon belts out a song during the band's Sunday performance. The concert was the last performance in Robertson Memorial Field House.
photo by Saleena Fortunato

Two hours before Jack's Mannequin took the stage Sunday night, frontman Andrew McMahon seemed completely relaxed.

McMahon said he felt terrible about canceling the band's original concert date but was proud he would be the last one to rock Robertson Memorial Field House.

"I made the decision when I got sick [with leukemia] the first time to stop myself if I ever got too far again," he said. "I saw myself getting back into that hamster wheel of just spinning, and I knew I had to cut the cord. I don't like canceling shows, and making them up was something we really wanted to do."

McMahon said he's being cautious to keep in good health – and he proved it by using antibacterial hand gel three times in 15 minutes.

He said he was feeling great on Sunday, despite being tired and feeling scared he might lose his voice from performing for the fourth consecutive night.

Even with exhaustion, McMahon said it was great to be on the road again.

"It's cool [to be playing new songs]," he said. "I like to have people knowing songs before I play them, but the reactions have been really good, and the fans seem really supportive of the new material."

The new material is from Jack's Mannequin's second album, "The Glass Passenger."

Although the band made a public statement that the album would be released April 22, McMahon told the Scout that date is being pushed back to mid-June.

"I can't rush a record," he said. "That's the last thing you can do. It's the one moment you have to create something that's timeless, so you need to take your time doing it."

McMahon said he wasn't sure if his fans would be surprised by the direction of the new album.

"I'm always surprised with the reactions I get," he said. "With 'Everything in Transit' I didn't really think about it as much. I was glad that people stuck by me [during the transition from Something Corporate]. I didn't expect Jack's to be as big as it is and I didn't expect to be playing shows the same size as Something Corporate shows."

Because he was recovering from acute lymphatic leukemia, McMahon was unable to promote the band's first album, so he said he's excited to promote its second one.

He said he plans to get right back into touring after the album is released.

When the album was going to be released in April, the band was planning to headline a spring tour featuring The Spill Canvas.

McMahon said it's likely the two will still tour together, but they've had to push the idea aside for a while so he can focus on finishing the album.

He said if they tour together, it will likely be next fall.

Jack's is also planning on performing at about half of this summer's Vans Warped Tour dates, he said.

Sunday was the musician's first trip to Peoria, but he didn't get to see much of it.

"Honestly, all I've seen of it so far is the field house," he said. "But if we can find a good bar later, my opinions of it will probably be pretty good."

Field house to offer souvenirs for staff, students

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

The Robertson Memorial Field House will be demolished after women's basketball season ends in March.
photo by Saleena Fortunato

Staff and students don't need to be too upset about the demolition of Robertson Memorial Field House. Now they can take part of it home with them – literally.

Bradley is selling bleachers and seats to anyone willing to pay the price of $50.

Bleacher and chair order forms are available through Business Manager Ken Goldin's office. The seats are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

In a memo from Goldin to "All our BU fans," Goldin addressed the bleachers and chair sale.

"Many of you have asked could we sell the bleachers and chairs to the public so that you may have a memento to remember the building that has brought all of us such fine memories?" Goldin wrote. "The answer is yes."

If orders come in soon enough, those ordering can request a single or double seat. No more than two chairs are allowed per family.

The bleachers are sold in pieces from one to five feet long.

In the memo, Goldin wrote he's unable to honor any requests for a particular seat or bench.

Some community members have asked if other pieces of the field house furniture will be for sale.

Assistant Athletic Director of Communications Bobby Parker said for now, Bradley is only offering the seats and bleachers.

"Everything else is going to be kind of stored until we figure out what we're going to do with it," Parker said.

Sophomore graphic design major Ryan Hoevenaar has been in the field house for many different events and he said he wouldn't mind buying the seats if they weren't too expensive.

If he could choose any memento from the field house, he said he'd choose a brick because it doesn't take up as much room as a seat does.

He said he understands why students would want mementos from the field house, especially if they have relatives who attended Bradley.

"Down the line … you'll have a piece of history from Bradley," he said.

Although there is no set demolition date, March 8 will be the last women's basketball game played in the field house.

Students, alumni and community members can pick up their seats on March 15.

The field house was named after former Athletic Director A.J. (Robbie) Robertson. It was home to the men's basketball team from 1949 until 1982.

The field house not only houses sporting events for both Bradley and other high schools. The Activities Council uses the building for concerts and comedians as well as December commencement.

Director of Student Activities Michelle Whited said administrators haven't yet decided where concerts will be held after the demolition. However, she said she will look into new locations during the summer.

Bradley offers more job fairs than other area schools

Many graduates score jobs at job fairs, but students must also make own leads

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Senior international business major Anna Rojek introduces herself to the representatives from Carmax at the job fair.
photo by Sam Lemanski

Twenty-two percent of students who graduated in December or May of last year said they found jobs from a job fair at Bradley, according to a Smith Career Center survey.

Career center representatives from Illinois State University, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and Millikin University said they don't track if students placed jobs as a result of job fairs, but Director of the Millikin Career and Experiential Education Center Pam Folger said job fairs are important in the career search process.

"Job fairs might not directly result in a job right away, but it's a good way to gather information and network," Folger said. "Many employers won't interview students unless they came to the job fair."

Bradley's Smith Career Center Director Jane Linnenburger said the center has a lot of job fairs for an institution of Bradley's size.

"We have five fairs in the fall and four in the spring," she said.

Linnenburger said the SCC tries to contact employers for all majors, but it can be difficult because of student attendance.

"We were disappointed in student attendance at the Spring Job Fair," she said. "About 571 students registered, which is down a couple hundred from usual, and of that number, only 86 were liberal arts and sciences majors and only 63 were communication majors."

Linnenburger said agencies look at specific major attendance, which might result in certain agencies not registering for job fairs.

"If an agency doesn't see high numbers [of the major they want to recruit], they won't come," she said. "It creates a catch-22."

Linnenburger also said job fairs may not have many opportunities for liberal arts and sciences majors because more than one-third of liberal arts and sciences graduates go on to graduate school and don't actively seek employment.

Assistant Director of the Career Center Kim Dunn said it can be difficult for communication majors to find jobs at job fairs because of high competition.

"All the companies college students want are top companies, and all students want the same thing," she said. "So those big companies don't have to come because students find them."

Assistant Director for the Career Center at ISU Mark Fauble said the university has about three job fairs per semester.

"We do a campus-wide fair for internships and full-time jobs and usually at least one a semester for specialized majors," he said. "We try to make sure all majors are included, from liberal arts to business."

Assistant Director of the Career Center at UIUC Damien Lay said the university hosts about nine career fairs a semester and all are specialized by major.

"We have business, engineering, teacher placement, architecture," he said. "We don't have a campus-wide one at all."

Millikin's Career and Experiential Education Center has only one job fair per semester.

Folger said the fairs are for all majors, but the business and health care industries are usually better represented.

"Larger companies have the ability and staff to recruit while others are smaller and don't need as many students," she said.

Senior public relations major Lauren Hamilton said she's attended a few job fairs sponsored by the SCC and recently benefited from the Spring Job Fair.

"I had four interviews result from going to the fair," she said.

Hamilton said this is the first one that benefited her, but she had a different approach at the Spring Job Fair than at previous ones.

"I was more desperate to find a job at this one, so it was more important for me to really try," she said.

Senior marketing and professional sales major Alex Mating said she hasn't received any interviews from job fairs at Bradley but has gotten some leads as to where she should apply.

"Most of the time [the companies] are looking for sales and engineering students, so if you're another major like communication, most of your jobs are going to come from networking," she said. "Don't rely solely on job fairs."

Mating said she relies on other outlets as well.

"I do more with the Career Center's eRecruiting," she said. "And I do a lot of my own research."

Senior international business major Rachel Reudin said she found an internship by attending a job fair.

"I got to talk to my HR representative, and she placed me really well," she said.

But Reudin said she didn't know how job fairs would help all students find jobs.

"I'm not sure [job fairs] would be helpful for someone who's not a senior graduating, unless you're looking for an internship," she said.

But Reudin did say job fairs can be good to prepare for the future.

"They're kind of like practice interviews," she said. "You're on the spot with employers."

'What's Your Problem' hosts debate major campaign issues

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Two journalists from opposing political parties, Jonah Goldberg and Peter Beinart, discuss pressing political issues on Wednesday night in the Michel Student Center ballroom.
Photo by Megan Loos

Two journalists from opposing political parties took the stage Wednesday night in the Michel Student Center ballroom to go head-to-head on the most pressing issues presidential candidates face.

Columnist Jonah Goldberg, a conservative, and Editor-at-Large of the New Republic Peter Beinart, a liberal, discussed matters such as the economy, health care, immigration and the environment.

The two co-host a show called "What's Your Problem" through the New Republic's Web site. While they agreed on some issues, they confronted each other on others.

The two discussed the economy as being the No. 1 issue facing presidential candidates.

Beinart said a challenge for the next president will be to figure out how the government and individuals can live within their means.

"If you don't have any nest eggs that you have built up for a rainy day, if you lose your job or if you have a health care problem you are always going to be in precarious circumstances," he said.

Goldberg said he agreed with Beinart and added that the falling economy may lead to a recession. However, he said things may seem worse than they actually are.

"Bush and the Republicans got virtually no credit for how good the economy has been," he said.

Although both men disagreed on ways to combat health care concerns, both said they think America's current system isn't effective.

"It's just an unbelievable mess," Goldberg said. "It's very expensive and not efficient."

While Goldberg said it isn't a problem for young people not to have health care because they are usually healthier, Beinart disagrees.

Beinart said he supports a universal health care system where healthy people might have to pay a little more so people who need certain health care would be able to get it.

"Because it could have been you ... you have a moral responsibility to pay a little more so that they can get the health care that they wouldn't be able to get if it was just a live-and-let-live, sink-or-swim system," Beinart said.

The two also made predictions as to who they think will take over the White House come November.

"What I think is likely to happen is [Sen.] Barack Obama will be the next president of the United States," Goldberg said, adding that many recent political polls and predictions haven't hit the mark.

However, Goldberg said what he thinks will happen and what he hopes will happen may not be the same thing.

"I would have a lot more respect for Barack Obama if he could actually explain what this unity is going to be used for," he said. "Right now, he wants unity in the name of being unified for the cause of unity ... you have to join the cause because it's so important to be part of the cause."

President of College Democrats Josh Cox, who introduced Beinart at the event, said he enjoyed the event and was surprised by the large turnout.

"I think it was a great stepping stone to get a lot more political things on Bradley's campus," he said.

He said he would have liked to have seen the speakers have more of a conversation or debate with each other.

"I thought their opinions were dead on," he said. "They did a good job representing their respective sides and I thought they did a good job communicating to the students about what they felt."

Bradley professor publishes book on German history

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

John Williams, a professor in the History Department, recently published his first full-length book about German history.

Published in September by Stanford University Press, "Turning to Nature in Germany: Hiking, Nudism, and Conservation" is a case study about how Germans in the early 1900s attempted to fix their economic and social problems by turning to nature.

Williams graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a double major in history and filmmaking. He then went on to the University of Michigan for graduate school in history. He teaches modern European history and Western civilization at Bradley.

He said he found inspiration to write his book while on sabbatical in Berlin in fall 2006.

"People who study modern Germany are very preoccupied with the Nazis, but there is much more to history than just that," he said.

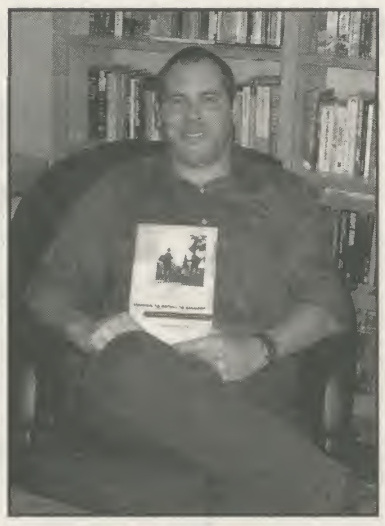
This book delves into three major back-to-nature movements in the early 1900s and compares them to the political regimes of the time.

Conservationism, a youth hiking movement, and an adult hiking/socialist nudist movement are all covered extensively in the book.

Williams also relates them to Nazism, even though the Nazis had extreme beliefs relating to social Darwinism and the justification of their crimes.

Throughout the early 20th century, Germany experienced severe political, social and economic problems. In order to counteract this, the government began one of the first, and therefore strongest, green movements in the world, he said.

"These movements are not the roots of Nazism or the Green Party, but rather a way to help save Germans from the drastic economic decline," Williams said. "I am interested in the political ideology of nature and how we intersect with it."



John Williams

More than one million people joined some form of a nature movement from 1900 to the end of World War II in 1945, he said.

"This was a very popular movement," Williams said. "Although it was not a majority, it was definitely a very large minority."

All three nature movements are discussed in length in the book, but Williams said he was particularly interested in the nudist movement because of the conflict surrounding it.

Nudism was attacked because of its liberal beliefs and practices, especially by conservative churchgoers.

"Being naked in nature and hiking naked were both supposed to get people in tune with the world around them," Williams said.

To counteract the criticisms, leaders of the socialist-nudist movement introduced a eugenic ideal, or the idea of "better breeding." This was not a form of racism, but a misguided attempt to answer the attacks being thrown at them, Williams said.

For the Germans, nature did not equal a specific ideology, but it connected them to liberalism and socialism.

Williams said the most interesting thing he discovered in his research involved a hiking ban implemented by the Nazis.

"When people think of the Nazis, a lot of times they think of them hiking, but this is not the case at all," he said. "They are marching. The Nazis banned their youth from hiking because being out in nature alone promoted a sense of individualism and a relationship to nature."

Although "Turning to Nature" has a specialized audience, Williams said he hopes everyone can get something out of the book.

"It was very tough to realize that it won't be a best-seller, but I want to help people realize how exposure to nature can truly help a society," he said.

Retro-themed weekend brings students' siblings to campus

BY DAN PANNO
for the Scout

Students and their siblings can hit the disco floor this weekend.

The Activities Council has been planning for the '70s-themed Siblings' Weekend since the beginning of the school year, said ACBU president Kelly Einbecker.

"[Students] are always looking for reasons to get siblings to come up and visit," she said.

Director of Student Activities Michelle Whited said it is a fairly popular event for students involved on campus. The event brings in about 150 brothers and sisters.

Most of the events follow this year's theme, "Psychedelic."

Activities include tie-dyeing, a disco party, a Rivermen hockey game, bowling, movies and Laser tag.

Whited said she thinks it's a great way for students to hang out with their brothers and sisters and to give them a feel for college life.

Senior social work major Alicia Anderson has had her younger brother come down each year for Siblings' Weekend. She said it's a great chance for her brother to visit and have fun.

"I don't know when else he'd get a chance to come down," she said.

She said since her brother began attending Siblings' Weekend, he likes the idea of being more independent.

She said some activities they'll be attending are the Rivermen hockey game and the open gym.

Freshman AEP major Gregory Rogalla said his younger brother Jack, a high school student, will be visiting, and Gregory hopes Jack will learn from the experience.

"Jack will probably see that college is different than what he's seen on TV," he said. "He will see how it is to stay in dorm rooms."

Siblings' Weekend Schedule

Today:

Registration
5 to 7 p.m.
University Hall Lobby

Tie Dye Your Siblings' Weekend Shirt
5 to 8 p.m.
University Hall

Do You Want to Dance?
7 p.m.
Student Center ballroom
$1 admission at the door

Rivermen Hockey
v. San Antonio Rampage
7 p.m.
Peoria Civic Center

Bowl for Kids Sake
8 to 10 p.m.
Christian Recreation Center
$20 admission fee
Transportation will be provided.

Disco Party
9 p.m. to midnight
U-Hall lounge

Saturday:

Registration
10 a.m. to noon
Student Center Atrium

Brunch
9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Williams Hall Cafeteria
$5 admission fee

Men's Basketball v. Creighton University
1:05 p.m.
Civic Center
Tickets available at the Civic Center. Transportation will be provided.

Campus Carnival
4 to 7 p.m.
Robertson Memorial Field House
No charge for admission, but 50-cent tickets will be sold for games.

Laser Tag & Disco Fun Night
9 p.m. to midnight
field house

Sunday:

Brunch
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Geisert Cafeteria
$5 admission fee

Spring greek recruitment numbers up from last year

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Twenty-eight men completed fraternity spring recruitment last weekend.

That number is about eight more than last year's spring recruitment, Interfraternity Council Director of Recruitment Chris DeRoo said.

Twenty men joined houses last year compared to the 21 men this year, although DeRoo said this year's number may still increase.

DeRoo said IFC encouraged chapters to host individual events promoting spring recruitment and their chapters.

Five chapters held events.

"The hope is that chapters will learn how to recruit for themselves instead of relying on IFC," DeRoo said. "This should increase the number of men that join fraternities on campus."

Sigma Delta Tau's spring recruitment ends this weekend.

SDT President Amy Agosta said recruitment has gone well so far.

"We're very excited about the girls that are coming and their enthusiasm, as well as the house's enthusiasm to the new girls," she said.

Agosta said the sorority doesn't have a goal for the total new members they recruit this spring.

"There is no set amount of girls signing up and coming through like in the fall," she said. "It is harder to predict and anticipate."

Alpha Chi Omega is also accepting a couple new members, but it will hold an informal recruitment through current member recommendations.

Panhellenic Council Director of Recruitment Beth Schmitt said sororities can't participate in Spring Recruitment if they have reached the 90-member limit.

Theta Chi President Ben Blomberg said spring recruitment is important for fraternities.

"I think it's a formalized process by which people who are interested in joining fraternities can get a chance to see what each fraternity is about," he said.

DeRoo said he agreed.

"Although we are moving towards a more informal recruitment process, as a community there still needs to be some structure in order for us to grow," he said.

DeRoo said IFC is looking to restructure fall recruitment for next year.

"A good portion of the process is going to be changed in order to move more toward an informal process," he said.

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Editorial

Student leaders stepping up for change

Bradley dining services are notoriously awful.

Students complain about food prices, nutritional content, the lack of vegetarian and ethnic food options and, of course, taste. On top of that, cafeterias are almost always crowded and have inconvenient hours.

Unfortunately, the truth is campus food services are barely high school quality.

Asking that Bradley dining halls offer more meatless options for vegetarians isn't an unreasonable plea, and the university should help students not gain the "freshman 15" by offering healthier food choices. These are just a few complaints that shouldn't go unheard and luckily, they aren't.

The Association of Residence Halls and Student Senate are leading the effort to make changes on campus in an area people care about. Eating is clearly a necessity, and it's about time someone stepped up to address the merited moans.

Bradley students have often been called apathetic, but many voiced their opinions about the poor quality of food services, and there was finally someone there to listen.

ARH and senate took the right first step by conducting a student body survey, confirming the widespread dissatisfaction with food services.

Students said they're tired of finding off-campus options to satisfy their hunger and appetites, especially on the weekends. Those complaints are rational. No one should have to leave Bradley to eat, and ARH and senate are already addressing that.

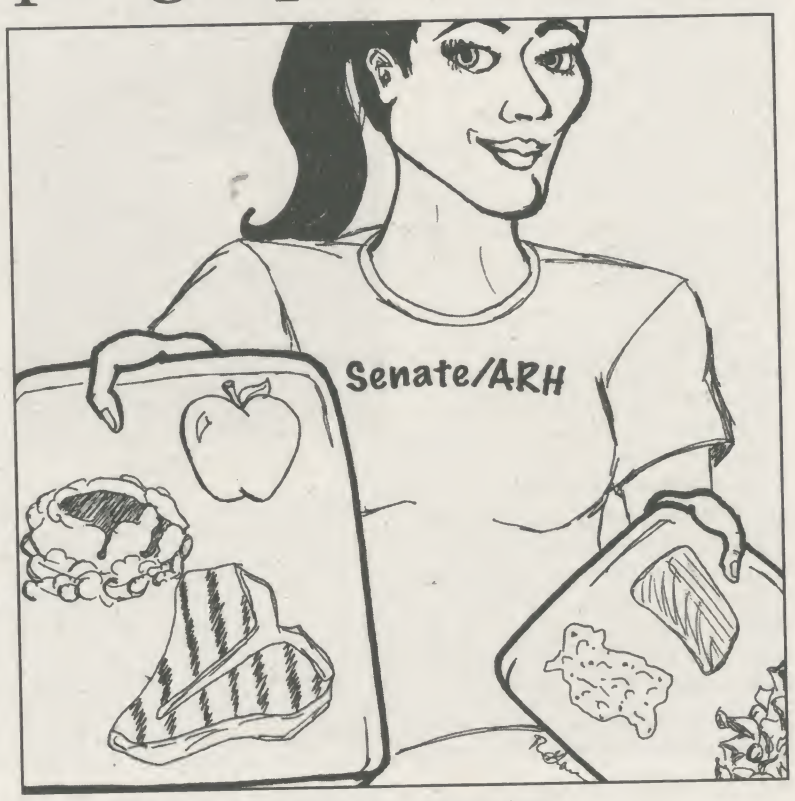
They hosted an all-you-can-eat pizza and pasta buffet on Sunday night in the Michel Student Center in response to about 77 percent of student respondents saying they would like to see a Sunday night buffet.

The effort was successful. About 300 students attended the trial run, and ARH and senate will extend the trial meals for the next four weekends.

While campus won't see many drastic changes this year because senate's budget is already set, the groups' initiative to listen to students' opinions and recommendations is a commendable step in the right direction.

With any luck, next year's ARH and senate staff will follow in the footsteps of the current leaders and not let food be a forgotten issue.

Bradley has come a long way in leadership since last year, and



the fact that senate and ARH are listening to students and taking steps toward active change on campus proves this.

Students should continue to voice their opinions because there are students on campus who will listen to them and likely change the status quo.

Though food isn't everything at college, it does mean a lot, and change has been needed for a long time.

The addition of a trial Sunday night meal won't dramatically change campus, and it doesn't mean student leaders can take a break and claim success. At least it's a step.

It's a step toward students articulating their thoughts to other students who will listen, and those students taking action to make a difference.

Letters to the Editor

Obama will listen to us

Like many college students, I hated writing papers.

Sometimes I'd go for a run or hang out with friends to avoid them. But one time I went to hear a man speak about the War in Iraq at Bradley because a professor said I should. The man speaking was Sen. Barack Obama.

He spoke passionately and made a complex issue simple: Iraq had nothing to do with Sept. 11, 2001, and the war would be a costly, deadly mistake. At the time, many people would have thought he was completely crazy. But he was completely right.

Surprisingly, he also talked about factories closing, schools lacking funding and how politicians aren't helping. The problems, he said, were too much arguing between political parties, too much money going to candidates from corporate lobbyists and too many people being divided against each other and forgotten in the process.

I left thinking that the Illinois senator would change if he ever became more powerful. But he has not: He still wants to put aside political differences and solve problems Americans face in their everyday lives. He still believes we'd be safer if America hadn't invaded Iraq, and he still thinks we should hunt down those who attacked us on Sept. 11 and give them justice.

Barack Obama's message hasn't changed since that day in 2003 when I met him, and I promise you that he knows how to fix America's biggest problems. And I know that because he's not accepting checks from lobbyists, he will listen to us instead.

Nathan Schackow
Class of 2006

Opinions from other Campuses

Olympic athletes should honor host country

Torch-lighting, anthem playing and trying to wonder why anyone on Earth would play polo are all hallmarks of the Summer Olympics.

But this year's games, hosted in Beijing, China, come with an added bonus: political censorship.

According to an International Olympic Community statute, athletes must refrain from "demonstration, or political, religious or racial propaganda in the Olympic sites, venues or other areas." In an attempt to enforce this rule, the IOC is asking British athletes to refrain from criticizing the Chinese government's policies. With human rights problems ranging from government-sponsored censorship to Tiananmen Square, one could certainly find a good deal to speak out against.

Naturally, the British are incensed about the proposed imposition on their free speech, and their anger isn't misplaced. It shouldn't be the place of the IOC to make a blanket statement restricting an entire team's right to free speech. The intent of the Olympics is to foster good will between nations, and this is undoubtedly starting things off on the wrong foot.

But this issue is a two-way street. If the IOC is intent on limiting the speech of the British, there must be some sense of probable cause. While the athletes should not be censored, they should also know not to speak out against the host country.

Many times in history, the host country has been unpopular, yet a stronger statement was made through actions. When the United States traveled to Germany in 1936 to compete, the country certainly did not agree with the country's fascist politics.

Instead of decrying the German government, athletes such as Jesse Owens made the ultimate statement by winning their events with quiet dignity.

The same should hold true for the British today. While the rights of the athletes should not be infringed upon, one would hope that they will honor their country with the dignity it deserves, regardless of the outcome.

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Respect thin for music industry

Jack's Mannequin played three new songs from its unreleased album on Sunday.

There was just one problem – the songs weren't new to many ears in the crowd. Although the band played two of the three songs for the first time only a week before its Bradley show, fans had already accessed MP3s of the tunes on fansites and watched performances of the numbers on YouTube.

Although Jack's frontman Andrew McMahon said he doesn't care about this easy accessibility to his music, I do.

The Grammys only averaged 10.3 million viewers over its three-hour airtime, according to the Nielson ratings. At the same time, YouTube announced it averages over 100 million viewers everyday.

In 2006, nearly twice as many people watched "American Idol" when it aired the same time as the Grammys, according to the Neilson ratings.

The Grammys – isn't it supposed to be the biggest night in music? Aren't people supposed to care about this thing and watch it as a sign of respect to the best musicians out there?

Not anymore.

The music industry is changing and it's not for the better. What was once a business has turned into a spectator sport.

Even Amy Winehouse, who took home five Grammys, makes the headlines more for going to rehab than singing about it.

Recording artists are still making millions. But it's not from album sales, which were down more than 15 percent in 2007, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Most artists make their money at concerts in a little corner at the back of the venue – the merch booth.

In 2005, U2 made $15 million from album sales and $139 million on the road. The best selling album for that year was Mariah Carey's "Emancipation of Mimi," and she didn't even make the list of the music industry's top 30 grossers, according to Rolling Stone.

Ever run to Best Buy immediately after getting out of school on a Tuesday to pick up the newest CD? It was something I did often in high school, only to find my fingers spending a good 10 minutes getting that stupid sticky label off the top.

People aren't rushing to the stores anymore, and I speculate it's not just because of the pesky label.

It's because they don't have to.

Music has become frighteningly accessible. Full-length albums float on the Internet weeks prior to their release dates. And although fans say they'll still go out and buy the album, it doesn't end up happening because it's no longer a priority.

Although it seems OK now, what's going to happen when artists are getting dropped from their record labels because their albums aren't selling? If artists don't initially make money from album sales, they won't have the thick wallets it takes to go out on the road.

It's no secret the music industry's been in trouble since the birth of Napster. It's an old problem, but it's growing worse and worse.

Sure, the Grammys may get a little dull to watch for three hours. But letting "American Idol" give it such a pounding in the ratings is just embarrassing.

It shows that we've lost a sense of how to value good music.

Lack of album sales show we don't care about the artist.

It's hard to remember how to appreciate music when it's constantly available at our fingertips. But if we don't start appreciating it, we may stop hearing new material from certain artists and bands.

Music is an art and it deserves to be respected.

Although the Internet is a great tool, it has made us forget that.

We need to become conscious of this problem and show the musicians how much their music means to us.

If it means nothing, spend nothing.

If not, get to Best Buy and rip off that label. It's a small price to pay for something that can completely change your world.

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Pay attention to Internet footsteps

Have you ever Googled yourself?

You may want to, because there is a chance employers have.

The Web site www.collegegrad.com reported an increasing trend in human resource employees playing detective and using search engines such as Google to perform easy background checks on prospective employees.

This information wasn't new to me. For the past few years, I've practiced responsible Internet self-disclosure, which is a fancy way of saying that my Facebook profile is set to private.

But I've made digital footsteps in the past that, until I started writing this column, I had forgotten about.

A quick Google search revealed a series of photo albums I had uploaded to www.photobucket.com freshman year and a Xanga blog that had been gathering dust since 2003.

Ten minutes and several forgotten passwords later, I was able to delete these long-forgotten, but revealing, records of my private life. I couldn't help but wonder – in the years that these pages had been sitting dormant, how many people had viewed them?

Fortunately Facebook, my current weapon of choice for online social networking, offers a variety of privacy options that I take full advantage of. My profile is hidden, my pictures are hidden, and unless you are friends with me, I'm practically untraceable.

You'd think I'd be satisfied with my personal information cover-up frenzy. Now, when you Google my name, all you'll find is a slew of articles I've written (take that, HR Internet stalkers).

But I'm not satisfied because using search engines to scope out prospective job candidates is still a perfectly legal and common practice.

While I may have covered up my own trail, I can't stop others from publicizing information about me, true or not, that could jeopardize my future.

This sounds dramatic, I know. As far as I can tell, I haven't yet made any enemies that will be posting unpropitious information about me all over cyberspace.

But the fact remains that employers are looking. An article in BusinessWeek details examples of employees who've lost jobs because of content found on the Internet. Not only can an online persona affect your job search, the article stresses, it can also follow you throughout your career. There's even a verb for being fired for content you post on the Internet – you get "dooced."

The word comes from a Web site – www.dooce.com – run by Heather Armstrong, who was fired from her job as a web designer in 2002 for content she posted on the site. While Armstrong now makes enough money from www.dooce.com to support her family, we may not all be so fortunate. So be responsible. Don't post things you wouldn't want to e-mail to your mother or forward to your boss.

Google yourself, and keep an eye on what you find.

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Reading is America's key to succeeding

Johannes Gutenberg has to be rolling in his grave.

For those of you who got that reference, congratulations, you're officially smarter than a fifth grader.

For those of you who are actually reading this, congratulations, you are among the 35 percent of college students who read anything beyond school-related material, according to www.parapublishing.com.

When I read this statistic, I was floored. For the kid who spent much of his allowance as a child on books when all his friends were buying the newest Sonic the Hedgehog game, learning that only 32 percent of the United States population had ever been in a bookstore was as surprising as the end of the sixth Harry Potter book.

And if you didn't get that one, just stop reading now.

I understand that our Facebook-stalking, iPod-wearing, YouTube-viewing generation is crawling with more distractions than ever, but what so many students fail to see is the importance of reading for pleasure.

In America, literacy is declining faster than James Frey's "A Million Little Pieces" best seller ranking after the Oprah beat down. According to a 2007 National Endowment for the Arts report called "To Read or Not To Read," a little more than one-third of all high school seniors read at the correct proficiency level.

Since 1992, average reading scores for 17-year-olds has been on a slow downward spiral. In 1984, 31 percent of all 17-year-olds read on a daily basis.

In 2004, those numbers had dropped a staggering 9 percent.

The biggest problem with books is that they don't offer the same instant gratification as your streaming "Grey's Anatomy" webisodes or one-click iTunes music shopping experience. We are in a world where waiting more than 10 seconds for an Internet page to load is uncalled for. We simply don't have the attention spans to do it anymore.

Don't be so quick to blame the ADD, though.

College students are not the only ones at fault here.

Remember all those adults that used to tell you to put down the Nintendo controller and go read a book? Well, they have an even bigger secret than Hester Prynne and Arthur Dimmesdale. ParaPublishing said only 38 percent of all adults read for pleasure. I think the pot may be calling the kettle black, but that's just me.

And don't even get me started on movies that are based on books. The next time I hear someone say how good "The DaVinci Code" movie was, I'm going to freak out. Read the book and then get back to me on how "good" the movie was.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying I don't enjoy my new episode of Nip/Tuck, or that I can't go longer than an hour without checking my Facebook, but I still find time to sit down and enjoy the latest New York Times best-seller.

I might be a little bit of an old-school English teacher in saying I think book reports should still be required in high school and college, and I honestly believe it.

I know that college life packed with more distractions than "The Great Gatsby" is with symbolism, but think about how much time you spend creeping on the hottie three seats up from you in your Western Civ class. How about putting a book in those hands?

Peoria Reads, a local reading program modeled after the One City, One Book projects that promote the reading of the same, significant book in a community, is a great place to start for those looking for a book suggestion. You even have a year to read the book.

Ironically, this year's selection, "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury, deals with a world in which books were censored and burned if discovered. When Bradbury wrote this novel in 1953, it seemed like a far-fetched idea that books would one day become obsolete. Now, in the early 2000s, it seems that a similar fate is in store for our classic works of literature.

With the world getting even more lightning fast as the days go by, the future of reading for pleasure looks to be even scarier than a Stephen King novel.

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New parking procedure aids in snow removal

BY BRENNA SCURLOCK
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Grounds crews have been busy this semester keeping Bradley's parking lots snow-free.

The university implemented new parking regulations for campus lots by placing signs in the visitor and Elmwood Avenue parking lots to warn students not to leave their cars parked after midnight.

Having both lots cleared by midnight helps the grounds crew plow the lots in time for commuter students and faculty to arrive in the morning, Director of Conference, Facilities and Parking Charmin Hibberd said.

"If cars are there, they can't plow," she said. "[The signs] have really helped with all the snow we've had this year."

Cars still in the way of snow-plows come morning are subject to be towed, she said, a decision left ultimately up to the grounds keeper.

Students shouldn't worry that their cars will end up impounded, however. Towing is typically a last resort, said University Police Chief Dave Baer.

Officers on duty will often try to determine who a car belongs to and try to contact the person to move the car, he said.

"If the owner is unavailable, they could ask for the car to be towed," he said. "But we try to be as courteous as possible."

If the car belongs to someone with no connection to Bradley, it is more likely to be towed, Hibberd said.

Students can also be ticketed for parking along Bradley Avenue and ticket prices can be as much as $200.

Bradley Avenue and other streets surrounding campus are patrolled and monitored by the city not the university, Hibberd said.

When it snows, students who live in the dorms should park their cars in the parking deck, she said.

To park in the parking deck, students must purchase parking permits. Students without permits typically find parking on a nearby street, Hibberd said.

Despite many cars being displaced because of snow regulations, the parking office doesn't hear complaints from students saying they can't find places to park their cars, she said.

Snow can cause other issues in the parking lots.

Junior civil engineering major Steve Simak received a ticket for unknowingly parking in a crosswalk.

"There was a big pile of snow next to it and snow on the ground, so it looked like a parking spot," he said.

Hibberd said that while campus police are typically more lenient with parking offenses in the snow, parking in crosswalks presents a problem.

"We get complaints from the [Americans with Disabilities Act] students because they can't get through," she said. "The crosswalks should be open for students to get through."

Bradley now has a parking ban after to help with snow removal. Cars in some parking lots must be gone by midnight. *photo by Amber Jones*

Internet portal to be changed

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Bradley's Technology Department is developing several new programs to make the internet faster and easier for student use, Chuck Ruch said.

When he addressed Student Senate on Monday, the Associate Provost for Information Resources and Technology said more wireless Internet portals, a new MyBU page and a replacement for Blackboard are in Bradley's near future.

Internet bandwidth on campus recently increased from 57 to 112 megabytes, making the Internet appear faster.

A newly discovered method allows Bradley to buy bandwidth from Chicago, rather than Peoria, for less than one-fourth of what the school was previously paying, Ruch said.

He said the department is working as quickly as it can to have wireless Internet in every office, room and public student space on campus, including dorms.

"My goal was to have it all up and installed in fall," he said, "Frankly we've had a lot of health problems over summer and fall in the department, and it just wasn't able to happen. I'd like to have it up and running next fall, but I can't promise that."

Sisson and Baker Halls are problematic to wire and will most likely take the longest to get up and running, Ruch said.

Ruch recently formed a subcommittee from senate to redesign the MyBU homepage. He also has a multimedia class designing new skins for it. The page will hopefully be up next fall, he said.

The department is testing a new learning management system that may replace Blackboard, Ruch said.

The program would be run on campus rather than outsourced and available for use by student organizations.

"[The new program] Sakai is significantly different from Blackboard," Ruch said. "Sakai is more of a collection of tools where you can do different things. For example, there's a blog in there. There are 25 tools that teachers can use or not use."

Sophomore finance major Kelly Donohue said she doesn't understand why the university would switch learning management systems.

"I haven't had any problems with Blackboard so I don't want to change," she said. "I know a lot of other schools also use Blackboard so I think it's a good system. I don't want to have to learn a new system, either."

If the test trial runs smoothly, Ruch said he hopes to have the new system ready at the beginning of next school year.

Blackboard will still be here for at least another year to give professors time to switch programs. Training for the new program will be available for all professors, Ruch said.

Donohue said most of her teachers don't use Blackboard.

"I wish more teachers would use it, but some of my classes only have two grades so it doesn't even matter," she said. "And I don't think changing systems will make more professors use it."

Bradley will kick off Relay for Life next week

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
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An energetic group of friends, an innovative fund-raising idea and a good pair of walking shoes are all any student needs to join in on Bradley's fourth annual Relay for Life.

The American Cancer Society's signature fundraising event will kick off at Bradley on Monday. Students can sign up with a team from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Michel Student Center or attend the main kickoff event from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, where there will be free pizza.

There are over 4,800 Relays across America in any given year, according to the Relay for Life Web site.

"Star in the Fight Against Cancer," the theme set for this year's Bradley Relay is expected to draw many student participants. The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. beginning April 18 on Olin Quad.

Junior health science major Ellen Hanson, an event coordinator, said past Relays have been extremely successful.

"On average we have about 150 to 200 students participating," Hanson said. "In the history of Relay, BU has raised over $100,000."

Money raised at Relay goes to support cancer research for the American Cancer Society. According to the Relay Web site, almost every major discovery in cancer research has received a contribution from the Relay fundraising.

"Relay is important to the American Cancer Society because it is a chance for people to help fund cancer research and education," Hanson said.

Teams of eight to 15 people work to raise money from sponsors in weeks prior to the actual event. On the night of the event, teams camp out in tents and sleeping bags, keeping at least one team member walking around Olin Quad.

The first lap at Relay events consists of cancer survivors. As the night continues, the track is lined with luminaries to honor those who have survived and lost the battle with cancer.

Hanson said she hopes students will look into registering for Relay this year with friends, clubs or greek chapters.

"Our goal for Relay this year is $36,000," she said. "We would love to go above and beyond."

But raising awareness is not the only draw to Relay.

"It is also a great opportunity to have fun with friends while hanging out on Olin Quad all night long," Hanson said.

Sophomore psychology major Sara Hartman attended last year's Relay event and realized the power of an event like it.

"Relay for Life is open to anyone to join, so it gathers the campus together for a common cause," Hartman said. "My friends and I go to cheer on our friends who are participating in Relay. We also like to go to hear the music."

While students enjoy the atmosphere of the night and an event that puts the "fun" back in fundraising, they are able to see the deeper meaning of the night.

"Relay for Life is important to me because I have had family members who have fought cancer and I would like to educate others on cancer and cancer research," Hanson said.

"Relay is different because students are able to celebrate the successes of cancer research and education, remember those who have battled cancer and fight back against cancer."

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Students interested in signing up can visit Bradley's Relay for Life Web site, www.relayforlifebradleyu.com.

Students, staff still holding off switching to B-Mail

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

The university will say its final farewell to Webmail on March 15, when students who haven't created B-mail accounts will have it done for them.

Director of Computing Services Sandy Bury said 6,127 students, faculty and staff have created B-mail accounts, but many still need to make the switch.

Although there were 8,000 Webmail accounts before B-mail, not all will switch because some are retired professors and inactive students, she said.

"We tried to take a good long time [to switch services] so it wasn't rushed, but you can't really keep two mail services going," Bury said. "We wanted it to be an opt-in for students."

Unlike Webmail, B-mail offers six gigabytes of storage space, which Bury described as "basically unlimited."

It also has event calendars and the Google documents application.

B-mail is sponsored by Google, which offers free mail services to all colleges and universities.

"A lot of schools are taking advantage of it because it offers a lot more features and it's free," Bury said. "It's a win-win situation."

When Webmail is deactivated during Spring Break, students can still access accounts, but only to retrieve old mail. It will completely deactivate in May.

Students previously using Webmail will have their e-mails automatically rerouted to their new B-mail addresses.

Although the majority of people who haven't activated their B-mail accounts are students, there are about a dozen faculty and staff members who need to make the switch, Bury said.

Bury said feedback on B-mail has been mostly positive.

"Some people were experiencing slowness with file-attached e-mails on Macs but other than that, I'm not really aware of any complaints or problems," she said.

Senior accounting major Evgeny Samoylov said he prefers B-mail over Webmail.

"It's got some special features and it looks better," he said. "But most importantly you can keep it after graduation."

Although Webmail was only active for four years, Bury said she thinks B-mail is here for the long run.

"Things can always change but I don't foresee we would switch," she said.

Feedback on B-mail is always wanted and appreciated, Bury said.

Students can provide feedback by selecting the feedback tab on the MyBU homepage.

Filing taxes not something students should stress about

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

This is the second year Jennifer Owdom is filing her taxes on her own.

She may be a junior accounting major, but she said she doesn't attribute her major to her tax independence.

"I use an EZ," Owdom said. "It tells you where to put in your income for the year and the interest earned on your bank account ... It's really nothing that I had to learn in class," she said.

The IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, has a mini-questionnaire so students can see if it's necessary to file a federal income tax return.

For many students, the biggest difference between filing and not filing is if someone claims them as a dependant.

Many students will fill out the 1040EZ this year. One of the requirements for the form is to not claim any dependents.

The IRS Web site has more stipulations on who can use the 1040EZ form. Those who don't meet all of the requirements must use Form 1040A or 1040.

Taxpayers must list more than primary income amounts. Taxable income comes through additional outlets such as self-employment, investment income and interest from bank accounts.

Rarely, students must list scholarships as part of their income.

If the scholarship pays for tuition, books or supplies, the taxpayer can exclude that number from the income.

However, students must generally include the amount used for other purposes such as room and board.

If unable to file the return on time, the IRS can grant a 6-month extension.

However, if a taxpayer fails to pay on time, the IRS will charge interest. A $5,000 penalty is possible for an incorrect or incomplete tax return.

Although some students feel comfortable completing their taxes on their own, others will seek their parents or a third party preparer.

For students apprehensive about filing alone, the IRS Web site has an electronic filing feature to make sure everything is filled out and will guide the taxpayer through the documentation.

Make sure the forms are filled out completely and correctly. No matter who prepares the form, the taxpayer is responsible for the information's accuracy.

For more information on the 1040EZ and other tax forms, visit www.irs.gov/individuals/students/index.html.

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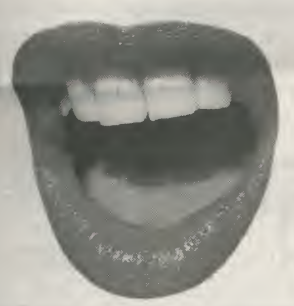

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be accepted.

"I'm pumped," freshman construction major Cliff Holly said. "It's a good idea because I don't like going out and spending a lot of money all the time."

Sophomore organizational communication major Ashley Porter said she attended the first trial dinner to support the opening of a new cafeteria.

"It's more convenient and affordable for students," she said. "Judging by the food, I would definitely come back."

Senate also discussed the decrease in Sunday's attendance around 7 p.m. and attributed the dwindling crowds to students attending the Jack's Mannequin concert

Despite the diminished crowd during the concert, ARH Food and Housing Co-chair Clay Theisinger said he was also amazed by student attendance and only expected a small number to attend.

"It's a good prediction of more to come," he said. "We'll do a few more pilot runs, and we'll work with it. I'm assuming what we would do will make students more than happy."

Freshman biology major Kevin Murray said he was glad the dining room began to accept meal plan during lunch and dinner.

"There's nowhere else to go on campus that uses meal plan," he said. "I'd definitely come more often to eat if this happens each weekend."

Ticaric said the dining room's acceptance of meal plans offer a different variety for students.

"It's important that students know it's welcoming them and their meal plans for lunch during the day," she said.

Though offering a variety, Porter said she would like to see a few more meal options.

"Sandwiches and a better salad bar would be nice to see, along with more fruits and other side dish choices," she said.

Freshman political science major Meghan Parmele said the weekend dinners were a good option and would continue attending as long as assortment is offered.

"I think students would use it because everything else gets repetitive," she said. "I think the menu should change every week or else it would be the same like everything else on campus."

Ticaric said the weekend dinners would continue, and students can expect them to be similar to the first trial run.

"It has the potential to be successful," she said. "It's a launch to let people know meal plan is accepted and we let students know with the trial dinner. It's different from a normal lunch during the day so if students didn't know about this, they do now."

Students eat pasta and pizza in the Alumni Dining Room Sunday as part of ARH and Student Senate's buffet trial run. *photo by Megan Loos*

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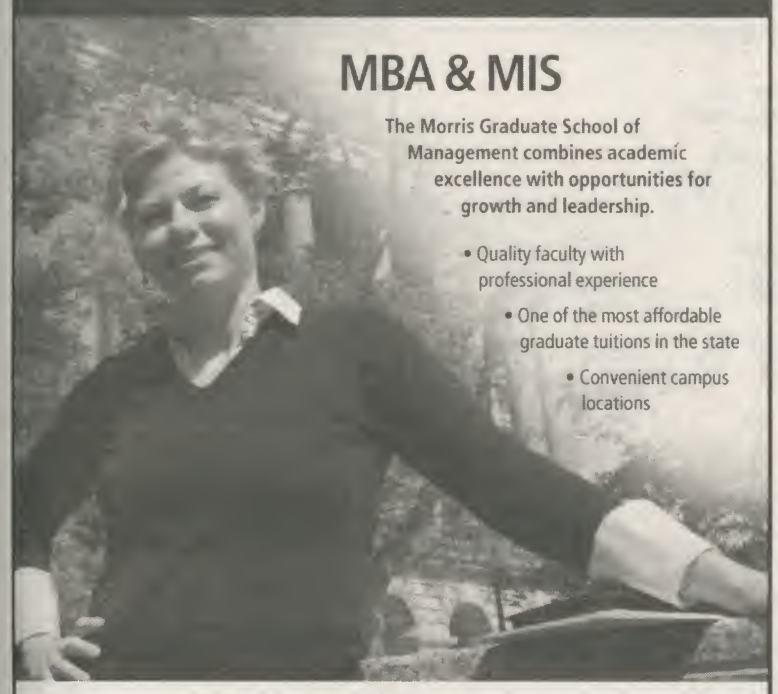

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FIELD HOUSE

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"You couldn't be there without jumping to your feet," he said. "It's not like being that distance that we are at the Civic Center ... where you're used to seeing ants and not people."

The field house became a venue for student concerts in the late 1950s and has seen the likes of performers such as Louis Armstrong, Bob Hope and Dolly Parton, Business Manager Ken Goldin said.

Goldin, who was involved with planning some of the first student concerts in the field house, said it was the "hub of activities for central Illinois" until the Civic Center's construction in 1982.

He said the biggest show he helped plan was Wayne Newton's visit.

"Almost every entertainer told me that they were amazed to see how many people would come to an airplane hangar," he said. "They were always just surprised at such a response."

Director of Student Activities Michelle Whited said the Activities Council has planned shows featuring musical performers such as the Goo Goo Dolls, Ludacris and Everclear. Comedians such as Wayne Brady and Darrell Hammond have also graced the field house's stage.

Whited said Bill Cosby's visit in 2001 drew record numbers, with ticket sales pushing 6,500 for two shows.

"The thing I liked the most about the field house is the intimacy," she said. "It doesn't matter if you have 3,000 people or where you're sitting, you get the full experience of the band that's playing."

Whited said she thinks the field house's tiered seating is a benefit of the space. However, scheduling performances can prove difficult.

"It's a shared space, we have to share the locker rooms," she said. "It takes a lot of time and a lot of forefront."

She said she doesn't know where ACBU will host its concerts after demolition of the field house begins.

The building was built in 1949 from two World War II aircraft hangars. On average, two concerts for students take place in the space. Men's and women's basketball teams have played at the field house since its construction but the men's basketball team moved when the Civic Center was built.

A student is carried to rescue after a gunman killed four people at Northern Illinois University on Thursday.

Photo courtesy of the Northern Star

SHOOTING

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after the shooting, the campus was still congested with authorities and media trying to get on the campus, and students and faculty trying to leave.

"Most of the streets are closed, and buses stopped running because of the traffic jam," she said. "Everyone is trying to leave at once, and people are running everywhere. It's madness."

It was unknown what the shooter's motive might have been, Thomas Ahern, spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, told the Chicago Tribune.

"We will be urgently tracing the firearms and learning the history of the weapons," Ahern said.

NIU's Web site reported about 4:15 p.m., an hour after the shooting, that the immediate danger had passed and the gunman was no longer a threat.

All classes were canceled Thursday night, and the campus is closed today. Students were urged to call their parents as soon as possible and are being offered counseling at residence halls, according to NIU's Web site.

NIU was closed for a day in December after campus police found threats, including racial slurs and references to shootings earlier in the year at Virginia Tech University, scrawled on a bathroom wall in a dormitory. Police determined after an investigation that there was no imminent threat, and the campus was reopened.

NIU senior Emily Pickard transferred from Bradley at the beginning of the school year, but she said in retrospect, it might not have been the best decision.

She said she luckily skipped her 2 to 3:15 p.m. class Thursday and wasn't on campus when the shooting occurred.

Pickard said NIU has an emergency text message system like Bradley's foreWarn, but she isn't signed up for it, so she found out about the shooting by word of mouth. NIU also has speakers in the dorms, which alerted students of the emergency.

Bradley administration could not be reached for comment Thursday night, and Director of Public Relations Kath Conver declined comment.

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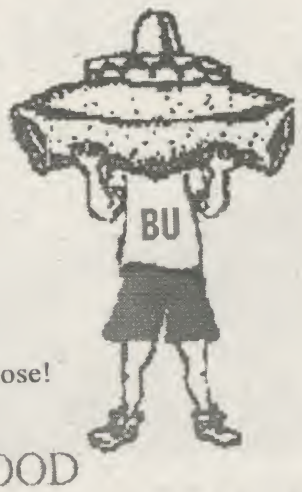

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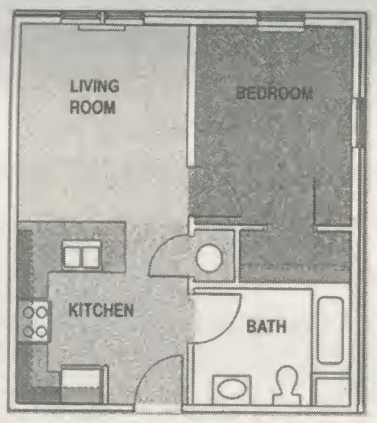

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MEN'S BASKEBALL

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points and four rebounds, said the team struggled thoughout the game.

"A lot of shots weren't falling for us," he said. "On top of that, everyone's been kind of sluggish. We tried our hardest to get out of that slump, but our shots weren't falling and you'll have nights like that sometimes."

Theron Wilson

Wilson said the team simply didn't show up ready to play.

"It was just one of those games that we wish we could have done better and come out more prepared," he said.

Illinois State 72, Bradley 68

The Braves saw a six-game winning streak snapped Saturday night as they traveled to Normal to take on I-74 rival Illinois State (17-7, 9-4 MVC).

Crouch and Wilson each dropped in 17 points for the Braves, but it wasn't enough to overcome the hot-shooting Redbirds, as the Braves dropped the contest 72-68.

Wilson said he was pleased with the way he and his teammates played despite the loss.

Rashad Austin

"I think I did well, but I think I could have done a little bit more to get us the win," he said. "But everybody played well as a team and that's all we ask for."

In a game dominated by runs by both teams, Bradley held the advantage first.

The Braves built a 27-15 lead midway through the first half when Wilson drained a 3-pointer, but the Redbirds answered right back.

Illinois State closed the gap with a 12-2 run late in the half, and the game headed into halftime with Bradley's lead trimmed to two at 33-31.

The Redbirds offensive outburst continued into the opening minutes of the second half, as they dropped in the first eight points of the period to take a 39-33 lead.

Illinois State continued to outplay Bradley for several minutes, building its lead to 10 points with 11:29, but Bradley wasn't done yet.

The Braves fought back and cut the lead to two on a layup by Matt Salley with just under 2 minutes to play, but it wasn't enough, as the Redbirds held off the charging Braves to secure the win.

Junior forward Rashad Austin said he didn't think the Braves defensive effort was good enough in the game.

"We just took some possessions off. We kind of just leaned back and got back on our heels and that gave them enough time to catch up," he said. "I put some of the blame on myself. In order to win games, we have to buckle down and play better defense."

Ruffin finished the game with 16 points and five assists, but turned the ball over six times. Warren also contributed 10 points for Bradley

The Braves look to get back on track this weekend when they host Creighton on Saturday afternoon at Carver Arena.

Bradley is sponsoring a "Red Out" for the game, with everyone in attendance receiving a free red T-shirt.

Following Saturday's game against Creighton, the Braves will travel to Drake to take on the first-place Bulldogs.

Wilson said he hopes the team can move past the two losses and get back on track this weekend.

"We're going to put them behind us, but learn from them," he said. "Especially with the next couple of games. Hopefully we'll learn from them and get back on a winning streak."

RECRUITS

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sive players in the country.

Meza set his school record for goals when he netted 31 as a junior in 2006, then followed that performance with 15 goals during his senior campaign.

"Christian certainly comes in with the most national recognition," DeRose said. "Everywhere he's played, he's always been the leading scorer."

DeRose said he's especially excited about Meza's striking ability.

"The thing that he has that separates him from most forwards is an ability to strike a ball from range," he said. "He can score from anywhere. There's nothing out of his range."

Smith, the third recruit signed by the Braves, is a 6-1 defender from Sacred Heart-Griffin High School in Springfield.

Playing for one of the top soccer programs in the state, Smith notched 26 goals and 25 assists, despite seeing the majority of his time on the back line.

DeRose said Smith was one of his earliest recruiting targets in the class of 2008, and he's excited to have him joining the Braves next year.

"He's very athletic and he has an incredible desire to win," he said. "He's going to really blend well with our culture here of work ethic and commitment to defending."

Though the Braves will lose eight seniors from a team that went 16-6-4 and advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament, DeRose said he thinks new players can contribute immediately and help Bradley maintain its winning ways.

DeRose also said he will continue to look for additional talent leading up to next season but is content with his current roster if the right fit doesn't present itself.

"We're still actively recruiting for the 2008 season," he said. "Right now we're out there looking and beating the bushes, but we think with these three guys we have a great start and even a finish if that's where it ends up."

The Braves will feature a young team next season, with only one returning senior on the roster.

BREAST CANCER

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tonight. Hopefully we raised some money."

Almost everybody knows of someone who has had breast cancer. That case is true for the basketball team as well.

Senior Rachel Merriman's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and she said the event meant a lot to her.

"It just raises awareness that it could happen to anybody," she said.

The event has grown over the years, and this year Bradley partnered with Methodist Medical Center to have the Mammovan (mobile mammography) in front of Robertson Memorial Field House for people to make appointments and also had staff in the field house lobby to answer questions at the game.

Two of Peoria's leading breast cancer surgeons, Dr. Mary Ahn and Dr. Lynne Jalovek, served as honorary coaches.

Mary Lou Janssen, the associate director of marketing for Bradley Athletics, said it is an honor for Bradley to take part in this program.

"Knowledge is power, and if one life is saved by information received at this event, then the efforts are well worth it," she said. "Events like 'Think Pink' do make a difference in supporting awareness for a cure, as well as supporting those fighting this disease."

The Braves wore pink uniforms during the game in which they defeated Indiana State and auctioned one jersey off to help raise money.

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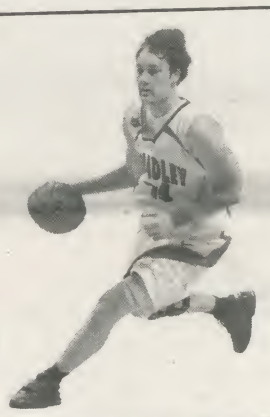

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JENNIFER MARTIN	28
GREG KOTTWITZ	28
KEVIN FARNEY	28

Women's tennis downs Valpo for first win of spring season

Braves take four singles matches to earn 5-2 victory

BY LUKE MROZINSKI
for the Scout

The women's tennis team cruised to a 5-2 road victory over Valparaiso last Saturday, marking its first win of the spring season.

The Braves stepped up their game as they beat the Crusaders in four singles matches, evening their record to 1-1 for the season.

Nicole Miller

Sophomore Emily Regenold led Bradley at No. 1 singles beating Jenny Schwartz in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

Junior Erin Krubeck claimed No. 4 singles, notching a win with a straight set victory of 6-1, 6-2 over Valparaiso's Lindsey Gustafson.

Freshman Nicole Miller followed up with her second consecutive match victory by handling Valpo's Julie Wingstrom in straight sets 7-5, 6-3 at No. 5 singles.

Miller said her win was the result of simply playing her game and making adjustments when necessary.

"I didn't really have to change the approach of my game against Valpo, but I wasn't playing my best," she said. "I couldn't find a groove with my shots, so I had to find a way to win. I tried moving around my serve and attacking the net which in the end worked."

Junior Kim Braun sealed the Braves singles victories by beating Christine Antrobus 6-1, 6-2 at No. 6.

Bradley dropped both No. 2 and 3 singles against the Crusaders (0-5), both in two sets.

Kim Sajivec defeated sophomore Jessica Buterbaugh at No. 2, 6-3, 6-1, while sophomore Kelly Donohue dropped 6-2, 6-4 to Valpo's Molly Kiefer.

Bradley finished off the Crusaders with a sweep of the doubles matches.

Buterbaugh and Donohue bounced back from their singles defeats as they topped Schwartz and Keifer at No. 1 doubles, 8-6.

Miller and Regenold improved to 2-0 on the spring season as the pair squeezed past Valpo's Sajivec and Wingstrom, 9-7 at No. 2 doubles.

Scott Petersen

Braun and Krubeck capped off Bradley's route of the Crusaders by defeating Laura Lawson and Gustafson with an 8-4 win at No. 3 doubles.

Coach Scott Petersen said he thinks the doubles matches are important because winning the doubles point can be the difference in the end result.

"I feel we really stepped up in the big game during the Valpo match," he said. "The doubles matches were all tight early, but as the set went along we figured out what it would take to win on all three courts. [Doubles] is only one point, but it is the first point and can be used to build momentum into singles."

The Braves have their next matches on Feb. 23 and 24 against a pair of Ohio schools, Xavier (6-2) and Wright State (0-3).

"Both teams that we are going to face we have never competed against," Petersen said. "I have a feeling that we are going to have to continue to close out matches like we did against Valpo to have success."

Women's golf takes fourth at Baja Invite

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The women's golf team kicked off its season across the border and faired well against a pool of nine teams.

The Braves played in Baja, Mexico at a par-72 course.

The event marked the first time the women's golf team has played in an international tournament.

At the conclusion of the morning round on Monday, the Braves were tied for third place. The team as a whole shot a 320 for the round.

In the second round, Bradley improved to shoot a 314, but fell to fourth place.

The team was three shots behind Southern Mississippi and trailed tournament-leader Iowa by 10 strokes.

Conference rival Southern Illinois was also in the tournament, and at the end of the first day, the Salukis were three shots behind the Braves.

Senior Rikki Sobel shot a career-best 71 in the second round and turned in a 78 in the first round.

Sobel's strong performance left her in second place overall and just four shots behind Iowa golfer Tyrette Metzendorf at the end of the first day.

Junior Bari Erais also finished the day in the top 10. She carded a two-round 149 to finish the day tied for sixth place, six shots behind Sobel.

Senior Whitney Cox finished the day tied for 12th place, shooting a combined 158 on the day.

Day Two got off to a late start because of heavy fog.

When play finally got underway, Bradley pulled through the fog and held its ground to finish the tournament in fourth place.

Bradley shot a final round of 319 and finished the tournament with a total score of 953.

Their fourth-place finish matched the Braves' best finish from the fall season.

Iowa took the tournament crown with a three-round total of 941, while Southern Illinois pulled ahead of the Braves with their third-round score of 313, giving them a total of 950 for third place.

Erias stepped up her play on Day Two and shot a 76 in the third and final round. Her score helped pull her into the top five among individual golfers.

Sobel turned in a final-round 80 to finish tied for second place. She finished five shots behind Metzendorf, the individual tournament winner.

Cox shot her third consecutive 79 and finished the tournament with a total score of 237. The score boosted her into a tie for 10th place.

Freshman Breanne Neufeld shot an 84 on her last round and finished the tournament with a score of 257.

Junior Lauren Downing finished with a total score of 273.

Up next for Bradley is the Rio Verde Invitational in Rio Verde, Ariz., beginning on March 7.

Braves struggle in pair of weekend matches

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The struggles for the men's tennis team continued last weekend with two home losses.

The Braves were swept for the second time this spring with a 7-0 loss to DePaul last Friday.

The team didn't fair much better in its match Saturday, earning just one point against Northern Illinois.

The match against DePaul began with doubles play.

Junior Evgeny Samoylov and freshman Milos Romic played the No. 1 doubles match and lost 8-5 to Jose Moncada and Alasdair Graetz.

Freshman Vuk Bolic and junior Michel Macara-chvili teamed up for the first time as they played the No. 2 doubles match. The new pairing didn't work out, as the duo lost 8-0 to Vanja Grgec and Bartosz Jozwiak.

Freshman Wilder Sampson and sophomore Richard Robertson were then beaten in the No. 3 doubles match 8-4, giving DePaul a sweep of the doubles matches.

DePaul continued to control the match in singles play.

Romic was beaten in his No. 1 singles match 6-4, 6-3.

Samoylov played the No. 2 singles match and lost 6-2, 6-4, while Macara-chvili lost the No. 3 singles match 6-4, 6-2.

Bolic lost in straights sets 6-3, 6-4 in the No. 4 singles match.

DePaul then completed its sweep over the Braves by beating both Sampson and Robertson in straight sets.

Saturday showed little change for the Braves.

Bradley avoided being swept as Sampson picked up the team's first win of the spring season in his No. 5 singles match.

Sampson dropped the first set 6-2, but rallied back to pick up the second set 6-4.

Sampson then battled his opponent into a tiebreaker before pulling out the 12-10 win.

Sampson's victory was the lone positive for the Braves on Saturday.

Romic dropped the No. 1 singles match in straight sets 6-3, 6-3.

Samoylov followed suit in his No. 2 singles match and also lost in straight sets 6-2, 6-0.

Macara-chvili lost his No. 3 singles match 6-4, 6-2.

Bolic put up a fight in his No. 4 singles match but fell in straight sets 7-6, 7-6, while Robertson played in the No. 6 singles match and lost 6-2, 6-1.

Bradley won its first doubles match of the season as Sampson and Bolic won 8-6.

Because the doubles matches are a best-of-three format, the Braves needed another doubles win to get the point.

Romic and Samoylov lost their match 8-5, while Macara-chvili and Robertson also failed to notch a victory, losing 8-1.

No members of the men's tennis team could be reached for comment on the matches.

Bradley returns to action at Western Michigan on Saturday.

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Women's hoops win at home, fall on road

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's basketball team split a pair of games last week, winning at home against Indiana State and falling while visiting "War on 74" rival Illinois State.

Last week marked the start of the second round of conference play, meaning the Braves will only be facing opponents they have already seen. In their pair of rematches they downed the Sycamores 62-50 but were blown out at Illinois State and lost 79-46.

After the win over Indiana State, coach Paula Buscher said she thinks the team has a good chance to make an impact in the second round of conference play.

"Our biggest thing is the second half of the conference we want to be a whole different team," she said. "I feel like this is a great start for us."

Junior forward Kelly Krumwiede kept things short and sweet on her predictions for the future of the team.

"We're ready to go," she said. "This second round, this one's ours."

Bradley (9-13, 3-8 MVC) got off to a good start, as the team was able to hold the Sycamores scoreless for the last four minutes of the game to pull out a win.

The team was dressed in pink uniforms for the game and played it in support of finding a cure for breast cancer. Bradley raised over $2,000 during the event.

Indiana State (10-11, 4-7 MVC) was in control for most of the first half but the Braves used a 9-0 spurt to take a 31-27 lead to close out the period.

The Braves extended their lead at the start of the second half, but the Sycamores battled back and were able to tie the game at 41-41 with just over 13 minutes left.

From there, both teams shared time with the lead until Bradley went on an 11-0 run, finished off by a 3-pointer from senior Devyn Flanagan, to take control of the game 56-47.

The Sycamores tried to battle back, but the Braves played impressive defense, allowing just one field goal in the final 11 minutes to win the game.

Krumwiede recorded a double-double finishing with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

She said she credited her teammates for setting her up with good opportunities.

"We have great guards," she said. "They know how to get it into you and when it's not there, they'll look to penetrates and then dish to you."

The team finished with 17 assists, recording 32 points in the paint.

The Braves luck ran out when they traveled to Illinois State (19-3, 9-2 MVC) to take on the Missouri Valley Conference-leading Redbirds.

The Braves shot their lowest percentage of the season, connecting on under 30 percent of their field goals and were out rebounded 47-27, losing the battle by 20.

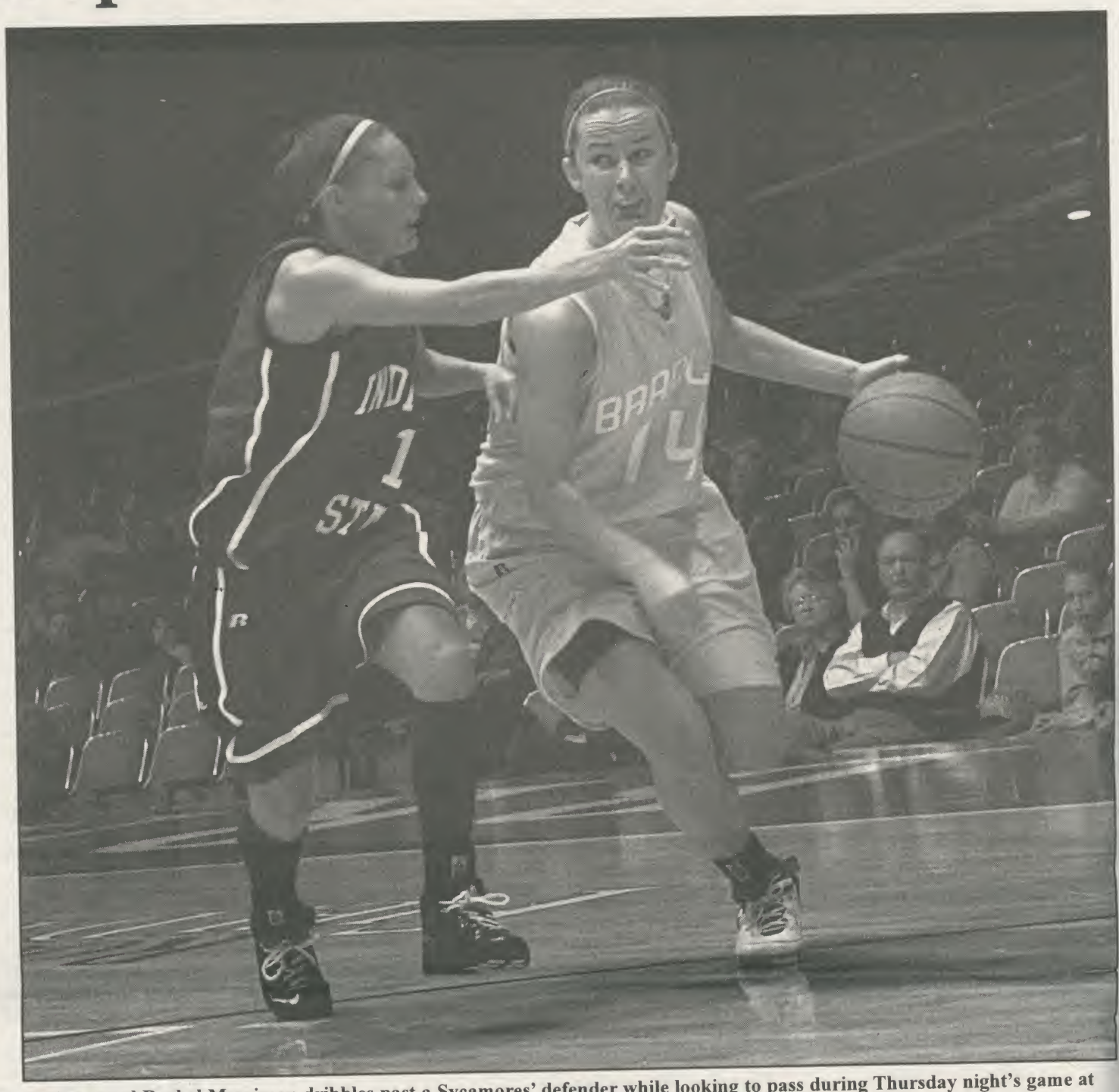
Bradley couldn't get going early and wasn't able to record a field goal in the first 5 minutes of the game. Before the first half was over Illinois State had already been on a 20-4 run and was up with a score of 45-22.

Down big, the Braves tried to battle back, but the deficit was too big to overcome, and they lost the game 79-46.

Flanagan scored a team-high nine points for Bradley and recorded a career-high six assists.

The Braves were scheduled to play at Missouri State on Thursday. Results were not available at press time.

Bradley will conclude its three-game road trip on Saturday when it travels to Wichita State to take on the Shockers.



Senior guard Rachel Merriman dribbles past a Sycamores' defender while looking to pass during Thursday night's game at Robertson Memorial Field House. *photo by Sam Lemanski*

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Sophomore Skye Johnson drives to the lane and past an Indiana State defender. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

100 not the Cubs' lucky number

BY ADAM METTRICK

Hope springs eternal for baseball fans every February, each one confident their team will be the one to walk away with a championship come October.

With football season over and pitchers and catchers reporting to training camp this week, talk of which teams will contend is growing more frequent by the day.

This is especially true of the ever-optimistic Chicago Cubs fans.

Even after 100-straight seasons of futility, Cubs fans are just as insistent as ever that this is their year, never mind the fact that it's been "their year" for several decades now.

Unfortunately for those fans of the Northsiders, 2008 won't be any different than years past – big dreams and even bigger disappointments.

Chicago won the National League Central last season, but did so with a measly 85 wins. That total was easily the lowest of any division winner. In fact, 12 other teams finished with better records than the Loveable Losers.

I'm no math major, so my calculations might be a bit off, but it seems as though the Cubs wouldn't be calling themselves division champions if it weren't for the fact that the rest of the NL Central was equally mediocre.

Normally, when a team squeaks into the playoffs with so few wins, they realize that improvements need to be made if they wish to repeat the following year.

Not the Cubs.

The dear old Cubbies instead decided to stand pat, making only one major addition to a lineup, which finished in the bottom half of the league in runs scored, on-base percentage and slugging percentage.

That lone addition, Japanese outfielder Kosuke Fukudome, should be better than his predecessor, Jacque Jones, but not by much.

Fukudome is the superior defender and will hit for a higher average, but Jones has more power and speed than the 31-year-old Japanese import.

Fukudome may be a good player, but I highly doubt he's a miracle worker. It's going to take more than a new right fielder to solve the Cubs offensive issues.

Unfortunately, many deluded Cubs fans seem to believe he will, which shouldn't come as much of a surprise considering they also believe their team is cursed by a goat.

Those poor souls are in for a disappointment. Chicago won't finish higher than middle of the pack in runs scored, especially if manger Lou Piniella continues to insist on batting strikeout machine Alfonso Soriano in the leadoff spot.

Soriano, who is apparently allergic to taking walks, is essentially a black hole at the top of the Cubs lineup.

The role of the leadoff hitter is to get on base – something Soriano has never been particularly good at doing.

Soriano's only real asset at the top of the order was his speed, but that's a thing of the past. A bad hamstring limited the former 40-stolen-base-threat to just 19 last season. If history has taught us anything, it's that once a player injures his hamstring, he's never the same speed threat again.

The Cubs will also have to deal with the declining power of first baseman Derrek Lee thanks to a nagging wrist problem and lack of offensive production from all-glove, no-stick center fielder Felix Pie.

When it comes to starting pitching, Chicago is in much better shape, but there are still some question marks.

The Cubs finished with the second-best starters' ERA in all of baseball last year. That number could have been even lower if not for the 190-plus innings of sub-par pitching by Jason Marquis.

Now, a logical person might conclude that in order to improve the team, the Cubs should remove Marquis from the rotation. But, in typical Cubs fashion, he remains – mostly because they couldn't find a willing trade partner to take on Marquis and the remaining $14 million owed to him over the next two years.

To make matters worse, Chicago announced this winter its plans to convert former closer Ryan Dempster and his 4.73 ERA back into a starter this season.

The general rule of thumb is that a pitcher can expect to see his ERA increase by nearly a run when he moves from the bullpen into the rotation.

Maybe the Cubs don't want to win the World Series. That's really the only plausible excuse as to why they appear to be trying to make their rotation worse.

It's sad really.

No group of fans, not even those fools who frequent the Friendly Confines, deserves to watch their favorite team fail so miserably each season.

Unfortunately, that's exactly what's going to happen again this season.

But don't worry Cubs fans, there's always next year.

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One-on-One

Is the NBA's All-Star Weekend worth watching?

Yes

The NBA All-Star weekend may be the only current pro all-star game that anyone cares about anymore.

It's for a good reason too.

It's like watching two Harlem Globetrotter teams go against each other. Sure, the game isn't the most intense or competitive game ever played, but it's blatantly obvious that it's not meant for that.

It's a production of super skills and talent. The fans want to see four quarters of a highlight reel and the NBA pulls it off. Where else can you see Jason Kidd dribble past Carmelo Anthony and throw up an alley-oop to Kevin Garnett?

The game isn't even the most exciting part of the weekend. What steals the show is the skills competition, notably, the slam dunk contest.

Every year when this weekend comes around the clip of Michael Jordan jumping from the free-throw line and dunking the basketball reminds you why the show is a can't- miss production.

So this year if you don't have a chance to watch the skills competition or game live, I strongly suggest YouTubing it because each year seems to bring a memorable moment that people talk about for the rest of the week.

- Dru Tate

No

Watching NBA All-Star weekend is a great way to waste your Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Lets start with the slam-dunk contest.

This used to be cool back in the day when M.J. took off from behind the free-throw line and Carter hung from the rim with his elbow but the star power has definitely faded.

Last year's winner, Gerald Green, is back again for a chance to repeat as champion. Honestly, how many people have heard of Gerald Green? The biggest name in the contest this year is Dwight Howard, and everyone knows big men aren't exciting in a dunk contest.

Then there is the 3-point contest. That is a little better because it has some superstars this year, including Kobe Bryant. The thing is, the guys who win these things are the ones who sit in the corner all season waiting to knock down a three. Kobe works on other parts of his game too much to master the three ball.

Finally there's the actual all-star game. This has turned into an alley-oop contest, most of which don't go down. The game allows you to see your favorite players do the one thing they work on not doing all year – turning the ball over.

I'll use my weekend to do something more productive, like count down to baseball season.

- Alex Mayster

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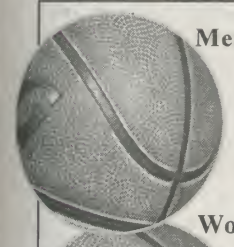

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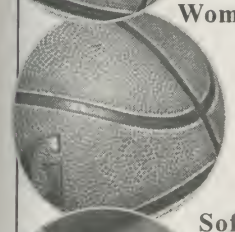

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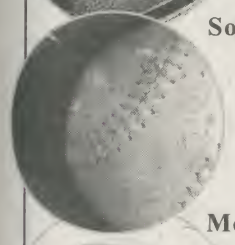

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Sport SHORTS

Zednik suffers near-fatal neck injurty

Florida Panthers' left wing Richard Zednik suffered a freak accident that nearly ended his life Sunday night during a game against the Buffalo Sabers.

Zednik was injured during the game's third period when teammate Olli Jokinen was upended, causing his razor-sharp skate blade to slice through Zednik's neck.

The skate's blade opened a 1 1/2 inch gash which immediately began pouring blood onto the ice.

The blade cut Zednik's carotid artery, which pumps blood to the brain, and narrowly missed his jugular vein.

Zednik underwent emergency surgery to repair the artery Sunday night, and is expected to make a full recovery.

Tennis fans caught gambling illegally

Professional tennis, which has been marred by allegations of match-fixing and illegal gambling in recent months, suffered another blow Tuesday when three men were caught using laptops to gamble from the stands.

The three spectators were allegedly using laptops to bet on live matches at the Diamond Games in Antwerp, Belgium. The men sat in the stands to watch the matches and placed bets online, exploiting a delay between the time a point was won in real life and when the result appeared online.

The three men were removed by tournament officials and told not to return.

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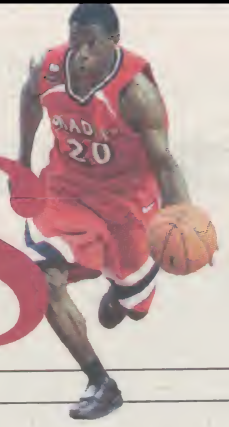
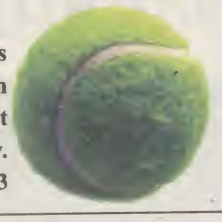


Women's tennis team picks up first spring victory. Page A13



Braves lose pair of road games to ISUs

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Ice-cold weather coincided with ice-cold shooting for the men's basketball team on Tuesday night, as Bradley fell to Indiana State 76-66.

The Braves (14-12, 7-7 MVC) struggled on offense for much of the game, especially from long-range. They shot an anemic 15 percent from 3-point range, making just 4-of-27 shots from behind the arc.

Sophomore guard Andrew Warren led the way for the Braves with 17 points and seven rebounds, but was 0-for-5 from outside.

Senior point guard Daniel Ruffin was Bradley's other top performer, finishing with 16 points and seven assists.

Unfortunately for the Braves, Ruffin also struggled from 3-point range, making just 2-of-8 shots, while fellow senior Jeremy Crouch made just 2-of-10 shots from long-range.

The Sycamores (11-13, 6-8 MVC) had their own troubles from 3-point territory, making just 4-of-14 outside shots and allowing the Braves to keep the score within 10 points for most of the game.

However, Indiana State used a late run to pull away from Bradley and deal the Braves their second consecutive Missouri Valley Conference road loss.

Junior forward Theron Wilson, who finished the game with nine

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Bradley downs Indiana State

Freshman Soyna Harris attempts a layup during the Braves Feb. 7 game against Indiana State. See the story on page A14. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Braves battle breast cancer

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

It is estimated that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and over 170,000 women will be diagnosed this year alone, according to the National Cancer Institute.

The women's basketball team decided to do something about it.

The team hosted its fifth annual "Think Pink" event Feb. 7 to help raise awareness about the disease and raise money for a cure.

The team raised over $2,000 this year and has now donated over $37,000 in the past five years. The money came from pledges, fans donating money and Coach Paula Buscher's three-point challenge.

She pledged $25 for each successful Bradley 3-pointer, which amounted to $75 as the Braves went 3-of-14 from long range.

Buscher said she feels fortunate to be able to host an event like this.

"We're very fortunate as student athletes, we're fortunate as students first of all but then as student athletes on top of that," she said. "I think this is our way of giving back to the community. This is just a way for us to bring awareness, raise some money and help find a cure."

One donation came from close to home, as the parents of junior forward Kelly Krumwiede said they would donate $500 if she was able to record a double-double that night. She put up 13 points and was able to pull down 10 rebounds to do just that.

Krumwiede said she wasn't aware she was close to reaching the double-double until near the end of the game.

"I actually had no idea until an assistant said I needed two more rebounds coming out," she said. "It's a great cause. We played hard

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Men's soccer snags trio of talented recruits for 2008

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

After the most successful season in program history, the soccer team began building towards the future with the signing of three recruits last week.

Three of Illinois' top prep players signed National Letters of Intent to play at Bradley next fall, joining a team that won a school-record 16 games last season.

Bryan Gaul, Christian Meza and Bobby Smith will join the Braves next season, helping ease the loss of eight graduating seniors, including Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and All-American Joe Donoho.

Gaul, a 6-foot-3 midfielder from Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville, led his school to a state runner-up finish during his senior season. He finished the year with 12 goals and 16 assists for the Wildcats, earning him all-state honors and a nomination for the Gatorade Player of the Year award.

Coach Jim DeRose said he considers Gaul a special player based on his size and his skill in serving the ball towards the net with his left foot.

"He brings a dimension that few have coming into college soccer. His ability to serve a ball left-footed is known as one of the best in the country," DeRose said. "He's a guy that can pile up assists with his ability to serve with his left foot."

Meza, a 6-1 forward out of Dundee-Crown High School in Carpentersville, is considered one of the most explosive offen-

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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

M BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
DRAKE	13-1	22-2
ILLINOIS STATE	10-4	18-7
CREIGHTON	8-6	17-7
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	8-6	13-12
NORTHERN IOWA	7-7	15-10
BRADLEY	7-7	14-12
INDIANA STATE	6-8	11-13
MISSOURI STATE	5-9	12-14
WICHITA STATE	3-11	10-15
EVANSVILLE	3-11	8-16

W BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
ILLINOIS STATE	9-2	19-3
EVANSVILLE	9-2	15-7
DRAKE	7-3	14-7
CREIGHTON	6-4	13-8
NORTHERN IOWA	5-6	9-13
MISSOURI STATE	5-6	7-15
INDIANA STATE	4-7	10-11
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	4-7	8-13
BRADLEY	3-8	9-13
WICHITA STATE	2-9	8-15

"I can tell you this: If he ever messes with Roger, Roger will eat his lunch."

— Roger Clemens' lawyer Rusty Hardin on IRS agent Jeff Novitzky

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JACK'S MANNEQUIN BRINGS DOWN THE FIELD HOUSE ONE LAST TIME

STORY BY EMILY REGENOLD & GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION BY ANTONIO GENTILE

With one big push, over 2,000 audience members were propelled towards the grand piano.

When Jack's Mannequin frontman Andrew McMahon walked on stage and waved, the nearly sold-out crowd's excitement couldn't be blocked by earplugs.

It wasn't that the audience was anxious from dull openers – both offered engaging performances that far surpassed the average opening act.

The stage must have been hot during Northern Room's set.

Between swinging microphones and throwing guitars, lead singer Andrew Jonathan's feet seemed to never touch the floor. Every inch of the stage was jumped on, slammed on or pounded.

Even though most of the crowd seemed to have never heard the music, the band created an interactive set – even letting an audience member play tambourine.

Vocalist Mike Chorvat's microphone experienced technical difficulties, causing his words to be nearly inaudible.

Fans told him about the problem, and the crew couldn't find a way to fix it.

But many still sang along to familiar tunes, and the musical synthesis was extraordinarily clean.

Then the crowd realized how long they'd been waiting to see Jack's Mannequin.

Chants of "Andrew, Andrew!" and random screams broke out right before the band took the stage, almost three hours after doors opened.

One thing was apparent from the get-go – the Backstreet Boys fans did not stay at home. Screaming girls looking to perhaps score a Valentine's Day date with McMahon were the worst factor of the show.

McMahon and his partners in crime opened with "I'm Ready," a poppy crowd favorite.

The song put dancing shoes on everyone in the audience, which was slightly uncomfortable since members were so close to one another. Amidst the grinding of strangers' body parts and sprawling of limbs into the open air, relief floated because the sound problems from the previous act had been fixed.

It was apparent from the beginning that the show would be high-energy from both the audience and McMahon's behalf.

Although with his other band, Something Corporate, McMahon claimed to have "graduated from the University of Rock 'n Roll with a Ph.D. in sweet-ass rock and an emphasis in setlist creation," Jack's tends to stick to a standard setlist each show.

Maybe it was the scent of fresh Peoria air that inclined him to switch it up on Sunday.

The somewhat morbid "Kill the Messenger" was played way too early. The third song hushed the audience until McMahon went berserk with

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THIS **WEEK IN** PEORIA

TODAY

Live music at Rhythm Kitchen featuring **Roling's Tones,** 8 to 11 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria, located at 305 Water Street.

Live at the Five Spot presents **"Bobbye King,"** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is $6 for student members, $9 for student nonmembers.

SATURDAY

Campus Carnival, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Robertson Memorial Field House. $.50 tickets for games and food will be sold.

"Bee Movie," 9 p.m. to midnight in the Marty Theater

SUNDAY

Student Recital - **Daniel Crumrine** 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 in Dingledine Music Center.

DULL GOLD

"Fool's Gold"

Matthew McConaughey
Kate Hudson

Grade: C-

Hudson gives decent performance, McConaughey goes shirtless...again

BY AISHA KHAN
for Voice

If you're searching the seas for a good movie this weekend, don't set your sights on "Fool's Gold."

Matthew McConaughey ("How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days") and Kate Hudson ("Almost Famous") star as Fin and Tess, a newly divorced couple teaming up in search of sunken treasure in Key West, Fla.

In his quest to find the treasure, Fin finds a new clue to its location. After convincing Tess' boss, Nigel Honeycutt, played by Donald Sutherland ("Animal House"), to borrow his yacht, the three of them set out on a somewhat predictable journey to richness.

A group of tag-alongs, including Nigel's bimbo socialite daughter Gemma, are along for the ride.

There is a story behind the sunken treasure. However, McConaughey and Hudson both fail to explain the story properly.

Instead, what seemed to be the base of the movie became a quick story covered in a matter of a minute, leaving the rest of the movie somewhat confusing and hard to put together.

McConaughey's poor acting doesn't help the movie either. In fact, the only action he nails down is walking around shirtless with a surprised expression on his face for half the movie.

Hudson, however, gives an acceptable performance, that is, as acceptable as a semi-romantic movie can get. Neither actor is able to portray depth in their characters. The on-screen chemistry between the two is nearly non-existent, except for Hudson's constant remarks about Fin's sex drive.

As for humor, most of the movie's funniest scenes already premiered in trailers. However, a nice comedic relief came unexpectedly from Gemma. She portrays the typical airhead celebrity teen. Her banter produces the most laughs, but as the movie focuses more on Hudson and McConaughey, both father and daughter become less involved, including the banter.

Action isn't big in this movie either. Most of the action consists of several characters shooting aimlessly at each other. Other less intense action sequences include unnecessary tripping and falling, hitting each other with random objects and underwater punching. After the first 30 minutes, all action sequences become predictable and boring.

However, to make up for the poor acting and even poorer script, the scenery is beautiful and the camera angles used to shoot underwater scenes are impressive. Nearly every scene has clear blue skies and waters, complete with white beaches.

"Fool's Gold" is a letdown compared to Hudson and McConaughey's previous movie "How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days." The lack of character development and poor acting takes a toll on the overall movie, which may leave audiences a little lost at sea.

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VOICE SPECIAL REPORT

The music industry's secret war on hi-fidelity

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

"Turn it up!" your friends used to say when a good song came on the radio. Now you don't have to. You may not even want to.

Music is getting louder, and it's not just a new wave of rock bands coming through, armed with power chords (although *Against Me!* did put out a fantastically brash album last year).

No, record label executives are insisting that engineers tweak the levels of the music more than necessary to make it sound louder. But some say they have gone too far in the past decade or so.

Dubbed the "loudness war" in the media, the trend is dividing people in the industry right down the middle. It's even proving to be a catch-22 for some recording studio employees that could cost them their jobs.

Researching the issue can prove difficult for music fans with limited knowledge of production and engineering terms. Words like "compression," "clipping" and "range" are thrown around, serving only to confuse people who spend most of their lives outside recording studios.

Let's break it down into simpler terms.

After an artist has recorded the songs for an album, an engineer masters the recordings. Historically, the engineer has used compression (or minimizing the dynamic range of an electronic signal) to make songs sound louder. This shortens the difference between the loud and soft parts of the song.

The original idea was to get the attention of DJs and music listeners everywhere. If radio listeners like what they hear, they buy the record.

Volume equals profits, baby.

The iPod is now a prevalent medium for listening to music, but the small speaker system – along with the minimized file size – result in a hushed, tinny sound. Those savvy suits at the record labels know this, and pressure engineers to push the sound higher and higher.

Essentially, with much of today's stuff, every instrument in the mix – vocals, guitars, drums, etc. – is now made as loud as it can be. As a result, nothing stands out.

When the guitar kicks in on your favorite rock song, it's just as loud as the drums and cymbals. Nothing can grab the listener's attention, and you're left with songs that sound flat and dull. As one helpful YouTube clip puts it, "when there's no quiet, there's no loud."

And turning it down won't make it sound better.

Even if you put just a couple drops of hot sauce on your finger, you can still taste the heat, right?

An article from online professional recording magazine Prorec.com discussed the psychological effect of consistently harsh music, comparing the overuse of digital compression to writing text in all capital letters.

When reading a message in all caps, a person gets easily fatigued, and there are no cues to tell the brain what is important. The person will likely just give up reading.

This doesn't even begin to go into the physical damage listeners' ears will incur after decades of over-compressed music.

When the issue was brought to the attention of some Bradley students, they agreed something was different about today's music.

"It seems like everything's the same now [in terms of volume]," junior political science major Kevin Murphy said. "But I've listened to older CDs that were recorded in the '70s and '80s. They don't seem to sound as loud. Some older music I have to crank a little bit higher."

"Loud" music isn't limited to hard rock bands like Metallica. The Arctic Monkeys and Lily Allen are two of the acts routinely spotted out in articles about the "louder is better" trend.

Play Arctic Monkeys' 2006 hit "I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor" and notice how caustic everything sounds from beginning to end. By comparison, Nirvana's "Milk It" from 1993 has one of its loudest choruses ever – and verses as soft as lullabies.

Reissues of old albums aren't without blame either.

R.E.M.'s "...And I Feel Fine" best-of compilation turns the band's environmentally-aware song "Cuyahoga" into a thick forest where nothing can get out. Led Zeppelin's demon-blues was meant to be cranked, but a kid just getting into the band will download its new greatest hits album "Mothership" and be blown away by the harsh sound.

And the CD reissue of the Stooges' "Raw Power" album is allegedly the loudest music committed to disc, with distortion all over the place (depending on your stereo system, there's a point on the volume knob where the vocals and guitars will start to distort).

Some influential figures in rock are fed up.

"There's no details," Steely Dan frontman and record producer Donald Fagen said of modern music in a recent Rolling Stone article. "We're conforming to the way machines play music. It used to be ladies' choice, now it's robots' choice."

Even if they don't approve of the direction music is going, other producers like Butch Vig (known for his work with Nirvana and Smashing Pumpkins) deem compression a "necessary evil."

"The artists I know want to sound competitive," Vig told Rolling Stone. "You don't want your track to sound quieter or wimpier by comparison. We've raised the bar and you can't really step back."

Until artists start to take a stand on the sound of their albums, it looks like fans of great-sounding music will have to turn to their stack of old CDs.

This YouTube clip exemplifies the issue of over-compression in easy to understand terms:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Gmex_4hreQ.

THE HIPPIES ARE BACK: A NEW TREND COMES IN THE WAKE OF NEW-NEW WAVE

BY ED MCMENAMIN
for Voice

The early 2000s started with a barrage of "The" bands from the garage and followed with '80s post-punk and new-wave throwback acts.

The garage rock explosion was closer in tune to stacks of music magazines catching fire from their own exuberance, and if I hear "Mr. Brightside" one more time, I'm never going out in public again, let alone turning on a radio.

And remember The Vines? Anyone?

So with two of the 20th century's most innovative eras raided for the present generation's enjoyment, what's next?

Seventies metal and psychedelic rock. Huh?

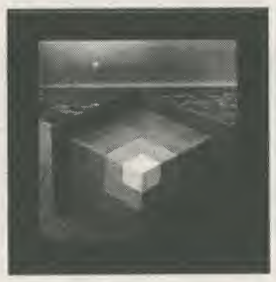
Black Mountain, one of the new acts taking cues both from metal's early age and progressive rock is giving the genre its 30-year update with its sophomore album, "In the Future."

Canadians by birth, hippies by choice, the group consists of one heavily bearded lead singer, Stephen McBean, three other dudes and one female member whose distant backing vocals add striking atmosphere throughout.

In a nutshell, Black Mountain sounds like a group of barbarians rocking on top of a frozen bong the size of Antarctica.

The group mixes Sabbath's bone-headed riffs and hammering drums with equal parts Floyd and the current, deeply layered incarnation of southern rock pioneered by My Morning Jacket and Band of Horses.

But whenever its influences appear to become too transparent, the album continues with more detours and surprises,



Black Mountain

"In The Future"

Jagjaguwar; 2008

Grade: B+

which is "In the Futures'" greatest strength. Where Wolfmother's songs follow Sabbath's monster riff formula through and through, Black Mountain knows that too many minor-scale rumbles become tiresome after 20 minutes.

The album's opening riff on "Stormy High" might as well have come from "Paranoid" or any other stoners who played "Immigrant Song" on repeat throughout most of the '70s in their mom's Gremlin. The track is merely an introduction to one of the band's many motifs.

Strings make brief appearances, but it's not the audio equivalent of an overblown Asia album cover – it's pure rock and roll atmospherics. A few bluesy tracks even sneak in, specifically "Angels." It starts off with a dirty little guitar lurching along behind McBean's laid back drawl before twisting and morphing with the help of the synth strings.

As colorful as the soundscapes are, this is a grim affair, full of eerie backing vocals and horror film organs.

The drums and guitars introduce "Tyrants" like a thunderous king entering a palace before coming to a grinding halt of clunking drums and yearning vocals.

Like most of the epic tracks on "In the Future," "Tyrants" is a brooding pastiche that effortlessly transitions between its brief English folk interludes and bloody, it's-virgin-sacrifice-time drums.

Alas, even though the songs are huge, fun explosions of ideas, the multipart song structures sometimes get in the way of memorable melodies and choruses.

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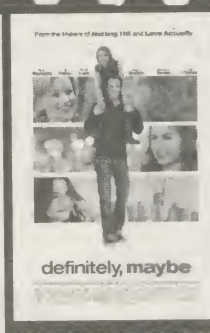

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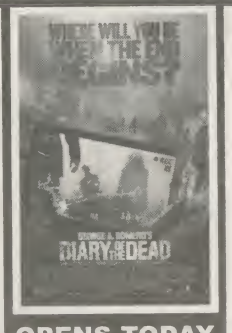

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THE BUCKET LIST

The True "Alternative"

A look at the bands that embody the word

BY MARK HEMMER
of Voice

The word "alternative" comes from the Latin word "alter" which translates to "the other of two."

When it comes to music, whatever is unconventional must be alternative by default. But when music that was once alternative becomes commonplace, the label unjustly sticks. Therefore, there are members of society who assume that Kid Rock is still "pushing the envelope" in the music industry. Acts such as Girl Talk, LCD Soundsystem and others remain unnoticed and unheralded for their innovations. So put down your copy of "Devil Without a Cause" and indulge in some truly alternative music.

DJ Gregg Gillis works as a biomedical research engineer. When dusk sets in, Gillis hits the Batcave and becomes "Girl Talk," the hottest traveling dance party in the states. Girl Talk uses samples from hundreds of popular music artists and weaves them so tightly together that his tracks take on a completely original sound. Call it a mash-up, but Girl Talk's genius has already outgrown that moniker. With three discs released and another on its way, Girl Talk's genre of music becomes increasingly challenging to name. His live shows are even more peculiar than his break-neck dance tunes. Gillis has been known to strip onstage while furiously dancing around his one instrument – a laptop.

"Losing My Edge," LCD Soundsystem's debut single, put the band on track, and its self-conscious look at itself and its fans was a unique way to jump start a presumably pretentious alternative dance group. LCDSS' self-titled debut album is a welcome challenge for the listener. LCDSS sounds like music snobs battling for ground in a record store. Drawing influence from Daft Punk to John Lennon, LCDSS produces 16 tracks that often sound like they belong on separate discs. That's the uncommonness that makes LCDSS a genuine alternative.

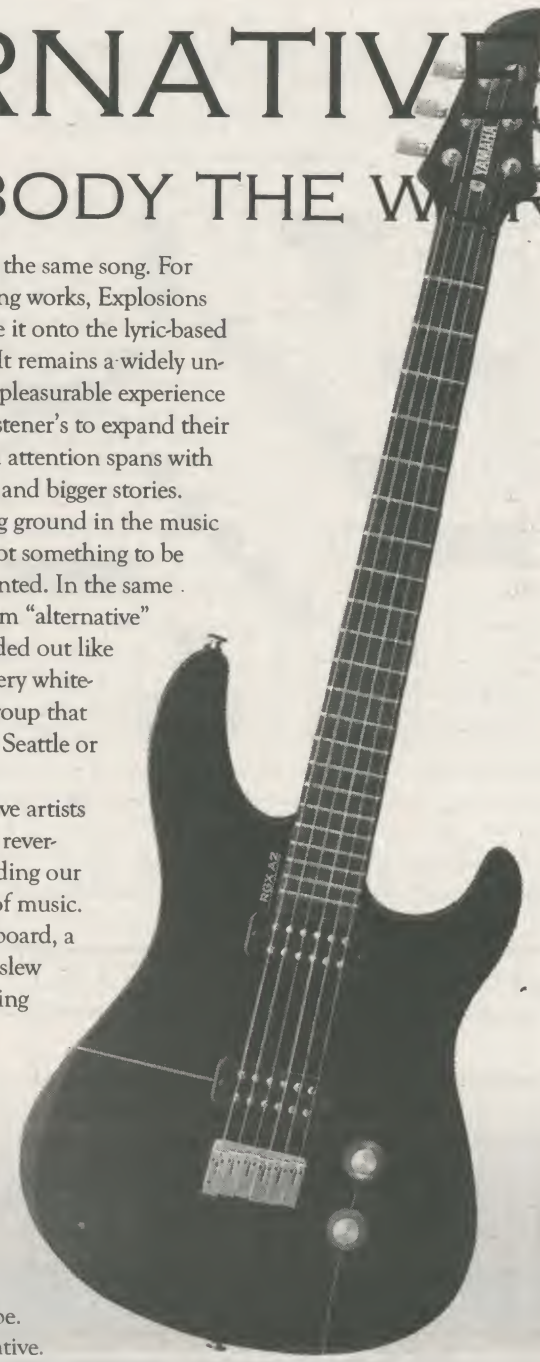
My Bloody Valentine can be counted among pop music's true innovators. They managed to redefine and reshape what noise can fit into the contextual limits of songwriting for a pop song. MBV incorporates melodious vocals with beautiful distortion and guitar parts to create a breed of "noise pop" that pushes the limits of even that term. Never predictable, MBV's songs and albums are both an atmospheric listen and an exploration of the genre in its entirety.

Starting a band with pre-programmed Casio SK-1 keyboard beats and a prose-like writing style is a calculated risk that has paid out for Owen Ashworth aka Casiotone for the Painfully Alone. Since his beginnings, Casiotone has integrated more and more aspects to what was once a skeletal formula of beats and stories. His latest offering, "Etiquette," includes drum machines, woodwinds and even guest vocals. But the connectivity of Casiotone remains his calling card. The simplest of beats are turned into blunt but descriptive stories of heartache and despair. It's a personal musical conversation with your average 20-something that pleases the ears and pulls on your emotions.

In the instrumental post-rock category, Explosions in the Sky makes a strong case for its supremacy. With bands like Godspeed You! Black Emperor and Mogwai leading the way, Explosions took an obscure category and modernized what it meant to give a narrative or conjure emotion without lyrics. Explosions paint a landscape of musical diversity and takes the listener from intense, destructive highs to dreamy, meandering lows – sometimes within the same song. For their sprawling works, Explosions doesn't make it onto the lyric-based radio often. It remains a widely unnoticed, but pleasurable experience that defies listener's to expand their horizons and attention spans with longer songs and bigger stories.

Breaking ground in the music industry is not something to be taken for granted. In the same spirit, the term "alternative" can't be handed out like Skittles to every white-bread rock group that crawls out of Seattle or Athens, GA.

The above artists deserve their reverence for molding our perceptions of music. A plastic keyboard, a laptop and a slew of noise making instruments come together to make music and raise issue about what music itself can and will be. That's alternative.



JACK

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frenzied fingers on his black and white keys and stomped and swung his newly styled light brown comb-over in great circles.

Jack's made a huge mistake by skipping out on "Into the Airwaves" and "Last Straw Arizona". Although the band tried to substitute by playing three new songs from its upcoming album, both are staples to a Jack's performance and should have been included anyway.

The new songs were obvious. You can't blame McMahon for putting out darker material after dealing with cancer. But since the crowd couldn't sing along or dance to the beat, it didn't make sense to play depressing tunes. It's not that they were bad songs, just inappropriate.

Jack's also played the Something Corporate song "Me and the Moon."

Upon an obnoxious fan's request, McMahon originally responded that he wasn't drunk enough to play Something Corporate's 10-minute ballad, "Konstantine."

Perhaps it was his inability to walk in a straight line that led fans to believe otherwise, so when the requests continued to filter in, McMahon calmly said "Look, I'm gonna f------ murder you!" to get a fan to stop asking.

After he realized it was a bit out of line, he apologized and said he should practice better sportsmanship because he used the men's locker room as his dressing room all day.

It was one of many anecdotal comments that caused the crowd to erupt in laughter – and not because audience members felt they were supposed to, but because the remarks really were hilarious.

It was especially exciting when he exclaimed, "Peoria, you turn me on!" while standing on the piano thrusting his hips.

McMahon's unusually small frame was juxtaposed by the volumes of energy exploding from within him.

But the best part of the Jack's performance was that it was fun.

Members of Treaty of Paris came out and sang with their arms around one another during "La La Lie," a song about when you need friendship most. They also brought out shots of whiskey for all band members during the set.

The atmosphere seemed more like a hangout than a scheduled event.

Of the six Jack's Mannequin's shows I've been to, this was the most impressive musically and atmospherically.

There could have been no better way to rock out Robertson Memorial Field House one last time.

Photo Poll

What is your worst habit?

"Procrastinating."
Janelle Crawford
junior
public relations

"Biting my nails."
Emily Piersialla
sophomore
special education

"I have no bad habits except for being too awesome."
John Fleming
sophomore
entrepreneurship

"It's a toss up between biting my nails and plotting to ruin my roommate's smugness."
Dean Neilly
junior
mechanical engineering

"I crack my neck, knuckles, back and elbows."
Adam Klaege
junior
secondary education

"Forgetting people's names. If I forget your name, I apologize in advance!"
Laura Weidner
freshman
psychology

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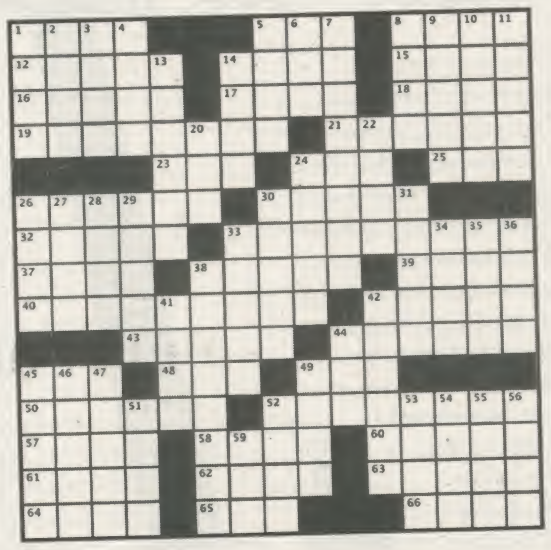

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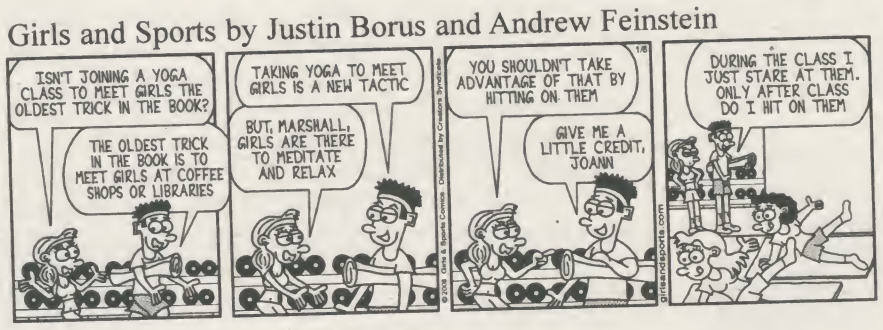

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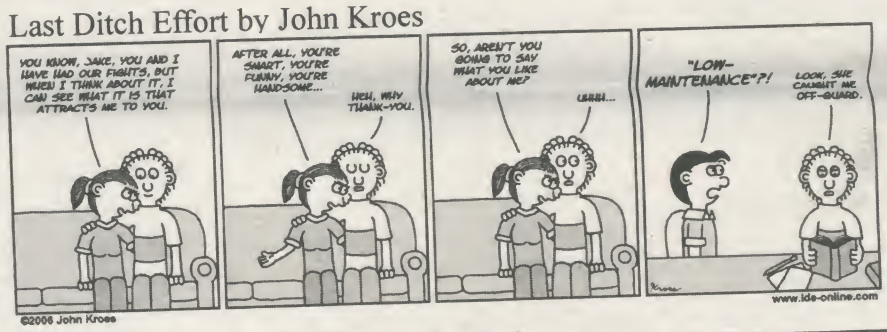

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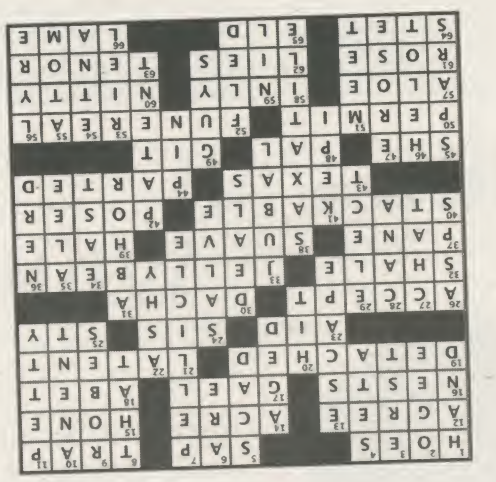

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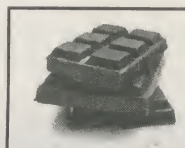

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HOW TO

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Kick the addiction

by Maureen Horcher

The Scout's guide to breaking bad habits, making better choices

Lent began last week, and though giving up a favorite food or a TV show may be easy, addictions are harder to break.

Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary defines addiction as "persistent compulsive use of a substance known by the user to be harmful."

Addictions come in diverse forms. They include gambling, shopping, people pleasing, pornography, overeating, smoking, overachieving and even household products.

Some associate alcohol addiction with college students.

According to a 2007 press release from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, "half of college students binge drink and/or abuse other drugs and almost a quarter meet medical criteria for alcohol or drug dependence."

Assistant psychology professor Tim Koeltzow explained suggestions for students who want to overcome their addictions long after Lent ends.

Koeltzow discussed addiction treatment from a behavioral perspective, citing the "ABC" method students can use to study healthy recovery.

The 'A' stands for antecedents, or the things that predict people will succumb to the addiction.

This umbrellas friends, environment and anything else that can trigger a relapse.

'B' is for behavior. This examines the addiction's execution.

If drinking is your problem, question why you drink. How often? In what situations do you drink? With whom do you drink? Where does it happen? Is it for stress management purposes?

Koeltzow advised students to think about where they are and who they are with when they perform behaviors.

If it's with a certain group of people, then spend time with others in order to ease temptation.

Finally, 'C' stands for the consequences of remaining sober. There can be consequences for bad behavior or rewards for good behavior.

"We can try to generate reward systems for drug alternatives," Koeltzow said.

For instance, ex-smokers can create a goal of something they want to purchase with the money they save from not purchasing cigarettes.

Additionally, some alcoholics use Antabuse as a drinking deterrent. This creates a negative physical reaction (generally vomiting) when consumed with alcohol.

Overcoming addiction isn't only about big life changes.

Koeltzow said little changes must happen in order to keep stress levels down so the person isn't tempted to return to the addiction

"If stress is something that invokes use, it's important that students get in front of themselves and anticipate stressful situations," he said.

For instance, if you know a test is coming up, study early to avoid becoming get overwhelmed.

Additionally, Koeltzow said he advised students to strive for physical fitness by taking vitamins, getting enough sleep and working out.

"Get some exercise or a massage instead of smoking [and/or] drinking as a means to reduce stress," he said.

Koeltzow said no matter how students go about overcoming an addiction, they should have some sort of medical consultation.

"I wouldn't want people to be afraid of seeking treatment ... whether form a physician or a counselor," Koeltzow said.

Students seeking more addiction information can contact the Health Center at x2700.

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CAMPUS SAFETY CRISIS

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Northern Illinois University student Emily Fuller helps calm a shooting victim in DuSable Hall while waiting for paramedics to arrive. The victim was shot in the leg while in class in Cole Hall during the Feb. 14 shooting. *photo courtesy of the Northern Star*

Violence not preventable, officials say

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Although Bradley's emergency text messaging system is helpful to warn students of snow days, it may not be of much help when it comes to larger, more serious issues, a university official said.

Five hundred students have signed up for ForeWarn since the Feb. 14 shooting at Northern Illinois University, but Associate Provost for Information Resources and Technology Chuck Ruch said the university would not have been able to send messages out before the shooting ended.

"The first call goes to 911, and it's only two minutes between then and when campus police arrive at which time the guy kills himself, and at that point it's all over in two minutes," Ruch said.

He said he doesn't think texts could be sent out faster than 10 minutes after an incident begins.

The Feb. 1 snow day was the first time ForeWarn was used. However, about 7 percent of those registered

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Six crosses stand near Homes Student Center at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb as a memorial for the students killed in the Feb. 14 campus shooting. *photo courtesy of the Northern Star*

Schools must help those in distress

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Just a day before the shooting at Northern Illinois University, Bradley administration released a pamphlet on how to identify students who need mental or emotional help.

The pamphlet, "Helping Students in Distress," says students who feel disrespected and rejected are more prone to violent behavior. The pamphlet was recently revised in response to the Virginia Tech shooting that occurred last April.

"If we see anybody on our campus that might be under some stress that they're not coping with well, we'd like ... to get that person evaluated by our counselors," Executive Director of Student Development and Health Services Joyce Shotick said.

The pamphlet instructs teachers and faculty to seek immediate attention if a student is exhibiting hostility, aggression, loss of touch with reality, paranoia, suicidal tendencies or homicidal thoughts.

"Students need to know that the university is constantly working on refining and adding to measures that we can put into effect as best we can to ensure the safety and security of the student body, faculty and staff and campus community," Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said.

Students in distress don't respect authority and have disciplinary problems, according to the pamphlet. Many times, students who need help don't consider other people's feelings and rights. They usually have a preoccupation with weapons.

If a faculty member suspects a student needs help, he or she should meet with the student to express concern.

Galsky said if Bradley personnel suspect a student may

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
24 / 13
Cloudy with a chance of snow.

Saturday
35 / 20
Mostly sunny.

Sunday
38 / 23
Partly sunny.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Spring Break on a budget.
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VOICE

Bradley Briefs

• Barbeque Kitten will perform from 5 to 6 p.m. and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the Global Communications Center 126. Admission is $2.

• Comedian Azeem will discuss diversity and the need to eliminate stereotypes, racism and prejudices with humor from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday in the University Hall lounge. For more information, call x2646.

Comedian Azeem

• Multicultural Student Services will host Jazz Poetry Slam from 8 p.m. to midnight tonight in the University Hall lounge. Admission is free. For more information call x2646.

• An all-you-can-eat soul food brunch will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday in Geisert Hall cafeteria. For more information, e-mail Frances Jones at fjc@bradley.edu or call x2646.

• Bradley Symphonic Winds will perform from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students and $5 for the public.

• The Bradley Jazz Ensemble will perform with guest artist Wayne Bergeron from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Michel Student Center. Admission is $5 for students and $10 for the public.

Around the World

Electric bill increase keeps costs low

Vice President of AmerenCILCO Craig Nelson argued Tuesday night that another rate increase for central Illinois residents this year will prevent future increases.

Peoria-area customers would see the lowest "delivery rate" increase along with lower natural gas costs, Nelson said.

Despite these supposed benefits, many speakers from advocacy groups, as well as individual citizens, argued against the proposed increases in front of an Illinois Commerce Commission hearing officer in the Woodruff High School auditorium.

Ameren's proposals would raise the average customer's electricity bill about $35 a year, but natural gas bills would drop $16 annually.

Info from www.pjstar.com.

Texas important for Democratic candidates

The Texas primary is now the focus of both Democratic Presidential candidates as it has emerged as an important race for Sen. Hillary Clinton.

With Sen. Barack Obama's victories in Wisconsin and Hawaii on Tuesday, by large margins in both states, Clinton has lost 10 state primaries in a row since the close elections on Super Tuesday. Clinton's aides have said she will have to win the next two major contests in Texas and Ohio to stay in the running.

Clinton went on the offensive on Wednesday while giving a speech at Hunter College in Manhattan by saying Obama uses words rather than actions.

Info from www.nytimes.com.

New approach for Pakistan's parliament

The winners of Pakistan's parliamentary elections said they would take a new approach to fighting Islamic militants by pursuing more dialogue on Tuesday. They also promised to remove the crackdowns on the media and restore judicial independence.

The party of assassinated opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, now led by her widower, Asif Ali Zardari, proved that a new political order is desired in Pakistan.

Zardari, leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party, said the newly elected members would remove the many unpopular policies that drove people to vote against President Pervez Musharraf and his party.

Info from www.nytimes.com.

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Schock may fill seat previously held by other BU grads

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Aaron Schock

Aaron Schock is working hard to continue a tradition.

"I think Bradley has a great reputation of putting out good leaders. People will debate if I fall into that category," he said with a laugh.

Schock, 26, R-Peoria, graduated from Bradley in 2002. He started campaigning for the 18th Congressional District seat just two days after U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Peoria, announced he wouldn't seek re-election.

LaHood, also a Bradley alumnus, served the 18th Congressional District for 13 years, and Bradley alumnus U.S. Rep. Robert Michel, also a Republican, held the position for 38 years before LaHood.

Schock said he hopes to follow in their footsteps and continue to get support from the Bradley community.

When he ran for state representative, the seat he currently holds, Schock said he won the majority of the student vote after speaking on campus and encouraging students to register to vote at Bradley.

Schock's campaign manager Steve Shearer said Schock appeals to college students because he's not much older than them.

Bradley alumnus Aaron Schock, R-Peoria, speaks to students on Olin Quad. Schock won the Republican nomination for the 18th Congressional District, a seat previously held by two other Bradley grads.

photo courtesy of Steve Shearer

"He has the exact same economic interest as people close to his age," Shearer said. "Other candidates talk about social security, Medicare and budgets, which college students don't necessarily have to deal with right away. Aaron is young, and he has to live through the success or failure of his decisions, and so will all the students at Bradley."

Schock won every county in the 20-county district on the Feb. 5 primary, defeating his opponents Jim McConoughey, 46, and John Morris, 39. Schock said he didn't expect to win 72 percent of the district's votes.

"In a three-way race, my goal was 50 percent of the votes," he said. "That would have been a strong win, so I'm humbled by voter support."

Schock will face a yet-to-be-named Democrat in the November general election, but the 18th Congressional District hasn't had a Democratic congressman since 1917. Schock said he will continue to reach out to Democrats in the coming months to secure their votes in November.

"Aaron has always spoken to all parties," Shearer said. "He would have never won had he not been able to appeal significantly to Democrats and Independents ... If he wins, he represents everyone."

In the coming months, Shearer said he and Schock's staff will work to refocus the campaign and expand the message.

The day after his win, some of Schock's staff was already back to work, taking down campaign signs and starting to raise more money.

Senior business management major Wade Dooley works part time in Schock's office. He said he spent one day of work driving around the district in a large truck, taking down 4-feet-by-8-feet campaign signs. Dooley said the campaign staff will strategically put the signs back up before the November election.

Dooley, who also worked in LaHood's office, said his tasks vary from day to day, but working for Schock is not like having a normal office job.

"It's kind of weird because he's fairly close to my age," he said. "A lot of people don't realize he's so down to earth, but going to work is like hanging out with a friend."

If elected in November, Schock will be the youngest sitting member in Congress.

Schock said he doesn't know what the future has in store for him, but he's going to focus his efforts on winning the 18th Congressional District seat.

"I'm a believer that you need to focus on the job at hand and do your best at it," he said. "This is a great opportunity, and I will do my best to get elected."

Yearbook lacks funding, won't publish this year

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

After struggling to finance the book for several years, the Anaga will not publish a yearbook for the 2007-08 school year.

Executive Director of Student Involvement Greg Killoran said funding for the book is the only reason the staff won't publish this year. The majority of funding comes from book sales.

"What it really comes down to is we have to sell a lot of books, and the past few years we haven't sold a lot of books," Killoran said.

Also, the Anaga was denied funding from the Student Activities Budget Review Committee the past two years.

Killoran said the Anaga staff is capable of producing a book even though they won't.

"I think it just got to a point where it just didn't seem it could have been successful," he said. "There was a feeling we may have passed our point in the year."

Editor-in-Chief Sarah Mosberg said the decision to not publish was made by different groups, including the staff and the Communications Council.

She said it's a possibility the staff will publish a yearbook next year but she is unsure.

"It kind of depends on student feedback and reaction and motivation factors to do it and support from students and from faculty and staff," Mosberg said.

Students have not paid to receive yearbooks this year, she said.

Last year's yearbooks, which were supposed to be delivered in September, have yet to be delivered. Killoran said he hopes students will receive them within the next few weeks.

Junior criminal justice major Sarah Milstein ordered yearbooks both her freshman and sophomore years. She said she understands why people may not want to buy yearbooks in college but thinks they're important for preserving memories.

"I'm disappointed they're not publishing one because these are my college years and I want to look back at photos of my friends and remember the good times," she said.

Staff can read student e-mail under certain conditions

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Bradley administration has access to students' B-mail accounts, Chuck Ruch said, but administration review requires authorization first.

The Associate Provost for Information Resources and Technology said a directive from the provost, a vice president or the university president is required before IRT can read students' e-mails.

"In most cases a request like that is only going to come up if there are some kind of serious charges in place," Ruch said.

One situation where administration might review students' e-mail could be if there was a judicial trial regarding a student, he said.

He also said if a request to review e-mails comes from an outside source, such as a subpoena from the FBI, the school would cooperate.

Sophomore elementary and early childhood education major Kelly Zibton said she thought the university could read students' e-mails at any time.

"If it's a university-sponsored e-mail program, then I guess they could have the right to read e-mails at any time," she said.

But Zibton said she could understand when Bradley needed to intervene with e-mails.

"If there's an investigation going on or something that has to do with the safety of students and the university has reasonable cause to read students' stuff, then it's probably good," she said.

Sophomore nursing major Danielle Lafond said she agreed.

"It would be kind of like a cop searching a car," she said. "But otherwise, it's an invasion of privacy."

A University of Illinois at Chicago student was arrested Saturday after allegedly sending out threatening e-mails on Friday, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

The e-mails threatened "violence at UIC sometime in the spring," the article said.

Sophomore political science major Ted Orphan said he doesn't like the idea of anyone reading his e-mails other than himself.

"I feel it's an invasion of privacy," he said.

But Orphan said in light of Northern Illinois University's shooting and the UIC student's arrest, administration safety is good.

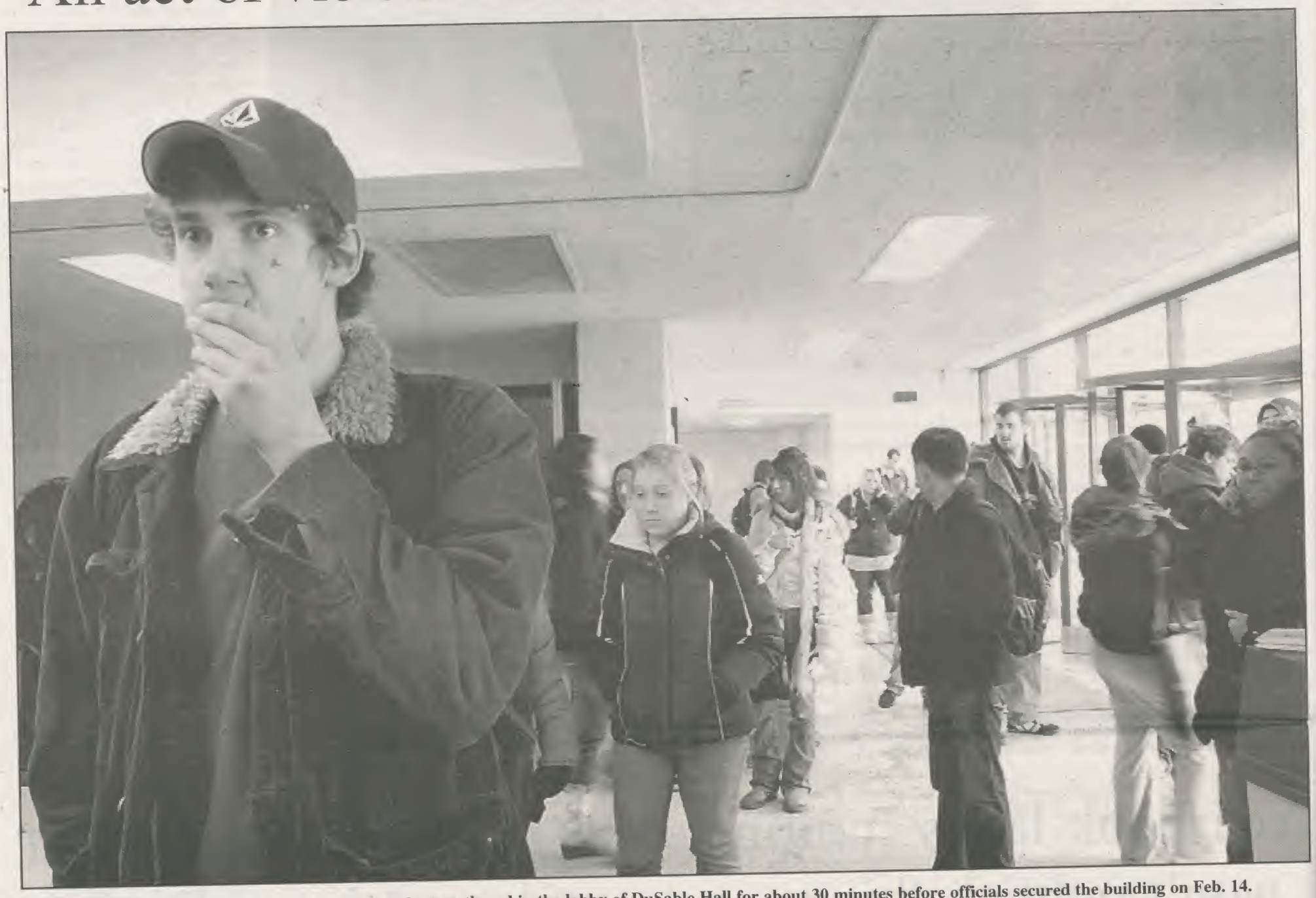
"I guess if the school catches someone before anything bad can happen by reviewing e-mails, then it serves its purpose," he said. "Anything to stop stuff like Northern is helpful."

Bradley switched from Webmail to B-mail, a Google-based program like Gmail, last year. The new service offers six gigabytes of storage, a chat program and event calendars.

According to www.mail.google.com, Google doesn't read any Gmail accountholders' mail. The site said Google servers record certain information about accountholders' use of Gmail such as account activity, data selected by the user, browser type and time of access.

Reflections on NIU shooting

"An act of violence does not define us." -NIU President John Peters



A friend of a victim reacts to the shooting. NIU students gathered in the lobby of DuSable Hall for about 30 minutes before officials secured the building on Feb. 14.
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"I'm going to begin the process of talking to students, and I'll do what I can personally to help them through this; and they'll help me." -NIU President John Peters

Victims Remembered

Gayle Dubowski

"She was so kind and nice and just ... genuine." -Stephanie Franz, friend

Catalina Garcia

"She kept me positive. She kept my head on straight." -Anthony Hayes, friend

Julianna Gehant

"If you saw her smile, you'd never forget it." -John Galan, NIU Veterans Club

Ryanne Mace

"Ryanne put a smile on everyone's face. I never saw her in a bad mood." -Matt LeCompte, coworker

Daniel Parmenter

"He always cared about others first and making someone else's life better." -Tim Smerz, fraternity brother

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DeKalb firefighters Todd Stoffa, Drew Wells and Jim Zarek move a victim to an ambulance near Reavis Hall at NIU moments after the shooting. *Photo courtesy of the Northern Star*

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didn't receive texts.

"In the early days of registering for ForeWarn we screwed up," he said. "We didn't validate the numbers that were entered for a phone number. We got phone numbers that, if you look at them, they're obviously not phone numbers."

Since then, he said, they have been checking numbers and fixing some wrong ones.

Also, some students accidentally opted out of ForeWarn by inadvertently responding to follow-up text messages, he said.

Freshman environmental science major Jenny Mullikin was one student who didn't receive a text message on the snow day. She said she's tried registering for the service twice, once during freshman orientation and once early last semester. Her MyBU page still indicates she isn't registered.

She said she doesn't know what she would do if she were to get a text in an emergency.

"If they sent out a text for an emergency like Northern's, there's not really a set Bradley policy that says stay in your classroom or get out of the building," she said.

However, Ruch said students need to actively seek information about emergencies after receiving text messages.

"There's a lot of times you need to deliver more information to people than you can deliver in a 160-character text message," he said. "[ForeWarn] is kind of a way to say, 'Hey, there's something going on and you need to find out what to do.'"

Bradley introduced ForeWarn last fall in response to last year's shooting at Virginia Tech.

Ruch said less than 50 percent of all faculty, staff and students are signed up for the system – a number he said he isn't satisfied with.

However, starting in the fall, students will not be able to register for classes until they either sign up for ForeWarn or refuse to participate.

"Annually we will actually ask all the students to verify their phone numbers and reinitialize for ForeWarn," Ruch said.

Ruch said the university is working on other plans to warn students, faculty and staff of emergencies. Other plans include using the bells atop Bradley Hall when emergencies occur.

"How much coverage do you actually get out of that?" Ruch said. "For example, I can't hear that inside my office."

He said there are new fire alarm systems in the Cullom-Davis Library and Olin Hall that can double as loudspeakers and would flash a light in case of emergencies. The university has plans to upgrade fire alarm systems in other buildings as well.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said it's difficult for officers to prevent a shooting from occurring because no college campus has metal detectors at entrances to every building.

"Those things are so unprepared for when they happen, you have to react to it," Baer said. "You have to play it as the hand is dealt."

Baer said officers are trained to deal with shooters and other emergency situations. After the NIU tragedy, officers will review this training and undergo simulation training this summer.

"For us, it's being proactive whenever possible and active whenever necessary," Baer said.

He said students should be aware of how friends and classmates act and try to seek help for them if they start behaving suspiciously or stray from normal behavior.

Students should also be comfortable with the university's emergency page, http://emergency.bradley.edu.

"It becomes a general awareness of what's around you," Baer said.

Photo Poll

Do you feel safe on Bradley's campus?

"Yes. There really isn't anything to be too worried about on campus."
Brian Tyne
freshman
civil engineering

"Yes, usually I see a lot of police cars around and that makes me feel safe."
Justin Finley
sophomore
mechanical engineering

"Yes. The Bradley police do a good job at keeping us safe."
Lindsey Reck
junior
advertising

"No. I see many people who are not from Bradley walking around and are suspicious. And I hear stories of people who are raped and beat up. And campus is located next to a sketchy neighborhood."
Cassie Hawley
sophomore
religious studies

"For the most part, yes. There are usually people walking around and the emergency phones are there. But, I think the campus is too dark."
Marlana Haefelin
sophomore
finance

"No, because we are in Peoria."
David Meza
sophomore
English/secondary ed

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Editorial

Schools need counseling, not metal detectors

The Bradley community and campuses across the nation are sending their thoughts and prayers to Northern Illinois University.

A gunman reportedly opened fire in a lecture hall, killing five people and wounding many others before committing suicide.

While the tragic incident was obviously an unforeseeable massacre, the DeKalb campus received other threats of violence earlier this school year, including anonymous messages that alluded to the Virginia Tech massacre.

NIU officials rightfully canceled classes, and when the campus reopened, police were standing guard through finals. These safety measures are the best any campus can do without closing the university permanently. The college has to proceed as normal at some point.

Virginia Tech and NIU are just two places that have been the target of mass shootings.

Columbine High School, nearly a decade ago, experienced the most notorious of school massacres in the United States. Since then, there have been other campus shootings across the nation and around the world.

What a decade of shootings tells us is that these tragic events aren't preventable by security methods. Universities can take every precautionary measure – and they should – but the unfortunate truth is if someone is set to open fire, a text message won't stop him.

Emergency text messaging, e-mail and a public announcement system will spread the word across campuses faster, but the communication systems only announce an emergency after it happened.

These security measures aren't completely useless because students and faculty need to know about threats to their safety. However, no matter how many communication procedures are in place, the campus is never completely protected by them.

High schools may be safer with security cameras, metal detectors and even gates. But most universities can't mirror these security systems. College campuses, including Bradley, are open to the public. Officials can't monitor every person entering and leaving campus, and it wouldn't make sense anyway because many campus gunmen are students.

Security cameras are nonsensical, too. Shooters, often average-looking students, obviously conceal their weapons until they decide to open fire.

Metal detectors wouldn't work because it would be expensive and likely impossible to have a metal detector and security guard at every door of every campus building. The gunman from NIU didn't enter a main door, and many students don't either when they're going to class.

Tangible security methods aren't the answer. Campuses should focus on the motives and mental illnesses behind the shootings because this is where the root of the problem lies.

Thankfully, Bradley is already on its way to being a safer campus. Officials recently printed brochures about recognizing the signs of distress, which is a step in the right direction. Mental health staff are on hand both during the day and at night to help.

But a distressed student likely won't stand up and say something is wrong with him, and campus officials don't spend as much time with students as other students do. Peers have to step up and ask for help for their friends.

A mood swing or a missed antidepressant pill might not seem like a big deal, but it can develop into one, as mass shootings have shown. People who murder people are not sane, and they are likely crying for help.

While mass text messages and e-mails alert the campus community about threats to their safety, it's better to jump the gun and get help for students who need it before they make rash decisions.

Opinions from other Campuses

NIU must stand together after tragedy

On Feb.14, NIU was attacked by a gunman who selfishly killed himself after reaping the kind of terror we could only have hoped we would never know.

But now we do know that terror, and the pain and questions wrought from it are as perplexing as trying to figure out how or why someone could ever do such a thing in the first place. The range of emotions the NIU community will experience and will continue to cycle through is difficult to control, but a few come to mind before anything else.

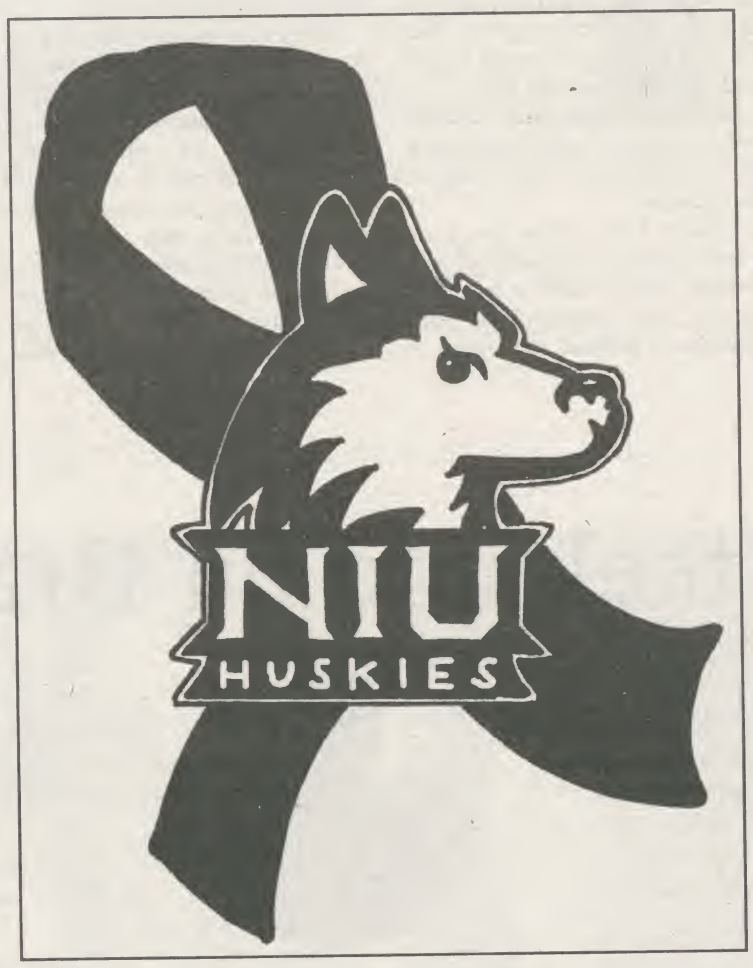
Anger, pain, fear, frustration and disbelief were all in abundance among the NIU family on Thursday as news of the tragedy spread. As the police took control of the situation, students, faculty members, parents and spouses were left to begin the overwhelming process of coping with this attack on our community, on our family.

It isn't fair that someone should die for going to class, and that makes it all the more difficult to understand and deal with. It isn't fair that loved ones and friends are forced to deal with the reality that the lives of those close to them have been taken away long before their time. And it isn't fair that no one had or took advantage of a chance to stop this from happening in the first place.

But we can't do anything about that, and as we continue to cycle through emotions, there is something we can all keep in our minds as we cope with the tragedy.

As a family, NIU can and needs to come together in a way most of us here today have probably never experienced. At least five members of our family were forever taken from us, and there is no one who belongs to NIU who is not affected by this. This is why we need to come together. When family members die, those who live must grow stronger through the consolation and understanding of one another.

There were shining examples of this Thursday, and I know they will continue for some time. Students who knew each other in no way besides the terror they shared Thursday hugged each other, consoled each other and came together. In late-night vigils on and around campus Thursday night, people shared pain in a way they never imagined they would. We do this because the presence of one another makes us feel better, reminds us we still have family and friends



– at NIU, back home and everywhere in between – to fall back on.

It will be difficult and even unbearable for many, but we will do it and we will be stronger as a family for it. To the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones, NIU shares this pain as a family.

NIU will never be the same, but we will never forget those family members we must now live without. They will live on forever in our memories and in our hearts.

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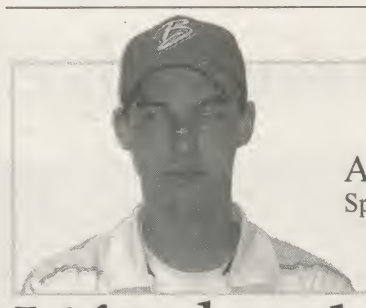

Adam Mettrick
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Life shouldn't be taken for granted

Life is precious.

It's also extremely fragile. A human life can be erased in an instant, be it from an accident, a medical condition or a deranged gunman.

Last week, we received a horrible reminder of just how quickly life can come to an end.

On Feb. 14, Steven Kazmierczak , armed with four guns, walked into a lecture hall on the campus of Northern Illinois University. He opened fire, and when the carnage finally came to an end, Kazmierczak had shot 22 people killing five before turning one of the weapons on himself.

It was a truly horrific tragedy, and one that struck awfully close to home.

NIU's campus is a mere two-hour drive from Peoria and many Bradley students have friends who attend the school.

I know five people who have attended NIU over the past few years, though thankfully, none of them still attend the university.

And though I wasn't directly affected by what happened, it served as a stark and terrible reminder that tragedy can strike in any place, at any time.

The unspeakable events of Valentine's Day could just have easily taken place at Illinois State University or the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where several of my friends still go to school.

Or the shooting could have happened here at Bradley.

The victims of that heinous crime were someone's friend, someone's roommate, someone's sibling. They could have been my friend or your roommate.

They could have been you or me.

It's a terrifying thought.

What's more frightening still is that very little could have been done to prevent the shooting.

Debates have sprung up across the country about how to improve safety and security on college campuses, and the administrators here at Bradley are reviewing the school's policies in hopes of preventing such an incident from happening.

But the truth is, there's not much they can do.

Short of placing an armed guard at every door of every building on every college campus in America, tragedies of this nature are simply unpreventable.

The sad reality is that this has happened before, and in all likelihood, it will happen again. Only next time, it could be here. The victims could be someone you know. We are, after all, mortal – each and every one of us.

Yet despite our mortality, death is not a thought that crosses the mind of the average college student often. Most of us are too preoccupied with classes, jobs and social activities to give death any consideration at all.

Only when confronted head on with death do we begin considering the thought that we aren't nearly as invincible as we'd like to believe. Only then do we finally stop to appreciate life.

An event like this forces us to take stock of the things that are truly important in life, such as family and close friends. It makes us focus on the big picture and realize how trivial most of our everyday worries are.

When our peers are dying, suddenly a C in Spanish class doesn't seem so devastating and that fight with your significant other is much less important.

But what happens as the memory of the NIU shootings begins to fade from our consciousness as it surely will? It's only been 10 months since the massacre at Virginia Tech, but when was the last time any of us had given thought to the incident before last Thursday?

Chances are, it had been quite a while, and I'm just as guilty as anyone.

It doesn't have to be that way, though.

If any good can come from such a despicable act, perhaps it should be that the rest of us slow down and stop taking our lives, and the lives of those we love, for granted.

So when your roommate wears your favorite shirt without asking or drinks your last water bottle, don't get mad, because there are far more important things in this world.

And the next time your parents want you to stay home on a Friday night and play a game, don't roll your eyes. Stay home and spend time with your family.

Our families and friends won't live forever, and neither will we.

Let's appreciate them and enjoy their company while we still can.

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Journalism not joke, but real major

"What's your major?"

No matter what the situation, as a college student, you will be bombarded with the question. It started with orientation and it continues in every new class or activity I enroll in. When I respond back, "Communications – journalism," I am met with two repetitive responses.

The first is a wry smile and a roll of the eyes as if to say "How cute, he's a dreamer." The other is a buttoned lip and a blank stare as if I had answered "international cookies" instead of journalism.

Since so many people consider the art of writing effectively child's play, I've decided to use the aforementioned skill set to make a case for one of the most exciting and fulfilling majors on campuses today – journalism.

The biggest complaint I have to hear about is the lack of jobs for a journalist. While the market isn't perfect, most people seeking the profession should do their research and be prepared for tougher job searches. Journalists are unique entities, which bring one-of-a-kind styles and personalities to the table. The scarce jobs also create a highly competitive environment where you have to be great to make it. I don't want a job where I'm a replaceable corporate pawn anyway.

For journalists coming out of school, their pay won't be enough to wrap themselves in gold silk and shower in $58 bottles of champagne. However, I know few journalists who split time between the office and a homeless shelter.

If you put in the right amount of work and strike the right chords, you might live more lavishly than you thought. Sometimes, a modest wage and lifestyle can keep you levelheaded and provide a good alibi when it comes time to fight bad guys and expose corruption.

It also makes for a good alias if you know you're an actual superhero. Which brings me to my working theory that all journalists are secretly justice-defenders in their free time.

Peter Parker, photojournalist, puts on a red suit and masquerades as your friendly neighborhood Spiderman. Clark Kent, reporter, flies circles around the world as Superman when he's not meeting copy desk deadlines. I'm sure if Bruce Wayne (Batman) decided to hold a job other than "billionaire" he would be a journalist also to avoid exclusion.

Whether you're talking about fictional characters or real life crime fighters like Carl Bernstein, Bob Woodward and Upton Sinclair, journalism has produced a long list of American icons.

Aside from being modest-but-secretly-awesome, journalists get to live a reckless and mobile lifestyle full of lawsuits, threats, fast food feasts and late nights. Journalism has furthered movements (French Revolution), started wars (Spanish-American War) and taken down crooks (Watergate).

I will gladly put up with poor wages, endless hours and incessant snickering from engineers for a chance to be in the media.

Anybody with a college education can get a 9-to-5-cubicle job. Very few graduates can live the fast paced lifestyle of a journalist.

Journalists aren't out to make money – they're out to save the world.

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Hip-hop music needs a fresh makeover

It's bad when one of the greatest rappers in the game says hip-hop is gasping its last breaths.

Nasir Jones, better known as Nas, is one of the most recognized names in rap. He may have wavered in consistency over the years, but whenever he spoke, the streets listened.

And last year, he spoke volumes by releasing "Hip-Hop Is Dead," a comeback of sorts, which showed Nas more passionate than he had been in years. I know I lent Nas my ears when the album dropped.

However, it seems fans of hip-hop don't want to listen to the real deal anymore. They're concerned with lame catchphrases and childish dances that would be more at home at a prom than the street corner.

Now I don't have a problem with diversity in rap music. It doesn't all have to be "shoot-'em-up-get-the-coke" tales from the 'hood – that would get old. In fact, it's the lack of diversity that is precisely the problem in today's scene, specifically on the radio.

I see no variety in today's scene, just a mob of clones shouting invented slang through the microphone and hypnotizing the crowd into dancing along. Well, I'm not budging.

I hate to be a crotchety Neil Young on this subject, a man who thinks the music of decades past was the best and will never be surpassed by these new whipper-snappers.

But I was introduced to rap via Dr. Dre's West Coast classic, "The Chronic." Precise lyricists such as the Notorious B.I.G. and Jadakiss had as much a hand in my upbringing as my close friends did.

When you listen to good hip-hop for so long, you tend to become stuck in your ways. I know many like me have gotten used to a standard for lyrics and beats. I've also been putting up with this mainstream radio garbage for longer than I care to remember, and not by choice. It's everywhere: on the radio, at parties, in dorm rooms.

Chris Rock had a bit in his stand-up routine about how difficult it was to defend rap as meaningful music. It has me out of breath from laughing every time. In the days of Run DMC, Public Enemy and N.W.A., rap could be legitimately defended as art, as protest, as something with conscience. Those rappers spoke out against social ills such as racism, the media and police brutality, but they could also be humorous when the time came.

"It's getting hard to defend rap," Rock said. "How are you gonna defend a song like 'Move b—, get out the way?' [from Ludacris' 2001 hit "Move, B—"] How are you gonna defend 'I got hoes in different area codes?'" [Ludacris again, from "Area Codes"].

It was a good bit of standup, but it fell squarely in the "funny because it's true" category. It was on the tip of our tongues – he just came out and said it first.

This was four years ago.

Things have only gotten worse. A gold-toothed 17-year-old kid going by the name Soulja Boy led the pack last fall with "Crank Dat," not so much a song as an instructional dance routine riding on steel drums and thumping bass, with the line "Superman that ho!" in the chorus.

And this makes the other drum machine monstrosities sound like classic Geto Boys songs in comparison.

During a recent trip to the cultural melting pot known as Wal-Mart, I witnessed a couple kids – couldn't have been more than six years old – doing this updated "Macarena" and singing "Superman that ho!" I doubt they know what the phrase really means. More importantly, I hope they don't.

There's a backlash, however, and I felt vindicated to see "Hip-Hop Is Dead" lead the torch-wielding mob of rap fiends. Ghostface Killah of the nine-man rap group Wu-Tang Clan publicly dissed Southern "snap rap" act D4L in concert. He claimed the group has no talent, mockingly dancing to its grotesque radio hit, "(Shake That) Laffy Taffy."

"Snap music" is a form of Southern rap where a dance is just as integral as the lyrics. And these clowns are supposed to be "gangsta?" What is this, New Kids on the Cell Block?

Ghostface and I, along with many rappers and fans, remember a time when rap meant something. Hell, even the mainstream was filled with rappers like Big Punisher and Eminem who had something to say not terribly long ago. But Punisher is long dead from a heart attack and Eminem is in a self-induced retreat from society – their absences only helped the shift towards what I call "dummy rap."

Thoughtful rappers like Inspectah Deck and Jadakiss have been relegated to indie labels and street mixtapes, where promotion is minimal and their voices get trampled by the big labels hawking cookie cutter pop-rappers like Baby Bash, T-Pain and Hurricane Chris. Even the cutesy names made me shudder.

The last track on "Hip Hop Is Dead" is titled "Hope." And if Nas can end things on an optimistic note, than this white kid from the 'burbs should be able to do the same.

Hip-hop has survived as an art for over 25 years – longer than I've been alive. Rappers such as Nas were playing with words when I was playing with crayons. And if the genre has persevered through abominations such as Vanilla Ice and the shiny suit CEO-rap of the late 1990s, I hope to hear fresh, smart rhymes through a hearing aid one day and smile.

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Event quenches students' thirst for alcohol knowledge

BY EMILY HEISE
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Students gathered around the keg waiting to quench their thirst during the second annual Booze-a-Palooza Tuesday night.

Hosted by the Association of Residence Halls in the Michel Student Center ballroom, a root beer keg provided refreshment for more than 400 students who attended the event.

"There was an overwhelming crowd support for the residential life staff that was participating," ARH Campus Outreach Chair Erica Hammock said. "The staff's personality and support are huge draws for a crowd."

Resident advisors and assistant resident advisors from four residence halls battled against each other, striving to answer the most alcohol related questions in order to move on to the next round.

Each round included nine questions related to alcohol consumption and the consequences of drinking. After two rounds, Heitz and Williams Halls faced off against returning champion Geisert Hall in the final round.

Junior health science major and Williams team member Steven McConnell said the event is good for informing the Bradley community about serious issues in an entertaining way.

"I think it's good for campus and any college age student living on campus to be informed about alcohol and its effects," he said. "It also helps everyone have fun at the same time."

The round of sudden death ended in a three-way tie resulting in a tiebreaker question: "What organ of the body is affected by alcohol first?"

After Heitz said "liver" and Geisert answered "stomach," the members of Williams became the Booze-a-Palooza champions answering correctly with the "brain."

McConnell said he enjoyed being on the winning team and supporting residential life.

"Since I'm in residential life, I wanted to be a part of something that educates people and to represent residential life," he said. "I really enjoyed playing, it helped me pay attention and I was an active participant in something that would help others learn and become more aware."

Though Hammock said the turnout for the event was vast, it was not as large as last year's event.

"We ran out of pizza so that's a good indication attendance was high," she said. "But last year we had a little bigger turnout. I think the basketball game might have drawn students away from tonight's event."

The event lacked a team representing the Singles Complex, but residents from that building competed last year, Hammock said.

"It was hard finding people to play from the complexes," she said. "No one was interested in playing."

She also said the idea of adding a greek team to the event was discussed during preparation, but was never executed.

"The event is really only catered to residential life because of ARH's strong connection with them," she said. "We wanted to add a greek team but no one was interested. It would add spice to the event and it is relevant to them as well."

Hammock said the goals organizers set for last year were met and she said she was pleased with the better organization and strong support for the halls this year.

"It's a fun way for hall staffers and their residents to learn about alcohol and how certain issues deal with campus life," she said. "Especially since the questions deal with drinking tickets and alcohol poisoning, it can affect everyone."

Freshman elementary education major Melanie Gunn said she attended the event as a mandatory floor program but enjoyed the information provided during the event.

"I thought that it was informative for those who don't know their facts and it was well organized as far as the power points," she said. "They made the event interesting for the material that they covered."

Sophomore French major Michelle Dukes said she would definitely attend the event next year.

"I want to see who wins," she said. "It's a cool event and interesting because it educates people."

Members of the Williams Hall team discuss an answer about alcohol at Booze-a-Palooza on Tuesday in the Student Center Ballroom. *photo by Megan Loos*

Memorial garden to honor deceased students underway

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

With internal fundraising a success, the Student Senate Memorial Garden will soon have a temporary home on campus.

Senate did fundraising through "dress down days" for senate meetings, charging $3 for a casual look. By doing so, senators were able to raise about $240. The money was "just enough to get the garden started," Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said.

The Bradley Memorial Garden project will be a place for students and faculty who have died to be remembered by family and friends.

Ticaric said the project, an idea beginning with her "see change now" campaign, is underway.

"In the beginning of the year, we had many student tragedies," said Ticaric. "There was a girl in my sorority a few years ago who passed away on campus and there was nowhere for us to go and grieve or remember our friend. With Danny Dahlquist's death, it became apparent that a place like that would be needed."

The garden will consist of a bench, possibly with an engraving to honor those who have died, along with a bed of red roses, the flower Lydia Moss Bradley declared as the school flower.

"Looking back at Lydia's family history, the garden is a reminder of her own difficult past," Ticaric said.

She approached the Student Affairs Board of Trustees at her first meeting in July. With help from many campus faculty, Ticaric's idea was put into motion.

"[Vice President for Business Affairs] Gary Anna and [Associate Provost for Student Affairs] Alan Galsky have been a huge support in getting this project off the ground.," she said. "We have plenty of money in order to start the project now, but if anyone would like to donate, they can feel free."

The garden will be located behind Bradley and Westlake Halls once construction on the land next to Morgan Hall is finished. According to construction plans, the area will consist of four cul-de-sacs, two of which will possibly be named for two of Lydia's children who do not have streets named after them. One of the cul-de-sacs will be a memorial to her family. Ticaric hopes this is where the garden will be located.

"The atmosphere of the area will be very similar to the feeling that we are hoping the garden will represent," Ticaric said.

However, until construction is complete, the garden will temporarily reside near the walkway between the Michel Student Center and the Hartmann Center, close to the tree with a bench around the trunk.

Ticaric said she hopes the garden will be in place by the end of Spring Break.

"A lot of people may feel uncomfortable going to the church here on campus for the religious feel of the grieving process," Ticaric said. "Hopefully, it will be a place for students to get away from the crazy hustle bustle of Bradley."

Ticaric said she hopes the Memorial Garden will be a place for students to gain inner tranquility to come to peace with life.

"The garden will be a place for students to relate and gain comfort," she said. "It will hopefully make the campus come closer together in a time of tragedy."

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Students salsa, strut their stuff for Easter Seals

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

Fifteen couples danced their way across the stage on Friday night in the second annual Do You Want to Dance? competition for the Easter Seals Foundation.

About 300 people attended the event sponsored by Bradley Fellows.

The competition featured couples from different campus organizations. Residential Life staff, Kappa Delta, Help, Empower and Teach and Fellows were all represented, and the competition also included couples who were not associated with any group.

"We achieved our goal of having 15 couples to dance, and I thought the audience had a lot of fun," Fellows Development Committee Director Michelle Kosner said.

Dance professionals from the Peoria area judged the event, including two founders from local dance studios and the Academy Director from the Peoria Ballet.

All the couples were competing for a chance to appear live at the Easter Seals telethon, which will air March 8, on WMBD news.

First place winners sophomore Barry Draper and graduate student Nellie Apostolova dance during an event for Easter Seals last Friday evening in the Student Center Ballroom. *photo by Brandi Arnold*

All different kinds of dances were represented, from Latin to interpretive and disco to ribbon dancing. The event also included a special salsa dance from the Association of Latin American Students.

Several Easter Seals Ambassador families were also present. This was important to Fellows, said Kosner.

"It was nice for everyone to have the chance to meet some of the families we are raising money for," she said.

During the intermission, a short video was played to show all those in attendance some of the work Easter Seals does for children with disabilities.

After all the dancers had performed, the audience had a chance to vote for their favorite couple by making donations. The audience's favorite won the People's Choice honor. This couple, along with the top two chosen by the professional judges, will have the opportunity to dance at the telethon and the chance to win $250 and a trophy.

Graduate student Nellie Apostolova and sophomore music education major Barry Draper won first place with their Latin-inspired dance. Junior sociology and political science major Marianna Divietro and freshman elementary education Ashleigh Pierce took second with a hip-hop, jazz and lyrical combination. The People's Choice Award went to freshman chemistry major Vanessa Mendiola and junior accounting major Christine Cisneros.

More than 99 cents of every dollar raised from the event will stay in the Peoria area, and Do You Want to Dance? will continue to be an annual event for Fellows.

"I believe the event was a big success and we look forward to making it even bigger and better next year," Kosner said.

Easter Seals was founded in 1934 by Edgar Allen to help children and adults with autism and other disabilities live a normal life.

Schedule of classes to be online only

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Students won't find stacks of course schedule books in the hallways come Spring 2009 registration season.

The Summer/Fall 2008 book will be the last printed course schedule book.

Beginning with the January Interim/Spring 2009 addition, course information will only be available online.

Registrar Kathie Beaty said few students use the printed copy.

Director of Academic and Marketing Publications Laura McGowan said Bradley printed 9,000 copies of the Spring 2009 schedule.

That is 1,000 less than the Summer/Fall 2007 book, and there were about 600 copies left over.

"In previous years, they ordered more than 10,000," she said. "We had to throw so many away each time whereas we used to run out."

In addition to printing fewer copies, Bradley opted for cheaper printing paper.

The Spring/Fall 2007 book cost $7,000 to produce, whereas the January Interim/Spring 2008 book cost $4,200.

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky asked members of the Student Advisory Committee if not providing the paper scheduling books would have a negative effect on students.

"In general, they felt it wouldn't be a problem at all," he said.

Junior psychology major Hannah Giunta said she doesn't mind if the information is only available online.

"It seemed like they couldn't keep the written schedule. It wasn't up-to-date, so a lot of classes got added online anyway," she said.

Beaty said she agreed with Giunta. She said not only will the change save the university money, it will also provide more accurate course information.

"There are many changes after [the course information] goes to the printer," she said. "The online schedule is up-to-date."

Giunta said the only reason she liked the book was to check class information while she registered for classes instead of going back and forth between Web sites.

McGowan said the schedule of classes Web site is currently separate from the course offering database, and she looks to integrate them.

She said the electronic version will change as time permits, and she looks to correct that issue.

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Police crime log moves to Web

BY BRENNA SCURLOCK
of the Scout

An electronic log of crimes reported on or near Bradley's campus is now available through the University Police Web site.

The crime log page, www.bradley.edu/police, will include the classification of the crime, for example, "burglary," "damage to property" or "motor vehicle accident." The dates the crime occurred and was reported, the time and place of the crime, whether or not it occurred on campus and whether the case is open or closed is also included.

The site will be updated as crimes occur or, when police are especially busy, within one to two days, said University Police Chief Dave Baer.

With more serious crimes, such as murders, sexual assaults, acts of violence or repeated acts of vandalism, the officers can include a detailed description of the events, which will be added to the log page and the crime alert page.

The crime alert page, also available through the BUPD Web site, will display reports officers think students should be especially aware of, such as sexual assaults or trends in car vandalism and break-ins.

Baer said the log page will allow students and faculty to easily see everything the BUPD does.

"There's a misconception that there's a lot of crime and nobody tells students about it," he said. "We always display everything, but we need to get the information out."

Because only a few police reports are selected and printed in the paper each week, many people don't get a sense of the full crime log, he said.

"The [physical] log has been at the station for six to seven years and only one person has looked at it," he said. "We'd rather you not have the perception that we're not fighting crime. You're just not aware of it. We want to make you aware of it."

Bradley police will be trained to use the program to update the log as reports come in, but Baer said he doesn't want to tie up the officers.

If officers are busy, the log may not be first priority, but it will be updated within a day or two, he said.

University Police crime log

• Log on to www.bradley.edu/police for an electronic crime log of incidents on or near campus.

Downtown gaming center closes doors

BY ALEX GOLDBERG
for the Scout

After five years of business at the Maxam building downtown, InPlay has closed its doors.

The family gaming center didn't attract as much business as planned.

When InPlay first opened, Susan Crisler told the Daily Vidette at Illinois State University that it would entertain all age groups.

"This is a new experience for Peoria because they have never had any place like this before," she said.

InPlay never charged admission, but customers paid for game cards ranging in price from $5 to $25, instead of the more traditional quarters and tokens.

Games at InPlay included the latest in virtual reality, a rock-climbing wall, pinball, Full Swing Golf and Waverunner, to name a few. Certain games offered prizes such as necklaces, glow sticks and stress balls.

Bradley students have mixed reactions about InPlay going out of business.

Senior entrepreneurship major Brian Paha used to go to InPlay, but he said the gaming center.

"I used to go down to InPlay my freshman year, and it was a lot of fun," he said. "But as I got older it kind of lost its appeal and I stopped going."

Senior health science major Detlof Maltas said he doesn't care that InPlay is closed because he never went there and "was never into arcade games to begin with."

The Maxam building is also home to the Forte Banquet and Conference Center, which will remain open.

It hasn't been announced what will become of the space InPlay used to occupy, and the gaming center did not return calls for comment. However, InPlay's voicemail said the space will undergo "new and exciting changes" this year.

'Psychedelic' siblings visit Bradley

BY SARAH ANTRIM
for the Scout

Students and their younger siblings tie-dyed, played games at a carnival, played Laser Tag and attended a basketball game as part of the Activities Council's Siblings' Weekend last weekend.

"My sister and I took advantage of the open gym," freshman mechanical engineering Kris Crane said. "We played about two hours of racquetball, enough to wear both of us out. It was Jessi's first time playing and she had a great time."

Crane said he wanted her to visit because she had limited knowledge about college life and he wanted to show her how much fun it really is.

About 75 to 100 siblings attended the psychedelic-themed weekend, Siblings' Weekend Coordinator Kym Spooner said.

Activities included tie dying shirts, a pizza party, bowling and a campus carnival

There was also a Disco Party on Friday night, hockey and basketball games, and inflatable Laser Tag.

Spooner said this Siblings' Weekend was different than previous ones because ACBU added new activities like the tie dye shirt activity. However, it kept many of the programs that were popular the previous year, such as the inflatable activities.

Freshman nursing major Jackie Valfer and her younger cousin Rachel Heller said they had an enjoyable experience.

"I love my cousin – she's like a sister to me," Valfer said.

"I come down and visit Jackie whenever I get the chance," Heller said.

Valfer and Heller said the carnival at Robertson Memorial Field House was more geared toward younger kids, but they said they enjoyed the laser tag night.

Some siblings came to visit to experience college life up close and see what Bradley is all about.

Freshman psychology and photography major Carolyn Hoffer had her sister Alissa visit.

Alissa said she enjoyed hanging out with her older sister and seeing what it is like to live at Bradley.

Carolyn said she enjoyed the tie dying, Laser Tag night, and showing her sister around campus.

Police Reports

At about 1:15 a.m. on Feb. 12, a Peoria Police officer on patrol noticed a vehicle driving northbound on Western Avenue without headlights on.

The officer stopped the car on Cooper Avenue and Main Street and noticed the odor of marijuana in the vehicle. The officer said the driver of the vehicle gave two different birthdates, so he had the driver get out of the vehicle while he searched it.

The officer found a plastic bag containing white powder, which tested positive for cocaine. The officer booked the driver for possession of 1.5 grams of a controlled substance.

At about 5 p.m. last Friday, a victim reported a hit and run in the 800 block of Glenwood Avenue. The driver said she parked her vehicle at about 1:45 p.m. and returned at 5 p.m. to find damage to her driver's side rear fender.

At about 2:30 p.m. Monday, a resident of 614 N. Duryea Ave. reported criminal trespassing in his home.

The victim said he was in an upstairs bedroom when he heard footsteps in the hall. He exited his room and saw a black male, about 6 feet tall, wearing a red coat and stocking cap.

The victim said the suspect ran downstairs and out the building's rear door. The victim followed the suspect outside to confront him and told the suspect to stay out of the house.

The suspect left southbound on Duryea towards Moss Avenue. A search of the area was negative for the suspect.

All information taken from university police reports.

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Harper smoke detectors reliable despite rumors

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Harper Hall Student Senator Katie Laird said she and her constituents were upset when they heard fire alarms in their dorm had been turned off.

Harper's fire alarms sounded Sunday morning at about 5 a.m., and the building was evacuated.

Rumors spread that technicians didn't know how to silence the alarms so they turned them off, and many students believed the rumors.

Safety Supervisor Rollin Arnett said this didn't and would never happen.

Arnett said Harper's fire alarms were replaced when the building was renovated this summer.

He said a new duct detector, a smoke detector in the building's duct work, was installed with the air conditioning, and the application failed over the weekend.

Arnett said students shouldn't worry about smoke detectors failing. He said when they fail "they immediately sound and everyone knows it."

Arnett said operations engineers silenced the system.

He said the only time the system was turned off was for five or 10 minutes when the electricians rebooted it.

"You have to take part of the system out when you're working on it," he said. "It's impossible to do that without turning it off."

Sophomore photography major Kym Spooner said she didn't hear the rumor that the alarms were turned off, and thought the fire drill was handled quickly and efficiently.

"I knew it was a false alarm," the Harper resident said. "I was just mad it was so early and it was snowing. But right when we were about to go in Heitz they let us back in [Harper]. It was only five or 10 minutes."

Laird did not return phone messages to comment.

DISTRESS

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be a danger to himself or those around him, they'd act on it immediately.

"If you have a student in distress in a critical situation, we are ready to be proactive," he said. "We'd have them separated from the university involuntarily."

He said ultimately, there's no way that a shooting such as at Virginia Tech or NIU can be prevented.

"It's a sad fact that no matter how you plan ... in the end, these things aren't preventable."

Shotick compared school violence to terrorism.

"How do you prevent something when you have a free nation that we have?" she said.

Galsky said a shooting could happen anywhere, and universities must act accordingly.

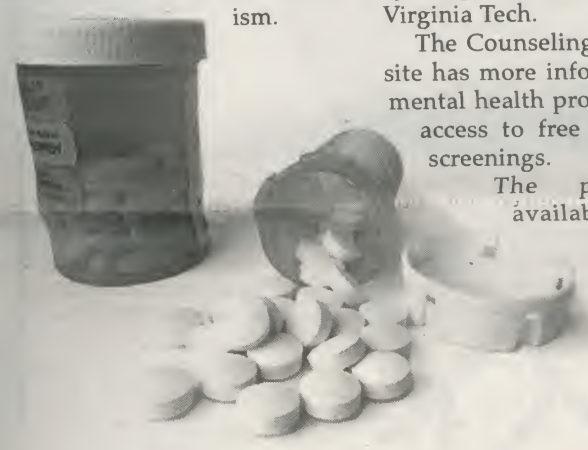
"Every school must ... have proactive plans available to reduce the possibility that this event could occur," he said. "And they must have a plan to respond [if it does]."

He said he thinks NIU, based on what he knew, did well in both categories of prevention and response.

Galsky said he thinks many universities have reviewed and updated their emergency response procedures post-Virginia Tech.

The Counseling Services Web site has more information about mental health problems and has access to free mental health screenings.

The pamphlet is available online at the Center for Health Services and also the Faculty and Staff Web site.



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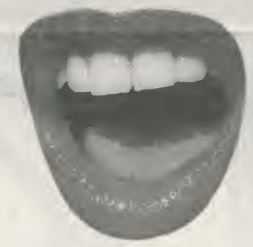
- Deterioration in hygiene
- Anxiety or panic attacks
- Increased drug or alcohol abuses
- Poor concentration
- Low motivation
- Significant changes in energy levels
- Verbal or writen indications of hopelessness or depression
- Isolation from peers, faculty or staff
- Disruptive behavior or aggression
- Preoccupation with weapons

What to do for help

- Call 911 or University Police at x2000 if there is an emergency.
- If you believe a friend or peer needs help, call Health Services at x2700 and ask to speak with a counselor.
- Call Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky at x3140.

Get more Information

- Pick up a pamphlet at Health Services or in the Student Affairs office in Sisson 100.



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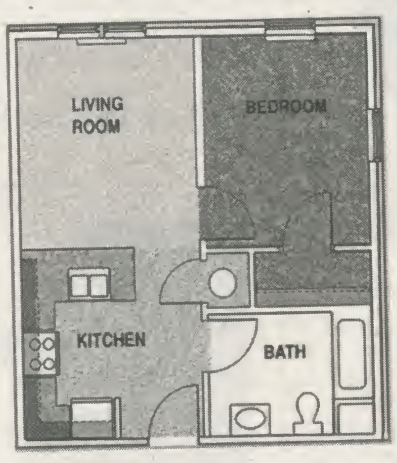

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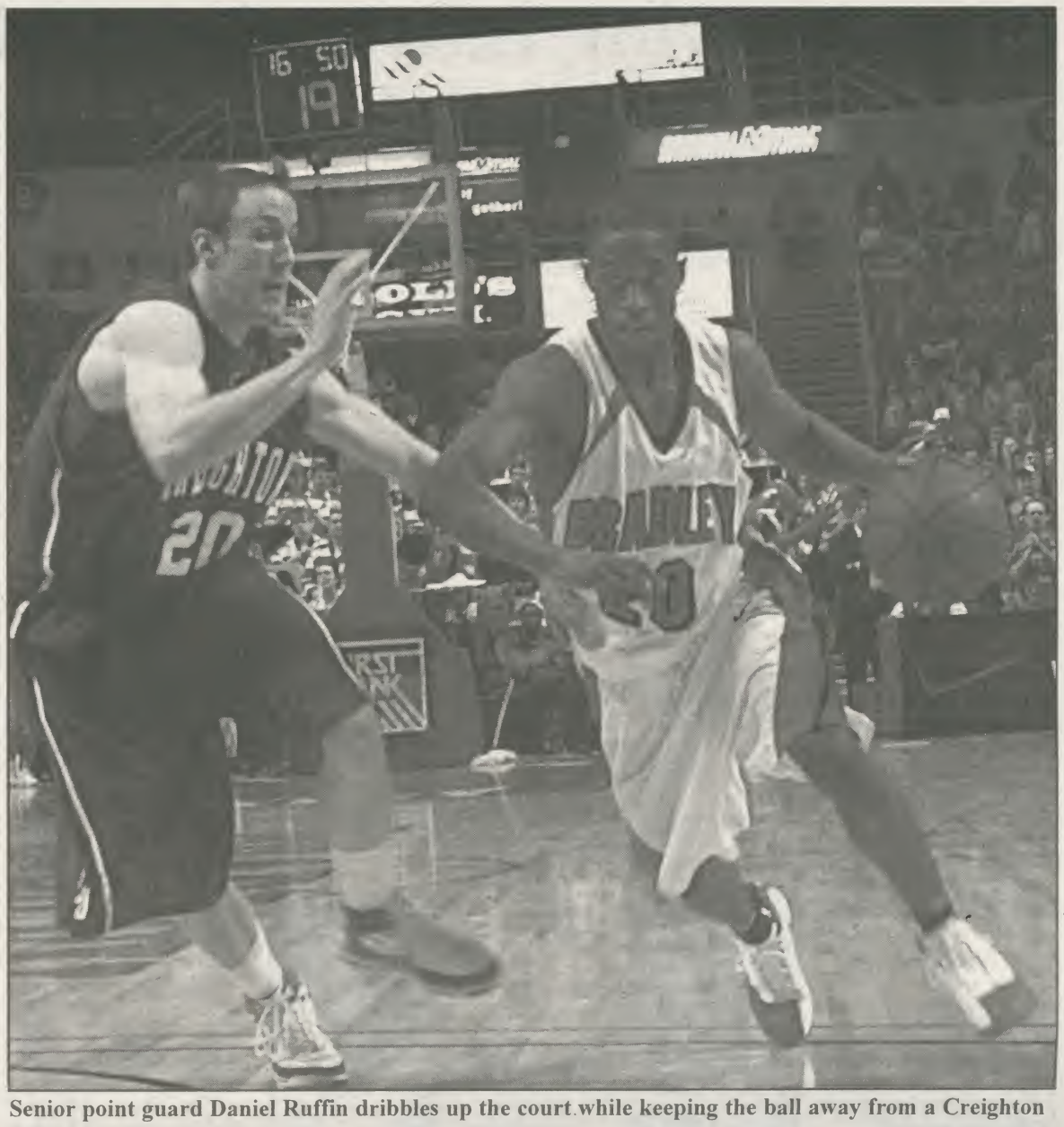
Sophomore guard Andrew Warren attempts a jump shot during Saturday's game. *photo by Sam Lemanski*



Senior point guard Daniel Ruffin dribbles up the court while keeping the ball away from a Creighton defender. *photo by Sam Lemanski*

MEN'S BAKSETBALL

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The win was the 100th in coach Jim Les' career.

Bradley 87, Creighton 59

Coming off a pair of tough road losses, what had appeared to be a difficult draw for the Braves turned into a route on Saturday afternoon at Carver Arena.

Crouch poured in 20 points and pulled down seven rebounds, while Ruffin added 16 points and nine assists, helping the Braves to an 87-59 blowout win over MVC-rival Creighton (18-8, 9-7 MVC).

Bradley shot well in the game, making 48 percent of its attempts, but Les said it was the defense that really shined.

"I thought we really had a presence defensively and the energy that we gained from our defense, that gave us some confidence on the offensive end," he said. "That's who we are. When we play like that on the defensive end it seems to translate to good offense."

Along with their strong shooting and tough defense, the Braves also turned in one of their best rebounding efforts of the year, pulling down 44 boards compared to the Bluejays' 31.

"I was on our big guys the last couple of days, and I love the response they gave," Les said. "They were disappointed in the last couple of games, but when they play well we're an awfully good basketball team, and I thought tonight they had a great focus and they really responded to the challenge."

Sam Maniscalco turned in a strong game off the bench for the Braves. The freshman guard finished with 15 points on 4-of-8 shooting, including a running 3-pointer to beat the buzzer at the end of the first half.

Along with Crouch, Ruffin and Maniscalco, Bradley also had two other players finish in double digits in scoring.

Warren added 13 points for Bradley, while Wilson tacked on 10.

The Braves return to action at 8 p.m. Saturday, when they host Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Carver Arena as a part of the ESPN BracketBusters weekend.

The game will be the first of the Brave's final two home games of the season.

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TOP 15 PARTICIPANTS AS OF THURSDAY

NAME	POINTS
TRISHA KOWALEWSKI	46
JOSHUA M. HENRY	42
ERICA CLARNO	41
AMY CARBONNEAU	39
STEPHANIE RAMSEY	34
ADAM UNDERWOOD	33
SARAH CANINO	33
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PHIL MYER	32
ASHLEY BIRDSONG	31
BARI ERAIS	30
JAMES STEGNER	30
JENNIFER MARTIN	28
KEVIN FARNEY	28
GREG KOTTWITZ	28

SOFTBALL

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innings were not enough to decide a score between the two teams.

UTEP started the first inning off with two runs, and the Braves tied it at 2-2 in the third inning.

Senior Stephanie Ramsey knocked in another run in the sixth inning to tie the game at 3-3.

In extra innings the team hitting starts with a player at second base. In the ninth inning Ramsey started on second base. Freshman Lauren Kelly sacrificed herself to advance Ramsey over to third base with one out.

Boeger then stepped up to the plate and hit a game winning double to score Ramsey and bring the Braves to 2-1 on the season.

Bradley played again later that day against Oregon and downed the Ducks.

The teams traded runs in the first inning, but in the top of the fourth the Braves unleashed a whopping nine runs.

The final score was 11-3 to improve Bradley to 3-1 on the season.

The Braves had 12 hits on the game and five of those were extra base hits.

Clack had three RBIs and a homerun. Jacqueline Vitale and Wegmann each had two RBIs on the game.

Sophomore Lauren Meister also had an impressive game as she went 3-for-3 with a double and RBI.

Birdsong picked up her third win of the season as she pitched a complete game, allowing two earned runs.

On the last day of the trip Bradley was blanked 5-0 by Cal State-Bakersfield.

The game looked promising at the start as Clack hit a double, but Boeger tried to score from first on the hit, and was thrown out at the plate.

"I was kicking myself," Foster said. "We started off the inning with two hits, I didn't think the second baseman had the arm to throw her out but she did."

The Roadrunners scored once in the second inning and that was all they needed to beat the Braves.

Birdsong pitched again in the game and struck out three over six innings while allowing five earned runs.

"In this game there is so much parody you just have to take a loss and learn from it and move on," Foster said.

Bradley went 3-2 overall in the tournament with key victories over UTEP and Oregon.

Foster said he sees his team competing in the top half of the conference this year.

"I think we have the potential to score more runs this year, its going to take more than one or two kids to be there everyday," Foster said, "Even in the loss we had seven hits and probably five or six taken away from us. I like what I saw from our offense."

The Braves play today in Chattanooga, Tenn., in the Panera Bread Challenge. They face Ball State in their opening game.

Like sports? Like to write?

E-mail Adam at sports@buscout.com.

Braves swing into action at Carlton Oaks Invite

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The men's golf team opened its season with a disappointing eighth place finish on Monday and Tuesday in the Carlton Oaks Invitational.

The Braves shot 93-over-par as a team in the tournament, leaving them in last place.

In the first round of the tournament, the Braves shot a 312 and were in the middle of the pack.

They followed with rounds of 322 and 323, sending the team to the bottom of the leaderboard.

Sophomore Zach Wanken finished with the best individual score for the Braves, carding a score of 17-over-par for a 26th-place finish.

His first-round score was his lowest, as he shot just one-over-par, but his second round was a disappointment as he shot an 84.

Wanken also shot the low for Bradley on the final round with a score of 76.

Just four players in the tournament finished at par or better on the challenging course during the first round of play.

Freshman Coby Thompson finished one shot behind Wanken with a final score of 234 to finish tied for 29th place.

Freshman Nathan Perry placed 37th with a score of 236 to finish the competition. He shot an 80 in both the first and final rounds of the tournament.

Senior Nick Roth was not able to complete the event. He came down with the flu and withdrew from play on Monday.

He shot the final round on Tuesday and received a score of 91.

Missouri Valley Conference rival Drake won the event with a score of 915, while North Dakota State finished in seventh place, five strokes ahead of the Braves

Bradley plays its next event in the Grover Page Classic on March 3 and 4 in Jackson, Tenn.

Women's basketball team falls to Shockers on missed buzzer beater

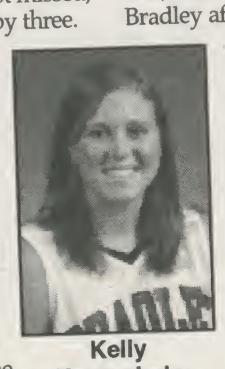
BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's basketball team made a late run last weekend against Wichita State, but came up short and lost the game 56-53.

After coming out slow in the second half, the Braves positioned themselves to take the game to overtime on the final play, but the shot missed, and Bradley lost the game by three.

Coach Paula Buscher said the team needed to carry its defensive intensity to the offensive end.

"We couldn't get our offense going," she said. "We started off the second half with some great defensive stops, but we just weren't making plays at the offensive end."


Kelly Krumwiede

The Braves (9-15, 3-10 MVC) came out cold in the second half, scoring just seven points in the first 13:56 and falling behind by as many as 13 points. They then answered back, scoring 20 points in the remainder of the game but couldn't erase the deficit.

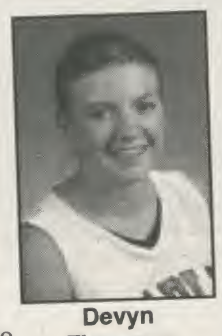
"We got a good look at the end but unfortunately it didn't drop, but that's the way it goes," Buscher said.

Both teams struggled offensively in the first half. Bradley held the Shockers (9-16, 3-10 MVC) to just six points in the final 7 minutes of the first half but still found themselves down seven on their final possession of the half.

The Braves cashed in as senior Rachel Merriman hit a three to cut the deficit to four and end the half 29-25.

Junior Kelly Krumwiede connected on a layup early in the second half, but things went downhill for Bradley after the score.

The Braves didn't score for almost 7 minutes after that, and allowed the Shockers to begin pulling away. Wichita State was up by as many as 13 points before the Braves offense began to come around.


Devyn Flanagan

At the 6-minute mark, the Braves turned things around. They began hitting free throws, creating turnovers and even converted on a four-point play.

Buscher said the team began to execute its offense better, which lead to the increased scoring.

"We did a better job of ball movement," she said. "We were reversing the ball much better and getting the ball inside a little bit more."

Both teams' offenses began to get going, and Devyn Flanagan caught fire. She connected on two long-range shots to pull the Braves within one.

Bradley needed a stop at the other end, and they got one. But the Braves couldn't pull down the rebound, and were forced to foul after Wichita State came up with the offensive board.

The Braves looked to Flanagan one final time with 15 seconds remaining in the game, but her shot just missed and Bradley lost the game by three.

"She was playing very well, she got a great look," Buscher said. "I would put the ball in her hands again in that situation."

The loss dropped Bradley into a tie for last place in conference with the Shockers. The Braves have just four games remaining on the schedule to climb up the conference ladder.

Bradley was scheduled to play Drake on Thursday but results were not available at press time.

The Braves next game is Saturday against Creighton at Robertson Memorial Field House. The Braves will look to get revenge for their three point loss to the Blue Jays earlier in the season.

Men's tennis earns first win of the spring

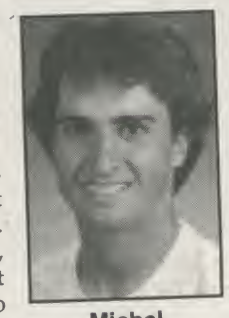
Braves end 4-game skid with 5-2 win

BY AARON FRIEDMAN
for the Scout

The men's tennis team snapped a four-match losing streak, splitting a pair of matches last weekend, as the team posted its first dual match victory of the spring campaign.

After being held to a single point during their last homestand, the Braves traveled to Western Michigan last Saturday.

The match was Bradley's second against a ranked opponent. Western Michigan, ranked 62nd in the latest ITA poll and lived up to its billing, soundly defeating the Braves 7-0.


Michel Macara-chvili

The Broncos cruised to take the doubles point, winning all three matches to open the competition.

Bradley didn't fair much better in singles play as the Braves were unable to win a set in the singles matches.

Junior Michel Macara-chvili had the most competitive match of the day, but ended up losing to Bryan Norville, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3 singles.

Despite the loss, the Braves rebounded to finish the weekend on a high note as the aforementioned streak came to an end in Indianapolis last Sunday with Bradley defeating IUPUI 5-2.

Coach Jacek Wolicki said the team learned from its experience against Western Michigan and carried that over to the match against IUPUI.

"As long as you learn from every experience, you can carry that over, and that's what we did against IUPUI," Wolicki said.

In doubles play, the Braves swept the three matches to gain the elusive doubles point.

The pairing of freshman Milos Romic and junior Evgeny Samoylov topped Gabriel Garcia and Gregory Sosa, 8-4 at No. 1 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, IUPUI's E.J. Dechow and Jorge Yunes fell victim to freshmen Vuk Bolic and Wilder Sampson, 8-2.

Macara-chvili and sophomore Richard Robertson finished off the doubles sweep with an 8-5 win at No. 3 doubles over Jesus Diaz and Blake Powers.

The four doubles wins from the tandem of Macara-chvili and Robertson are tops among the Braves.

At No. 1 singles, Romic lost to Garcia, 2-6, 6-4, 10-6. The only other singles loss came at the hand of Sampson, who fell to Yunes 7-5, 6-2 *setback at No. 4.*

By winning four of the six singles matches, Bradley was able to clinch the victory.

Samoylov, playing No. 2 singles, knocked off Sosa in straight sets 6-3, 6-2. At No. 3, Macara-chvili beat Dechow in another straight-set victory, 6-1, 6-2.

The win over Dechow was Macara-chvili's seventh on the 2007-08 season.

An impressive singles match came at No. 5, as Bolic swept both sets en route to a 6-0, 6-0 win over Powers.

Robertson capped the scoring for the Braves at No. 6 singles, defeating Josh Kutch 6-4, 7-5.

Wolicki said the team will try to use the victory over IUPUI as momentum for the rest of the spring season.

"We are 1-4 on the season, so we've got to turn it around, build on that one win, and put some more team wins on the board," he said.

Bradley returns to action at Butler today before returning home on Sunday to face Illinois-Chicago.

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100 Cubs' lucky number after all

Assistant Sports Editor

BY ALEX MAYSTER

It has been a long time coming, but for those of us who bleed "Cubbie Blue," our year is finally here.

I would like to personally apologize for those of you who had to suffer through the column written by sports editor and Cardinals fan Adam Mettrick about how this is not the year for the Northsiders.

Anytime I read things like "Maybe the Cubs don't want to win the World Series" or "But don't worry Cubs fans, there's always next year," it makes me mad.

Cubs nation is a family. Just as the Cubs are there for me every summer, win or lose, I will be at my team's side. And just like all other Cub fans out there, I truly believe the Cubs will come through this year.

Just as Mettrick did, I'll start with the division. Yes, the teams' records from the National League Central didn't match those of other power divisions, but could that be because all the teams beat up on each other?

Think about it – the Cubs were in a race to win the division until the very end.

The Brewers were considered one of the hottest teams in the league for most of the year, and St. Louis was coming off a championship season.

Before the Rockies represented the NL last year, an NL Central team has represented the National League in the Fall Classic for three straight years.

That doesn't seem like a weak division to me.

As far as improvements go, the Cubs may have only made "one major improvement" to their lineup, but the subtle moves by manager Jim Hendry and the overall improvement of the younger guys should make the team much improved this year.

Putting aside the Asian sensation Kosuke Fukudome for now, the Cubs should have a new lineup on opening day.

Although guys like Alfonso Soriano, Ryan Theriot, Felix Pie and Geovany Soto aren't new to the team, they all have a chance this year to start fresh in their new roles.

Soriano had to switch from center to left field mid-season last year, and the other three weren't starters to begin last year, but eventually won spots.

Now back to Fukudome, who Mettrick said is a slight improvement in right field. "Japanese outfielder Kosuke Fukudome should be better than his predecessor, Jacque Jones, but not by much."

Bottom line, Jones sucked.

Not by much? Fukudome is projected to be a mix between Ichiro Suzuki and Hideki Matsui, two former all-stars.

In his last full season Fukudome hit .351 with a .438 on-base percentage. He also added 31 home runs and 104 RBIs, not to mention his strong fielding ability and solid throwing arm.

Jones has never hit anywhere near the .350 mark and has never had more than 27 home runs. Last year Jones hit just five home runs all season batting just .233 before the all-star break – he didn't get the job done.

As far as the declined power in Derrek Lee's bat and Soriano's speed, only time will tell. All I can say is that experienced players usually compile similar numbers year in and year out.

Lee averaged more than 30 home runs per year before he got hurt in 2006, and Soriano has stolen at least 30 bases in five of the past seven years.

Pitching-wise, the Cubs should be good to go. The emergence of Carlos Marmol and the return of Kerry Wood last year should make an impact on both the bullpen and in the rotation.

With Wood, Marmol and Bob Howry battling for the closer spot, it allows Ryan Dempster to take another shot at the Cubs rotation.

In the two years he pitched over 200 innings with the Florida Marlins, he was able to pick up a combined 29 wins. We don't need another ace at the bottom of the rotation, just someone to eat up innings and pick up some wins.

If Dempster can't crack the rotation, we still have Jon Lieber, Jason Marquis and Sean Marshall battling for the final two spots.

With Cy Young-caliber Carlos Zambrano anchoring the rotation, 15 game-winner Ted Lilly behind him and an emerging Rich Hill in the rotation, the winners of the final two spots will form a dangerous starting five.

Our three closer caliber pitchers in the bullpen won't hurt either.

So when Mettrick says things like, "Maybe the Cubs don't want to win the World Series. That's really the only plausible excuse as to why they appear to be trying to make their rotation worse," I don't understand what he is talking about.

Maybe he is jealous that he isn't going to be part of it – part of the 2008 team that overcomes 100 years of bad luck and curses to finally win the big one.

Chicago Cubs: 2008 World Series Champions.

Go Cubs go.

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One-on-One

Will the Memphis Tigers go undefeated?

Yes

It's been more than 30 years since a Div. 1 men's basketball team has run the table and finished the season undefeated.

That streak is about to end.

The Memphis Tigers, the nation's top-ranked team and last unbeaten at 26-0, will become the first team since the 1975-76 Indiana Hoosiers.

The Tigers certainly don't have an easy road ahead of them.

They face off against No. 2 Tennessee this Saturday, and if they survive, must still make it through four more conference games, the conference tournament and the NCAA tournament.

But nobody ever said perfection would be easy. Memphis is the best team in the country for a reason, and it has the talent to get the job done.

The most notable of that talent are junior forward Chris Douglas-Roberts, senior big man Joey Dorsey and freshman sensation Derrick Rose.

That talented trio, along with the rest of the Tigers' dynamic roster, has combined to make Memphis one of the highest-scoring and most dangerous teams in the country.

Combine that talent with the brilliant coaching of John Calipari and you've got a recipe for success.

Memphis will not fall this season.

- Adam Mettrick

No

The Chicago Cubs have a better chance at winning the World Series this year than the Memphis Tigers going undefeated this season.

The Cubs are for a different time though. Let's look at the Tigers.

Tomorrow they play Bruce Pearl and the Tennessee Volunteers.

Tennessee is the number two team in the country behind the Tigers.

That won't be an easy match-up.

Then to go undefeated they will have to run the table on not only the rest of the season, but in the NCAA tournament too.

The way to beat this Memphis team can be followed by a method many teams implemented in the NBA, the Hack-A-Shaq philosophy.

Memphis has been a traditionally horrible free-throw shooting team and this year it is no different.

With the Tigers, it's not just one player – it's their whole team that can't shoot from the charity stripe.

So as the Tigers will inevitably have another really close game, *if they keep getting* fouled, they will miss enough chances and lose the game. For their sake, they better hope it isn't their last game.

- Dru Tate

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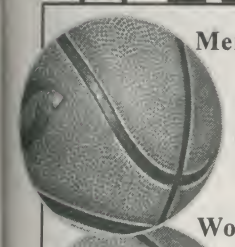
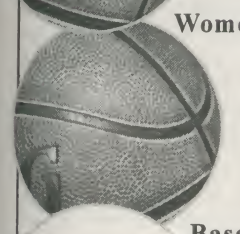


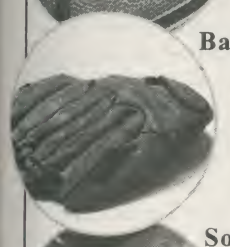
Men's Basketball

Saturday	Tuesday
at 8 p.m.	at 6 p.m.
vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee	*vs. Southern Illinois*
at Carver Arena	*at Carver Arena*



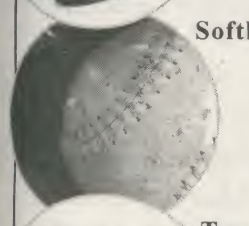
Women's Basketball

Saturday	Thursday
at 2:05 p.m.	at 12:05 p.m.
vs. Creighton	*vs. Southern Illinois*
at Robertson Memorial Field House	*at Carbondale*



Baseball

Saturday	Sunday
at 12 p.m.	1 p.m.
vs. Murray State (DH)	*vs. Murray State*
at Murray, Ky.	*at Murray, Ky.*



Softball

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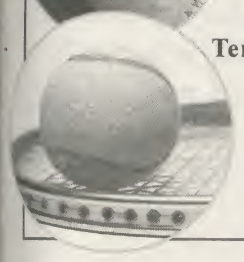


Tennis

Today	Sunday	Today	Sunday
4 p.m.	1 p.m.	12 p.m.	10 a.m.
Men's Tennis	*Men's Tennis*	*Women's Tennis*	*Women's Tennis*
vs. Butler	*vs. Illinois-Chicago*	*vs. Xavier*	*vs. Wright State*
at Indianapolis	*at Peoria*	*at Cincinnati*	*at Dayton, Ohio*

Sport SHORTS

Bears resign Brown, release three others

The Chicago Bears made some off-season moves this week by extending the contract of defensive end Alex Brown and releasing three veterans from the team.

Wide receiver Mushin Muhammad, right tackle Fred Miller and defensive tackle Darwin Walker were all released from the roster.

Brown had a solid year in 2007, adding to his already stellar career in Chicago. He has played in 95 games recording over 400 tackles and over 30 sacks.

Muhammad, who is the most popular of the three players released, was let go after having a sub-par year catching only 40 passes and three touchdowns. He was never able to bring the same playmaking ability to the Bears he once showed in his time with the Panthers

Fred Miller spent three years on the Bears offensive line and Walker was aquired last year.

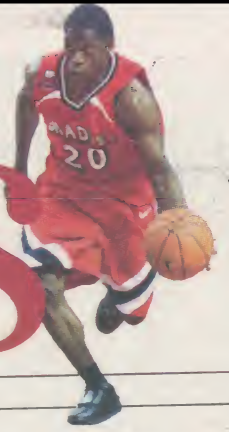
Jason Kidd traded to the Dallas Mavericks

After many different versions and distractions, Jason Kidd has finally been traded back to his original team, the Dallas Mavericks.

The trade was an eight-person deal sending Kidd, along with Malik Allen and Antoine Wright, to Dallas in exchange for Devin Harris, DeSagana Diop, Maurice Ager, Keith Van Horn and Trenton Hassell.

The Nets also recieved two first-round draft picks and $3 million in the deal.

The trade continues the shift of star power to the Western Conference, which recently inherited Shaquille O'Neal and Pau Gasol.



Women's basketball falls on road to Wichita State. Page A14

Braves upset No. 16 Bulldogs

Bradley hands MVC Champion Drake first home loss of the season

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Jeremy Crouch's jumper with 11.3 seconds left gave the Braves a one-point lead, and Bradley held on to hand No. 16 Drake its first home loss of the year on Tuesday night.

The senior guard's 18-foot shot gave the Braves their first lead of the second-half at 72-71, and it proved to be enough, as the Bulldogs couldn't answer during the game's tense final seconds.

Following the shot, Drake's Adam Emmenecker dribbled the ball the length of the court and attempted a layup to put the Bulldogs back ahead, but the shot rimmed out and was knocked out of bounds by Bradley.

Klayton Korver then missed a open jumper on the ensuing inbounds play, and Josh Young's desperation shot fell just short as time expired, sealing the Bradley win.

Crouch finished with 23 points and six assists to lead the Braves, while junior forward Theron Wilson added 15 points and seven rebounds.

Bradley (16-12, 9-7 MVC) opened the game with some hot shooting, hitting on seven of its first nine attempts to take an early 20-9 lead, but quickly fought back.

The Bulldogs (23-3, 14-2 MVC) tightened their defense to key a 19-8 run of their own to close out the half and send the game into halftime tied 33-33.

Drake then carried that momentum into the second half, using an 11-0 run – nine of which came from Young – to open up a 44-33 lead.

The Braves attempted to fight back, aided by the hot hand of Crouch, but still found themselves trailing by 10 with 7 minutes remaining.

Bradley's defense took over from there, holding Drake scoreless over the game's final 5 minutes to secure the 72-71 come-from-behind victory over the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season champions.

Bradley was forced to play the game without sophomore guard Andrew Warren, who suffered a broken hand in the Braves' win over Creighton on Saturday.

Warren's absence forced senior guard Daniel Ruffin to play all 40 minutes in the game. Ruffin finished with 11 points and six assists.

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Junior forward Theron Wilson attempts a layup against Creighton during Saturday afternoon's game at Carver Arena. *photo by Sam Lemanski*

Warren out four to six weeks

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the scout

Andrew Warren

Men's basketball player Andrew Warren is out indefinitely after breaking a bone in his left hand.

The sophomore guard suffered the injury during the second half of Saturday's home win over the Creighton Bluejays.

Warren, the Braves' third-leading scorer at 13.1 points per game, suffered a spiral fracture of his second metacarpal bone (index finger) and *underwent surgery on Monday afternoon.*

A plate and six screws were inserted during surgery to stablize the injury. Warren is expected to be sidelined for four to six weeks, meaning he could miss the rest of the season.

"[The surgery] went well," Warren said. "The doctors took good care of me."

The injury occured midway through Saturday's game, when Warren's hand got trapped inside the jersey of a Creighton defender.

"My hand got pinned against him and got caught in his jersey," he said. "As I came off the screen and tried to attack the basket, it stayed against him and that's when it snapped. I heard it crack so I knew it was broken as soon as it happened."

Warren left the floor clutching his hand in pain and didn't return. He was examined by team trainers on the bench then taken to have X-rays.

Considered a leading candidate for the Missouri Valley Conference Most Improved Player award, Warren had started all of Bradley's games prior to the injury.

"I'm a little disappointed because we're making a strong run to finish out this season," Warren said. "You never want to miss games. You always want to be there to help your teammates out and win games."

Head Athletic Trainer Marcus Ohnemus did not return phone calls seeking more information on Warren's injury.

Softball opens season with three wins at UNLV tourney

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The softball team kicked off its season in Las Vegas with a tournament of ups and downs last weekend.

"This is the first time we have been out there. We played a top-25 team and a Pac-10 team that is pretty good," coach Buddy Foster said.

The Braves kicked off the UNLV tournament with a win against Wisconsin 3-2.

All three runs came in the bottom of the sixth inning, as freshman Jess Boeger hit a two-run home run and sophomore Amanda Clack hit an RBI double.

Boeger was a threat all weekend, hitting more than .625 on the weekend with five extra-base hits.

"Time after time she was hitting the ball down the lines," Foster said.

Senior Ashley Birdsong picked up her first win of the season, pitching a complete game.

Bradley played its second game of the day against UNLV and lost 7-1.

The Braves' lone run of the game came off Clack's bat as she hit an RBI double to score junior Miriam Wegmann.

Clack was also the losing pitcher in the game, allowing four earned runs in 5 1/3 innings pitched.

The Braves played their third game against UTEP, and seven

see **SOFTBALL** Page A13

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

M BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
DRAKE	14-2	23-3
ILLINOIS STATE	11-5	19-8
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	10-6	15-12
CREIGHTON	9-7	18-8
BRADLEY	9-7	16-12
INDIANA STATE	8-8	13-13
NORTHERN IOWA	7-9	15-12
MISSOURI STATE	6-10	13-15
EVANSVILLE	3-13	10-17
WICHITA STATE	3-13	8-18

W BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
ILLINOIS STATE	10-2	20-3
EVANSVILLE	10-3	16-8
CREIGHTON	8-4	15-8
DRAKE	8-4	15-8
MISSOURI STATE	7-6	9-15
NORTHERN IOWA	6-7	10-14
INDIANA STATE	4-8	10-12
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	4-9	8-15
BRADLEY	3-10	9-15
WICHITA STATE	3-10	9-16

On the Record

"Just like your basic karate movie where the young guys come to the old guys with beards who have them do weird stuff to get to the other side. That's who I am, the old guy with a long beard."

— Shaquille O'Neal on his new role with the Pheonix Suns

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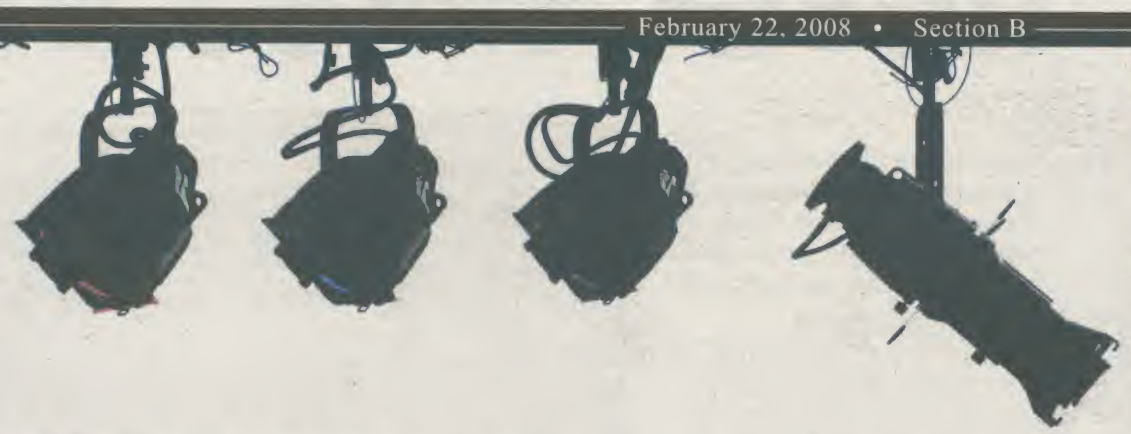

THE SHOWS MUST GO ON

BY ALEX CZUBAK

Going back to work never sounded so good.

Members of the Writers Guild of America voted Feb. 12 to end its strike and return to work immediately.

The Writers Guild went on strike Nov. 5 after its contract expired and no deal with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers was made.

The two factions' disagreement pertained to the royalties paid to the writers and the jurisdiction of the WGA with regards to Internet downloads and "webisodes," reality TV and animation.

Talks ensued during the three months, but nothing came to fruition. Many saw the Directors Guild of America's choice to make a deal with the Alliance months before its contract expired was the first sign of hope to the end of the strike.

On Feb. 10, the Writers Guild released a statement saying it had a tentative three-year agreement with the Alliance. The primary goal, getting royalties from online material, was met.

As part of the deal, writers will make $1,200 a year for one-hour shows streamed online for the first two years, and then they will get residuals equal to 2 percent of the revenue made by the programs' distributors after that.

However, a number of the writers' demands, including doubling their residuals from DVD sales, remain unchanged.

According to Time Magazine Online, WGA West President Patric Verrone said the deal isn't everything they wanted or deserved, but "this deal assures for [current writers] and for future generations of writers a share in the future."

Junior business management major Brittany Sorensen said she thinks the strike "had driven everyone away from the television." However, she saw the strike as necessary because "the writers deserved more online royalties."

Senior psychology major Jennie Klesman said she agrees with the necessity of the strike.

"I don't think a lot of people know what goes into writing for shows and how many people it takes," she said. "It wasn't until now that I even knew how poorly they were being paid."

Because of the strike, many TV shows ended abruptly and were replaced by either reruns or reality shows such as the newly revived "American Gladiators."

Now the networks are hard at work to finish the interrupted TV season.

NBC, for example, announced that the return of its entire Thursday night lineup will be April 10, with "My Name Is Earl" starting the week before that.

"Scrubs" had more at stake with the strike as this season is to be its last, and if the strike had continued, there was a good chance the series wouldn't get a proper finale. Although it's still unclear whether NBC will air a finale, the show is still returning to the network.

The majority of the shows for each network such as all "CSI" shows, "Grey's Anatomy" and "Desperate Housewives" will return in April, while some such as "Heroes" and "Chuck" won't be returning until next season.

"Saturday Night Live" will return Saturday, and the late-night talk shows get their writers back immediately.

Junior actuarial science major Zack Flynn is one of the many that are excited that the strike is over.

"I can now finally get back into the weekly routine of homework with these shows being aired," he said.

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

Student Recital - **Cori Hoerr, Kaity Klingman, Annie Sheehan and Abby Stocksiek,** 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Dingeldine Music Center.

ACBU presents **Jazz Poetry Slam featuring Galen Abdur-Razzaq**, 8 p.m. to midnight in the University Hall lounge.

SATURDAY

ACBU presents **Comedian Azeem**, 8 p.m. to midnight in the University Hall lounge.

Barbeque Kitten Show #4, 5 to 6 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Global Communications Center room 126. Admission is $2.

SUNDAY

ACBU presents **Academy Awards Party**, 7 p.m. to midnight in the University Hall lounge.

For all the special effects, "Jumper" never takes off

BY ERIK JOHNSON
for Voice

Everyone has a weak moment sometimes, a moment when they go see a movie that they fully expect to be horrible, but it just looks so cool.

Take, for instance, "Jumper."

I knew the whole time it was not going to be a very good film. It stars Hayden Christensen ("Star Wars: Episodes II and III"), and the whole premise of it involves him being able to jump to anywhere in the world instantaneously. I learned my lesson about special effects gimmicks with "Star Wars: Episode I," but I still kind of wanted to see how they did it.

The previews show it's more or less about a guy flying around and fighting Samuel L. Jackson ("Snakes on a Plane") while he protects his extremely hot girlfriend and jumps off buildings. That was what I expected to see when I walked into the theater. And, though it did surprise me a little bit, that was more or less what I got.

The plot of the movie was fairly straightforward and was about the expected.

Young David Rice, an awkward and bullied lad, gives a gift to the girl he loves. Enter the jerk-off bully, Mark, who throws it onto a frozen river. David goes after it and – surprise, surprise – falls into the river.

After battling against the ice and current for a little bit, David somehow manages to teleport himself into the local library.

After discovering his power, the world is his for the taking and he promptly runs away from home to travel the world several times a day.

Flash forward several years devoid of any character development, and now David, played by Christensen, is a rich, laid-back, kind of guy who spends most of his time doing whatever he wants. He even resorts to robbing banks when he runs out of money.

Unfortunately for David, his lifestyle attracts the eye of Agent Roland, played by Jackson.

Roland is a member of the organization known as the Paladins, whose sole goal in life is to kill off every jumper in the world.

After a narrow escape from Roland, David finds himself at home again.

"Jumper"

Hayden Christensen
Rachel Bilson

Grade: C

After evading his father, David goes to visit the girl from the beginning, Millie Harris. Millie, Rachel Bilson ("The Last Kiss"), is overjoyed to find out David is alive.

After traveling to Rome and meeting the mysterious Griffin, another jumper played by Jamie Bell ("Flags of Our Fathers"), David and Millie find themselves caught in the middle of a war between two groups who will kill anyone in their way.

What was actually good about this film was the way they managed to understate the special effects. Obviously, they didn't really have an actor who could teleport around the screen and after a few large explosions when David jumped, they managed to make the effects seem effortless.

That allowed the audience to focus more on the total effect of the scene than just the man teleporting. And, of course, teleport-fighting is pretty awesome.

The acting in "Jumper" was about as average as it gets. Christensen exhibits all of the same emotional versatility that endeared him to us as Anakin Skywalker (Hint: that was a joke, he's not very good). This was balanced by Jackson, who can make any role convincing, no matter how ridiculous. I mean, after "Snakes on a Plane," is there anything that man can't do?

Bilson served her role as the hot damsel in distress pretty well and Bell was a perfect cool guy with a British accent. Therefore, if you use a little bit of math, bad + good + average + average = average.

The cinematography was also pretty good, if only because there's nowhere the main character can't go. Sitting an actor on the head of the Sphinx allows for incredibly epic shots, and they took full advantage of that ability at every possible opportunity. They also do a good job of not ruining your directional sense in scenes that are really teleport-heavy.

Like I said, it was a bit of a surprise, but it still wasn't very good.

It had a couple good parts, and it was a cool film visually. But the mediocre acting and lackluster plot and character development dragged what could have been a decent film down below the midline. So unless you really like one of the actors, or can't avoid it, I don't recommend seeing "Jumper."

Jack Johnson

"Sleep Through The Static"

Brushfire; 2008

Grade: C+

Johnson makes another "sleep"-worthy album of calm acoustic pop

BY JUSTINE HARRIS
for Voice

For Jack Johnson fans, "Sleep Through the Static" is the same old song and dance.

The entire album is steady with a slow, laid-back rhythm. In true Jack Johnson fashion, each song takes you right to the same frame of mind – a lazy morning lying in a hammock. There's only one problem with that. Where else can we listen to it?

But unlike previous albums such as "In Between Dreams," lyrics in "Sleep Through" don't all promote happy, lazy days.

In the title track, Johnson clearly states his opinion on political issues. It's peculiar to hear his signature, without-a-care harmonies against dark lyrics such as "Who needs peace when we've gone above but beyond where we should have gone? / We went beyond where we should have gone."

One may applaud Johnson for his new edgy lyrics, but some of them seem a little contrived. While it's shocking to hear a reflection on the Iraq War coming from this source, the idea may be effective enough for some. However, it leaves the rest of us asking, "Where did those banana pancakes go, Jack?"

As usual, bluesy guitar solos top off the mood. But while Johnson is undoubtedly an accomplished guitarist, he doesn't show it off enough on this album. It seems as though there's less passion in "Sleep Through" than in previous work such as "Brushfire Fairytales."

You can feel Johnson obviously holding back, an unpleasant feeling for those who want more out of their musical experiences.

While the guitar riffs are a little stale, the listener can count on Johnson's vocals to be as soothing as they've ever been. Also, the audience can look forward to more experimental keyboard in tracks such as "If I Had Eyes" and "Hope." It stirs up the mixture a little bit, adding flavor to the harmonies.

The song, "Go On" is the one (and only) track that stands out from the rest. It is still standard Johnson, but without the overly lethargic vibes. The song possesses the movement and energy that the rest of the album lacks. "Go On" will make you want to go on an afternoon drive, roll down your windows and take the scenic route home.

Unfortunately, the rest of the album is just sluggish. Johnson's famed Hawaiian-inspired melodies have fallen to even slower tempos.

For the most part, "Sleep Through" leaves listeners finding themselves in the mood for a nap, or in some cases, just plain bored.

"Sleep Through The Static" will please life-long Johnson fans, but it isn't enough to gain a more far-reaching audience. Uncomplicated and breezy, this album is the same old, same old coming from him. But because the composition is stagnant, fans of Johnson will love this regardless.

VIDEO/TUESDAY 2/26 DVD RELEASES

"NFL Super Bowl XLII: New York Giants Championship"
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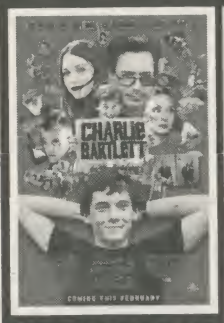

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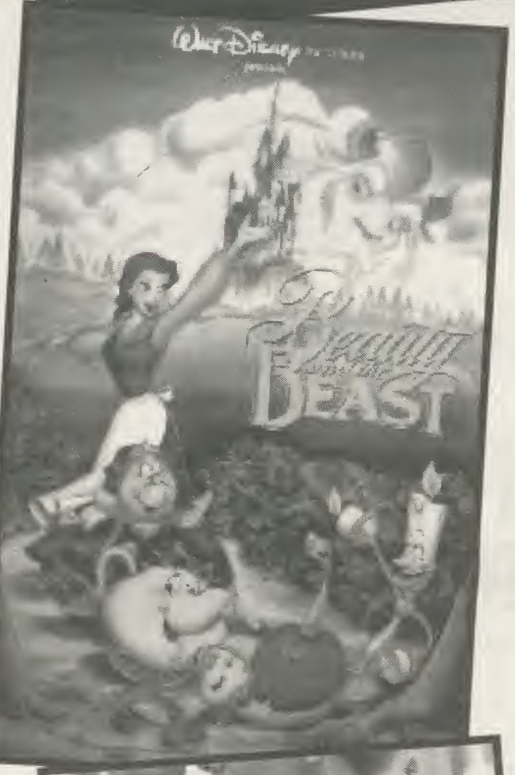


80 Must-Se

An oscar-worthy list

BY

There's an old saying that goes "you can't know where you're going 'til you know where you've been."

In anticipation of the 80th annual Academy Awards this Sunday, Voice took the time to compile a list of 80 films you should see before going to the great stage in the sky. We're looking forward to seeing who takes home the golden guys this weekend, but it's never a bad idea to reminisce about great films past.

Plus, we like list-making. In case you haven't noticed.

Some films here have gone down in history, while others have gone to the bottom of the $5 bin at Wal-Mart. They all warrant a couple hours of your time. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you might even get up and start a revolution.

You won't regret seeing them, however. Happy watching!

"Fight Club"

I'm sorry, but the first rule is, you're not supposed to talk about it. The second rule? You're not supposed to talk about it.

"300"

The Roman battle genre gets a slick makeover courtesy of Robert Rodriguez. Every frame looks coated in oil, and it benefits some horrific shots of the otherworldly villains.

"The Departed"

A star-studded cast leads a hallmark Scorsese film to greatness. "Departed" is an instant classic that surrounds itself with betrayal, hidden alliances and rats. Once those who have infiltrated the ranks are found out, bloodshed follows.

"The Shawshank Redemption"

A banker, Andy Dufresne, is wrongly convicted of a double homicide and is sentenced to life in Shawshank prison. After meeting fellow inmate Ellis "Red" Redding (Morgan Freeman), Dufresne discovers a newfound hope and starts to plan his escape. "Shawshank" really puts the spotlight on prison life and leaves enough plot twists to keep any movie connoisseur on the edge of his seat.

"Help!"

Essentially, The Beatles meets James Bond. A cult is out to sacrifice Ringo after he puts its worshipped ring on his finger. Hilarity ensues.

"Boyz In The Hood"

"The Girl Next Door"

Average teenager Matt Kidman lives out your dream when porn star Danielle moves in next-door and the two hit it off and fall in love. Drama ensues and you pull earnestly for Kidman to come out on top ... or bottom.

"Rushmore"

"This Is Spinal Tap"

The gags never get old: an amplifier's volume goes to 11, the band gets lost on the way to the stage, and the drummers come and go almost as frequently as the groupies (one spontaneously combusts onstage, another dies in a "tragic gardening accident").

"Pulp Fiction"

"Top Gun"

With a pre-couch-jumping Tom Cruise and pre-career-extinction Val Kilmer, Top Gun is top notch.

"Scarface"

Wonder why every rapper on MTV Cribs owns this movie? This dark, thrilling drama is essentially a rap song stretched out almost three hours, with guns, coke and money littered all over.

"Some Like It Hot"

Two band players are the only witnesses to a murder, so they do what any sensible men would do: dress up as women and join a traveling girl's band until things cool off. Marilyn Monroe steals the show as Sugar.

"The Matrix"

It was cool when we were 13, it's still cool now.

"Requiem For A Dream"

Watching the downward spiral of four drug-infested lives leaves whoever's watching feeling trippy and confused. "Dream" gives an honest and eerie look into the hopeless decay of a life addicted to drugs.

"American Beauty"

The infamous "midlife crisis" makes its way onto the silver screen. Lester Burnham is fed up with his job, his wife and his routine. He develops a lust for his daughter's friend. Burnham decides to change his life and inadvertently, the lives of those around him.

"Donnie Darko"

Jake Gyllenhaal plays Donnie, a kid from suburban Maryland with a bad case of schizophrenia and hallucinations. The film is chock full of insane goodness such as Frank, a horrifying man in a bunny costume who persuades Donnie to do bad things. Despite his profound awkwardness, the audience is drawn in and left feeling attached.

"Ray"

"Crash"

A movie that explores a sensitive issue like bigotry and the development of prejudice can be done one of two ways. It can be poorly handled and leave a bad taste in the moviegoer's mouth. Or, in the case of "Crash," it can dazzle and leave people with a lot to think about and newfound vigor to do so.

"A Clockwork Orange"

Leading a gang that rapes and beats helpless citizens is a rough job. A job so rough that when Alex gets jailed for murder and subjected to "aversion therapy" to change his violent behavior, it's a trying experience to say the least. "Clockwork" is a classic and chilling story.

"Fast Times at Ridgemont High"

Sean Penn is generally a sour face on the screen, but this high school classic finds the man in rare stoner-goof mode. The other players (namely Phoebe Cates in that famous pool scene) hold their own as well. Awesome! Totally awesome!

"Superbad"

You've seen the "last chance to get some before college" movie before, but it's never been as crude or hilarious as this.

"Napoleon Dynamite"

Love it or hate it, it's a sweet, oddball classic that shows there's someone out there for everyone. Even afro-sporting, moon boot-wearing white boys from Idaho.

"The Silence of the Lambs"

"Garden State"

Andrew Largeman (Zack Braff) is a mediocre TV actor with drug issues and family feuds. When Largeman returns home for the first time in years, he meets Sam (Natalie Portman). Sam is a bright and quirky ying to Largeman's depressed and mundane yang. Sam teaches Largeman to open his mind and heart and a really good soundtrack backs up the romance

"Unforgiven"

Clint Eastwood is in this uber-legendary western movie. If that isn't enough to sway your eyes towards "Unforgiven," I'll also let on that Morgan Freeman and Gene Hackman keep things interesting. All you really need to know is Eastwood comes out of bad-guy cowboy retirement to ride and kill one more time.

"Lost In Translation"

Set in Tokyo, the movie is centered around an improbable connection between two travel partners (Bob and Charlotte) with significant others and a lot to learn and reflect upon. Both of them struggle and then bond with acclimating themselves to the Japanese culture they're traveling through.

"Match Point"

Any movie based on sexy trysts and betrayal starring Scarlett Johansson is a keeper. "Match Point" fits the bill and then some, with a fast-paced story about a man who is set to marry into wealth and power but finds an object of desire who's not his. Said object is the girlfriend of his soon-to-be brother-in-law and he has to risk everything to get her.

"Annie Hall"

Woody Allen at his most beautifully neurotic – and he still gets the ladies.

"Almost Famous"

A high school kid is handed the opportunity to cover an up-and-coming band for Rolling Stone magazine. It's a sincere coming of age story highlighting the challenges of growing up more quickly than you thought you would. It includes the typical collection of sex, drugs and a heartwarming sing-along rendition of "Tiny Dancer" by Elton John sung on the tour bus.

"Wedding Crashers"

If for no other reason than introducing another meaning of the word "motorboat" into the English language.

"Eyes Wide Shut"

Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman are together on the grandest stage of them all and they spend it wandering about town and exploring all their options to cheat on one another because of their mutual fantasies and paranoia. It's a hectic film with high emotional content and typical Cruise lunacy.

"She's All That"

This 1998 hit provided the framework for most teen flicks in its aftermath – boy gets girl (usually under false pretenses), there's a misunderstanding or revelation, girl gets mad but realizes boy really loves her in the end. Aww.

"The Breakfast Club"

An often-referenced film, five high school students of different social distinctions meet in detention and divulge their stories, discovering there is more common ground than they ever imagined.

See Movies

BY ALEX BAHLER AND MARK HEMMER

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
"It's A Wonderful Life"

A Christmas-season angel shows George Bailey that even though he has made some questionable choices, the people he cares about are much better off with him. He realizes his life has been a wonderful one and maybe the audience reflects and comes to a similar conclusion?

"Psycho"

Pretty scary for 1960. Norman Bates is still the role model for all creeps, fictional and real. The original is still the best, but the remake is disturbingly accurate in its replication - every shot and angle was copied from the original.

"High Fidelity"
"Fargo"

Based on a true story that took place in Minnesota in 1987, "Fargo" shows the lengths a man will go to when he's in debt. Jerry decides to have his own wife kidnapped and ransomed, only to have everything fall apart and people get hurt.

"25th Hour"
"Forrest Gump"

Besides a career-defining character for Tom Hanks, "Forrest Gump" also donated one of the most recognizable movie quotes of all time in, "Run, Forrest, run!" Gump is a fun story with a peculiar character that loves to jog, meets the president, fights wars, eats shrimp and plays table tennis – sometimes in the same day.

"Titanic"

Romeo and Juliet on sea, Titanic is the story of two star-crossed lovers who enjoy each other's unlikely company. But even though the title boat is "unsinkable," arrogant nicknames were meant to be broken.

"Good Will Hunting"

Surprisingly, Ben Affleck and Matt Damon managed to sit down and write a good movie. Damon plays Will Hunting, a young man with a troubled past but a knack for numbers. His past overshadows his genius and until Hunting can come to grips with his life, he can never realize his full potential.

"3:10 to Yuma"
"As Good As It Gets"

Melvin Udall (Jack Nicholson) has a severe case of obsessive-compulsive disorder and can't even eat breakfast unless the right waitress is taking his order. Needless to say, Melvin runs into some problems and struggles until he, his neighbor and his favorite waitress go on a trip and learn about the better things in life.

"Schindler's List"

"Schindler's List" is a chilling and detailed look at one German citizen who risks his own reputation and life to house and save Jews from persecution in Nazi Germany. It's a moving tale of one man's extraordinary compassion and bravery. It's a reminder of the atrocities committed in the not-too-distant past.

"The Exorcist"
"The Wizard of Oz"

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Is there any American over age five that doesn't know these songs?

"In and Out"

A comedy about coming out of the closet, from a time when it was still borderline acceptable to do so (1997). How things haven't changed.

"Mystic River"

When three childhood friends reunite following the death of one their eldest daughters, allegiances are put to the test. One friend is grieving, one is the detective on the case and one is a suspect. It's a well-acted thriller with above-average dialogue.

"American History X"

A powerful and visually disturbing movie about a former neo-Nazi looking to save his younger brother from the same path of destruction that landed him in jail. It emphasizes that race has nothing to do with a man's character and if he can just explain that to his brother, lives can be saved.

"The Graduate"
"Finding Forrester"

Sean Connery plays William Forrester, a reclusive writer who takes a developing young writer, Jamal Wallace, under his tutelage. Both men learn something about each other and themselves. Forrester stops being so reclusive while Wallace learns to put prejudices aside to pursue writing.

"The Notebook"

The bar was set for chick-flicks with this super impossible and sappy tearjerker. Despite that first sentence, "The Notebook" is an intriguing love story about a girl torn between her fiance and her first love.

"8 Mile"

Eminem's life story has plenty of Shady-like anger and outbursts, but it also has a quiet humility about his upbringing and Em is careful not to give himself superman-status from the beginning. By showing himself knocked down, it makes the climax even more satisfying. Eminem backs up his compelling semi-biography with a soundtrack fit for Detroit's roughest road.

"Young Frankenstein"
"Baller Blockin'"

For a group of rappers known for bragging about their riches, the budget for this hood drama looks as slim as Lil' Wayne's waistline (dude needs a hamburger, stat!). But for a drug movie set in New Orleans' decrepit Magnolia projects, it works. Key scene: the unintentionally funny climax, with helicopters chasing dozens of "whodies" in oversized white T-shirts.

"Grease"

Subplots and innuendo-laden songs cross with the main plot, where a good girl (Olivia Newton-John) falls for a bad boy (John Travolta) over summer, but she realizes things aren't as simple once you're back at school.

"An Inconvenient Truth"

Partisan schmartisan. It could have just as easily been John McCain taking us to task up there, but Al Gore lends credibility and even a touch of humor to an issue that cannot be ignored, now more than ever.

"Harold and Maude"

A teenage boy and an old lady fall in love. No, seriously. Fans of dark humor or Cat Stevens' music will fall in love, too.

"The Matador"

Pierce Brosnan is a great James Bond, but he's even better as a hitman whose fried nerves land him on his bosses' hitlist.

"The Ladykillers" (both the 1955 original and the Coen Brothers' 2004 remake are worthy)

"The Boondock Saints"
"Dr. Strangelove"

At the height of Cold War tensions, Stanley Kubrick made one of the coolest films of the 1960s. It turns the hypocrisies of war into pitch-black comedy, with lines like "You can't fight in here, this is the war room!"

"12 Angry Men"

One juror is faced with convincing the others that their knee-jerk reaction of convicting the defendant might be incorrect and that life is something to be valued and deliberated over. Filled with heated dialogue and a very active cast of characters, "12 Angry Men" works its way into the upper echelon of classic cinema.

"Taxi Driver"
"Beauty and the Beast"

Disney knocked it out of the park with this one. The songs, dialogue and well-developed characters all coalesce into one of animated film's finest hours.

"The French Connection"
"When Harry Met Sally"
"Full Metal Jacket"

Every "Top Movie" list needs a gritty, grisly, Vietnam War flick or two. Full Metal Jacket is the finest. It has a realness and honesty about it that puts you in the head of a U.S. Marine and his torturous dehumanizing at the hands of our least successful military effort.

"Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope"
"Do The Right Thing"

"Do The Right Thing" is a Spike Lee film that takes a look at the hottest day of the summer in Brooklyn. Since everyone is outside and aggravated, fights break out, robberies take place and hatred boils over. Trying to stand the heat and do the right thing is sometimes the hardest thing to do.

"American Graffiti"
"...Say Anything"
"Raging Bull"

While few boxing movies compare to the leather-swinging heroics of "Rocky," "Raging Bull" makes its case for the greatest emotional investment. Letting his destructive in-ring behavior follow him home, Jake LaMotta sees his life fall apart at the expense of his career.

"The Godfather"

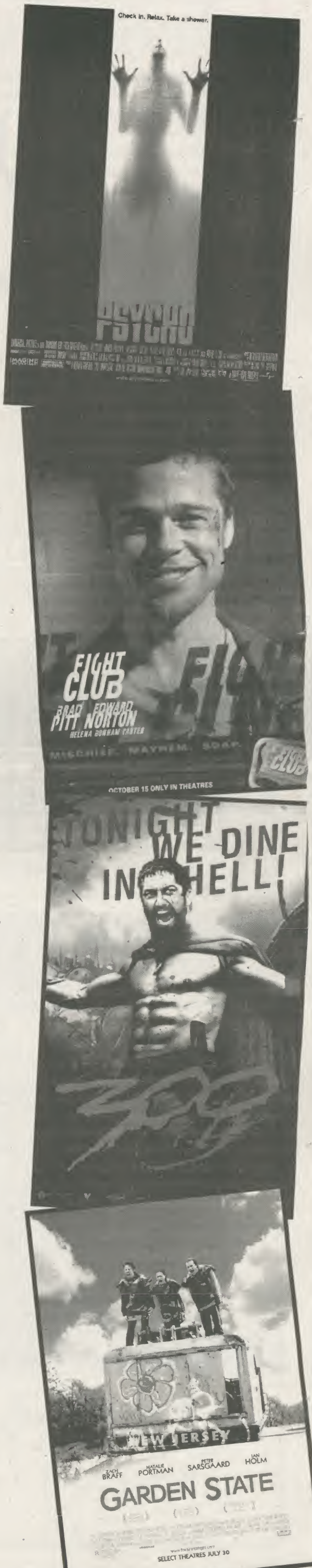
The Godfather remains the quintessential mob movie for anyone interested. Don Vito Corleone is the patriarch of a powerful organized crime dynasty. When Corleone feels the effects of aging, he must transfer the control of his empire to his hesitant son.

"From Russia With Love"
"Beavis and Butthead Do America"

The loveable bumbling idiots from MTV go across America to score with a hot chick and wind up the most wanted men in the country. Artwork by Rob Zombie inspired the freaky hallucination sequence in the desert.

"Dumb and Dumber"
"There's Something About Mary"

Simultaneously endearing (choosing Ben Stiller's character over Brett Favre) and gross ("is that hair gel?"), this home run from the Farrelly Brothers practically invented the R-rated romantic comedy subgenre. We love the singing duo that pops up after every pivotal scene.



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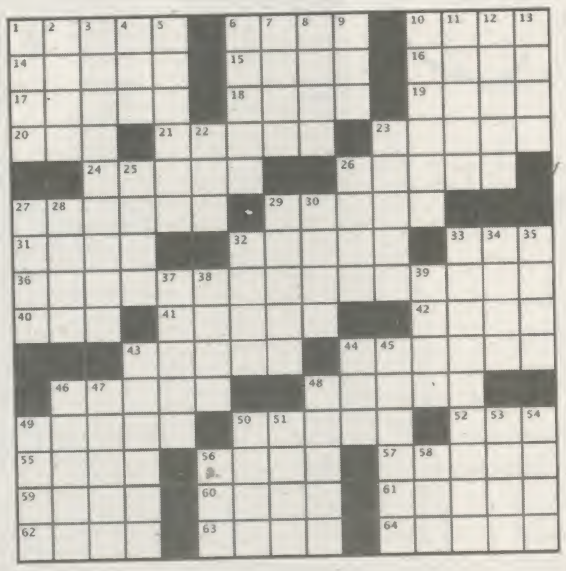

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6- Narrow strip of wood
10- Securely confined
14- Away
15- Apiece
16- Hoof sound
17- One on track?
18- Thin change
19- Bring on board
20- European name for a moose
21- Large wave caused by tidal flow
23- Tremble
24- Wary
26- Impudent girl
27- Fly an aircraft
29- Clogs, e.g.
31- Canines
32- Fluff, as bangs
33- ___ Darya (Asian river)
36- Arterial plaque deposit
40- Encountered
41- Muse of poetry in Greek mythology
42- Unit of force
43- Rips
44- Swarmed
46- Reprimand
48- Body of honeybees
49- Melts
50- Confusion
52- Greek goddess of the dawn
55- Household
56- Island in central Hawaii
57- Pineapple fiber
59- Above, finished
60- "So be it"
61- So spooky as to be frightening
62- Depend
63- Exam used to measure aptitude or intelligence
64- Semisynthetic textile

Down
1- Steak order
2- Iridescent gemstone
3- Illuminate from behind
4- Before
5- Thoroughfare
6- Like a marsh
7- Den of wild animals and dragons
8- Peak
9- Definite article
10- Straight downhill ski run
11- AKA
12- Forked
13- Fencing sword
22- Exist
23- Eccentric
25- Relaxation
26- Flexible tube
27- First man
28- Ballot choice
29- Religious offshoots
30- Light ring
32- Nicholas II was the last Russian one
33- Skewness
34- Pit
35- Second hand, took advantage of
37- Staggers
38- Toward the mouth
39- River in central Europe
43- Tall
44- Tango need
45- Simpler
46- Jostle
47- Humped ruminant
48- Person of exceptional holiness
49- Norse god of thunder
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54- Observed
56- Floor covering
58- Ocean

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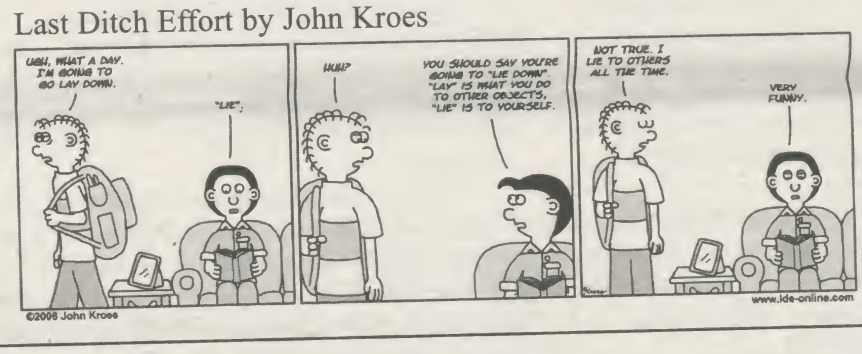

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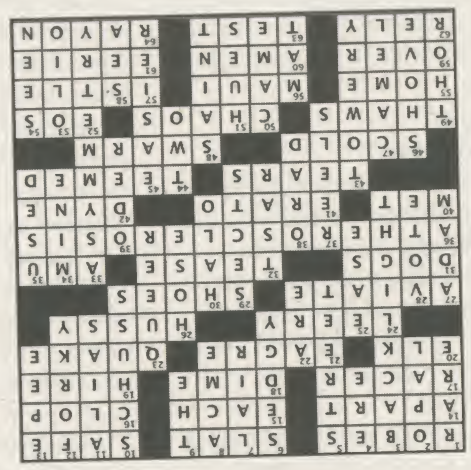

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HOW TO SPRING BREAK on a budget

BY PAT OLDENDORF

Spring Break is only a month away. That may seem like a long way off, but anyone thinking about taking a vacation will need to start planning right away.

Where to Go

When a lot of people think of Spring Break destinations, Cancun or Florida come to mind. Oceans, beaches, palm trees and bikinis may be your thing, but there are other options out there. Plus, tourist destinations such as those usually hike prices when Spring Break rolls around, according to www.suite101.com.

One option is the "big city Spring Break," and there are several cool cities within driving distance of Peoria worth your time.

Chicago, with a plethora of activities for college students, is only a three-hour drive from Peoria. And many students live near there anyway, so crashing on a friend's couch is a cheap option. There are also plenty of cheap hotel rooms with nightly rates as low as $80 or $90. It might be more expensive than some cities, but there are tons of things to do that are cheap or free.

The Art Institute of Chicago has one of the best collections in the country, and admission is relatively cheap. Getting there early would be a good idea, though, because it will get crowded during Spring Break.

The Museum Campus also has the Field Museum of natural history, the Adler Planetarium, the Shedd Aquarium and a great lakefront path.

For those who are more into music and a beer, www.centerstagechicago.com has a long list of bars and venues throughout the city.

For some cool restaurants and other events in Chicago, log onto http://chicago.metromix.com.

Just a few hours north of Chicago is Milwaukee.

The sports fans out there can go see a Brewers game at Miller Park, and the tickets aren't as expensive as they are in Chicago, so it could be within your budget. The worst seats in the house are $18.

For those of you who like art, Milwaukee has a new art museum that has a large collection and a building designed by Santiago Calatrava. Admission for students is $4.

Hotel prices in Milwaukee are as low as $50 a night from www.hotels.com. If a few people in your group are willing to sleep on an air mattress, six people could easily fit into one room, which would run each person about $40 for five nights.

Those are only two cities within driving distance of Peoria, and some others worth checking out are St. Louis, Memphis and Indianapolis.

Camping

No one really thinks of Illinois as a naturally pretty state, but there are a couple of nice spots.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources runs some great state parks with campgrounds, and because they are run by the state, they are generally cheaper than private campgrounds. The only difference is the state parks won't have hundreds of screaming kids and a water park, but if that's what you're into, go to the Yogi Bear campground in Amboy.

Starved Rock State Park in Utica has about 100 campsites for only $20 a night. There are trails for hiking and biking and plenty of places to fish. If a group of five people stayed for five nights, it would cost each person $20, which is a lot cheaper than a hotel. To reserve a site, call (815) 667-4726.

The best way to get ready for a camping trip, according to www.suite101.com, is to get all the people going together, and hit up a store (Sam's Club would be a good choice) and buy all the food for the trip.

Road trips

Road trips can turn bad quickly, so good planning is essential, according to www.youngmoney.com.

First, the group should plan for the worst. All involved need to decide who will pay for the ticket if the driver is pulled over and who will pay for an accident if the insurance won't cover it.

Another good idea is to collect gas money from everyone before you leave.

Imagine having to cover someone the whole return trip because he or she blew all his or her money away before you left.

Speeding is not a good idea. You won't gain that much time from it, and tickets are expensive. Cops love to pull over out-of-state cars, so even if you're only going 10 mph over, your Illinois plates will stick *out like a sore thumb in Georgia.*

Check the weather before you leave and make sure you check it for the entire route. It might be nice in Peoria, but a few hours into the drive it could get really bad. Also, don't drive through bad weather – the time you lose by pulling over isn't worth the risk of getting into an accident.

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Ruffin returns to team

Basketball star out two games after domestic dispute, told police he didn't hit woman

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Bradley men's basketball player Daniel Ruffin was arrested early Saturday morning on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery, but after sitting out two games, Ruffin is back on the team.

University President Joanne Glasser released a statement on Wednesday night that said after review of the events associated with Ruffin's arrest, conducted *under* the Bradley student judicial system, Ruffin is "no longer suspended from participation in men's basketball competition."

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According to police reports, Ruffin, 23, was taken into custody at about 5:30 a.m. Saturday after he allegedly choked and cut the lip of a 20-year-old woman.

The victim, identified as Ruffin's ex-girlfriend Alisha R. White, a sophomore marketing major at Bradley, went to OSF St. Francis Medical Center following the incident, where staff members contacted police at about 2:30 a.m.

Police then went to Ruffin's on-campus apartment and after questioning him, placed him under arrest and took him to Peoria County Jail, where he remained until Sunday afternoon, when he was released on $3,000 bond.

Ruffin was served an order of protection Monday from White, effective until March 17. Ruffin is not allowed to visit White at her residence or workplace. A court hearing will be held on that date to determine if the order of protection stays in place.

Ruffin's preliminary hearing for the domestic battery arrest has been set for 9 a.m. March 18.

Ruffin missed the Braves' win over Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Saturday night.

According to the police report, White said she was visiting Ruffin at about 1 a.m. Saturday at his apartment at 908 Frink St. White said she and Ruffin got into an argument over their relationship, which she said had been going on for about 2 1/2 years.

White told police Ruffin got defensive and asked her to leave, then "lunged at her and grabbed her neck and starting choking her."

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Daniel Ruffin apologizes to fans after Tuesday night's game against Southern Illinois at Carver Arena. Ruffin was arrested Saturday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. He missed two games but was reinstated to the team Wednesday. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Influx of influenza

Campus sickness worse than last year

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Students and faculty are not only battling the winter weather, they are also dodging Influenza.

"There are a number of reasons as to why the flu is so bad. It tends to go in cycles," said Dr. A.J. Cummings, attending physician in the OSF St. Francis Medical Center Emergency Department. "The continuing colder weather, the amount of snow and the long winter are contributing factors along with the amount of time people are spending in crowded places."

According to a Peoria City/County Health Department brochure, between 10 and 20 percent of the population becomes infected with the flu virus each year.

"The flu vaccination was not as effective this year as it has been in past years," Cummings said. "Some people who received the vaccination are getting the flu."

Bradley Health Services Medical Director Dr. Christina Nulty said it's difficult to document the number of students infected with the flu because their medical records aren't electronic. However, she said the number of cases of the flu have increased from last year.

Nulty said multiple students with flu symptoms are seen daily.

"We recommend appropriate symptomatic relief and make sure there is no other underlying illness causing the symptoms," she said.

Senior advertising major Ben Swisher recently got over the flu, and he said he had to spend several days resting.

"I watched 10 episodes of LOST on ABC, and that was all on Monday," he said. "I watched probably another 10 to 15 over the next three days."

Freshman music major Kanoa Doblin said he has also been sick since last Monday, with his symptoms lasting for about a week before he started to regain his health back.

"I had a fever of 102, a headache and a horrific cough," he said. " I couldn't breathe for about

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No cell phone policies may be overruled

Students may be allowed to have phones on in class because of safety concerns

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Many professors have policies requiring students to turn their phones off during class, but that may soon change.

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky doesn't have a no cell phone rule in his classes, and he's working toward creating a university-wide policy that allows students to leave their phones on at all times.

In light of recent college shootings, administrators have taken steps to expand campus safety, and about half the student body has signed up for foreWarn text messaging. This would be among the first ways the campus community would find out about an emergency, particularly a shooting.

"We're asking students to sign up for foreWarn, and one of the main components is text messaging," Galsky said. "There is a good chance that there would be an emergency during the day, particularly when a person wants attention. It seems to me that to have students in class with their cell phones off is contrary to what we're trying to do."

Galsky said he's collecting information about other schools' cell phone policies, and he hopes to reach a decision on Bradley's policy by Spring Break.

The plan Galsky wants to enact would allow students to keep their phones on vibrate during class and would override professors' no cell phone policies.

"We firmly believe in higher education that professors, to a great extent, ought to have free-

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WEEKEND FORECAST*

Today
39 / 21
Partly sunny.

Saturday
43 / 35
Partly sunny.

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50 / 35
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Have a romance without going broke.
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Get your free ticket for the MVC Tourney in St. Louis.
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Bradley Briefs

• Magician Michael Kent will perform from 7 p.m. to midnight tonight in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

• "Hamlet" will be performed from 8 to 10 p.m. tonight, Saturday and Thursday and from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for students, $12 for faculty and seniors and $14 for adults.

Michael Kent

• Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia will host Battle of the Bands from 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday in the University Hall lounge. Call x3050 for more information.

• An informational meeting for students interested in running for Student Senate positions will take place at 6 p.m. Monday in the University Hall lounge.

• The Bradley Symphonic Band will perform from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students and $5 for the general public.

• Photographer Dan Burkholder will speak on digital technology from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Global Communications Center's Horowitz Auditorium.

Around the World

Council to vote on near-campus traffic study

The Peoria City Council will vote Tuesday on whether or not to spend $52,259 on a study of the traffic patterns of the area surrounding Main and University streets.

Hanson Professional Services Inc. would complete the survey and develop a model of the traffic flow surrounding the intersection.

Second District Councilwoman Barbara Van Auken said the ultimate goal would be to see if a more "walkable" Main Street is possible.

The neighborhood surrounding the intersection is using the ideas of New Urbanism, which means slowing down traffic and making streets more pedestrian-friendly.

Info taken from www.pjstar.com

Doctor charged with killing patient for organs

Dr. Hootan C. Roozrokh of San Luis Obispo, Calif., was charged with prescribing a patient excessive drugs to quicken the patient's death to harvest his organs.

Most doctors said they felt the disabled and brain damaged patient, Ruben Navarro, was near death at the time of the surgery.

Roozrokh is facing three felony counts relating to Navarro's surgery.

Roozrokh has pleaded not guilty, and his lawyers have claimed that the charges were a result of overeager prosecutors. If convicted, he could spend up to eight years in jail.

Info taken from www.nytimes.com

Japan unsettled by U.S. Marine rape case

United States Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice expressed regret over a case in which an American Marine allegedly raped a 14-year-old girl on Okinawa.

The accused marine, Staff Sgt. Tyrone Luther Hadnott, denies raping the girl, but the case has caused anger over U.S. military presence.

During a trip to Asia, Rice spent time in Japan in an attempt to control any diplomatic damage from the rape case, as well as the recent alcohol-related arrests of American serviceman on Okinawa.

Japan is a major ally in the U.S.' attempt to end North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

Info taken from www.nytimes.com

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University discusses classroom safety plans

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Jill Schneider said she never felt the need to tell her class about her emergency plan prior to Valentine's Day.

The Northern Illinois University shootings on Feb. 14 struck close to home for the English professor who worked at NIU 10 years ago.

Following the shootings, Schneider informed her students of her emergency plan.

She locks her door before class begins but doesn't close it. Once all of the students have entered the room, she leaves the door open about an inch.

"I walked through my little plan. I said to the person next to the door, 'Make sure you pull the door shut if you hear anything,'" she said.

Schneider said if there was an emergency, she'd also shut the blinds and get everyone away from doors and windows.

Schneider said if there weren't school shootings, she wouldn't have given an emergency plan a thought.

But she said she thinks the lockdown procedure is human *nature.*

"Unless someone has background training, I would think that would be my first reaction ... to hunker down and hide," she said.

Schneider said students could leave if they want, but she would stay in the classroom with the remaining students.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said he's working on an emergency protocol so teachers don't feel the need to create their own.

He is meeting with other university officials to come up with a concrete and universal plan to share with students and staff.

This includes certain terms and definitions everyone should know regarding school safety.

Baer said he hopes to have the plan finished by Spring Break.

He said it's difficult to create an exact formula for what to do because different situations call for different reactions.

Baer said if someone is in the hallway shooting, everyone in the classroom should lock and barricade the door, turn the lights off, get behind solid objects and remain quiet.

One of the students in the room should call 911, inform the dispatcher of where the incident is taking place, how many people are there and if anyone is hurt.

Baer said if students plan to flee a room, they need a plan of action before they leave.

When the police arrive, their first goal is to apprehend the shooter, so they may check students for weapons.

Baer said students and faculty should listen to and execute all directions police give even if they seem brash because it's for their protection.

Snow day decisions based on safety

Bradley students navigate the snow-covered Olin Quad on their way to class during the latest Peoria snowstorm. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Whether or not Bradley gets a snow day is based on a variety of factors and the decision of a few people, Alan Galsky said.

The Associate Provost for Student Affairs said university officials decide if there will be a snow day. Administrators examine current and projected weather conditions using various weather sources.

"Usually there is someone at the university, even if it's in the middle of the night, who can give us an idea of what the conditions at the university are," he said.

Galsky said the university tries to send the school cancellation message out early.

"We like to send the message out before people get in a car in the morning or before the morning news is on, usually about 4:30 or 5:30 a.m.," he said.

Galsky said three or four people are involved in the decision-making process, including University Police Chief Dave Baer, Vice President for Business Affairs Gary Anna and University President Joanne Glasser.

"The president has the final word," Galsky said.

The decision to cancel school is based on how safe it is for students to walk to and from class and for staff and faculty to drive to campus, he said.

Senior journalism and history major Liz Bloodworth lives past Eureka on Illinois Route 24, about a 40-minute drive from campus.

She said her vehicle makes traveling during bad weather easier.

"I drive a Ford Explorer with four-wheel drive," she said. "But it's kind of scary when there's fog or snow [to drive so far]."

Bloodworth said although she has a vehicle equipped for snowy, icy weather, some students do not.

"I can foresee the weather becoming a problem," she said. "If there's a ton of snow and they don't call off school, it's kind of hard to make the drive and come into campus. But my car will pretty much go through anything."

And Bloodworth said she becomes worried if she's on campus and weather takes a turn for the worse.

"Some nights when I'm in class and it starts getting bad, that's a little bit worse because I have to worry about visibility and weather in the dark on the way home," she said.

But Bloodworth said the snow from Monday night and Tuesday morning, totaling almost an inch, wasn't an issue for her.

"There wasn't very much snow on the roads, so I didn't have a problem coming in today," she said.

Campus sidewalks salted despite shortage

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Today is the last day of February, but that doesn't mean it's an end to slipping and sliding on ice.

Increased precipitation has caused cities across the Midwest to fall short on salt supplies, and Peoria is no different.

"There has been a difficulty in getting new salt," Peoria Public Works Director David Barber said. "We had a lot of storms, and we used a lot of salt."

According to the National Weather Service, Peoria has had 31.7 inches of snow since Dec. 1. The average is 19.8 inches.

And snow is still a possibility.

Under state contract, Peoria city officials give the city's salt supplier a number of tons they'll need for the season before the first snowfall.

This year's number was 8,000 tons. City officials are obligated to purchase 70 percent of the 8,000 tons and can purchase up to 130 percent at the same price.

The purchased amount exceeded the 130 percent cap. Officials purchased 11,800 tons of salt.

They can no longer purchase salt from the normal supplier.

"There isn't any more available for us. They have to honor all contracts," Barber said.

He said once the original supplier has more salt available, Peoria may go back to ordering from them.

Until then, Barber said the city is ordering salt from a Canadian supplier.

The new supplier's price is three times more than the usual per ton price.

Instead of paying about $30 per ton, the city is paying about $90. Officials have purchased 1,000 tons from the Canadian supplier.

Workers also mix salt with sand to conserve the salt. Additionally, they try to limit use of salt on hills and intersections.

Bradley operates separately from the city, and university workers are in charge of plowing and salting Bradley-owned streets and parking lots.

Although Bradley has experienced salt shortages, Facilities Management Director Ron Doerzaph said the shortage wasn't as extreme as the city's shortage.

He said there was extra salt on hand from last year's storage.

However, Bradley officials still had to order more salt, and they got half their load before icy storms hit the area.

Doerzaph said half a salt load is enough to clean up two or three snowstorms.

The other half of the load arrived last week.

"We've got plenty of salt," Doerzaph said.

He said Bradley will have used double the amount it usually uses by the time the salting season is over.

Bradley officials ordered 65 tons of salt so far this year.

Workers use two different types of salt. One is for sidewalks and the other is for streets, the latter being the stronger salt.

In order to conserve salt when it's running low, workers begin with steps and ramps and work their way out. They usually spread salt thinner on sidewalks so they have enough for steps and ramps.

Bradley also uses liquid spray on steps and ramps before snowfall if there is an inch or less of snow coming.

Doerzaph said the weather is too unpredictable to make big changes for next year's order.

He said next year, they'll start with the same amount of salt and adjust it as they go.

"We order the same amount to be ready for the season ... then we just keep track of how much we're using," he said.

Students gather to worship through music

BY ANNABELLE VANG
for the Scout

The eight-member worship@fullvolume band performs live Christian music on Monday nights. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

What started as a few people worshipping God in their dorm lounge has transformed into large weekly celebrations.

For nine years, worship@fullvolume has provided a chance for students of all denominations to worship together outside traditional Sunday-morning church.

Every Monday, about 60 to 80 students gather for song and prayer in the Michel Student Center ballroom – or on Olin Quad when weather is nice.

"Anyone with a heart for worship can join fullvolume," said junior construction major Adam Bloom, one of the event's leaders.

Freshman multimedia and computer science major Dan Pfeiffer said he doesn't think of worship@fullvolume as a club, but as a fellowship.

"Worship is an incredible opportunity to praise God for how amazing He is and the incredible things He does everyday," Pfeiffer said. "It isn't a member-based organization. There's no joining – you can just come. We get a different number of people each week, but we'd love to see the entire campus show up."

Pfeiffer said fullvolume is a highlight of his week because it brings students together.

"It's a great time to praise God with other students in a way that could never be experienced on your own," he said.

worship@fullvolume takes place at 8:30 p.m. every Monday, but some students line up at least a half hour before. A band of eight members play Christian rock songs, and the words are projected on screens so students can sing along.

Bloom said there is only one requirement for band members: "to have and pursue a heart for worship."

Band members meet for about two to three hours on Sundays not only to practice, but also to pray for each other and all who attend Monday night.

Freshman elementary education major Roxanne Geier said she started going to fullvolume when she was still in high school because she's from the Peoria area.

"I really liked singing, and religion has always been important to me," she said. "Worship puts those two together, and I really enjoy it. With its live band and vocals, I feel like I'm just singing along at a concert."

Geier said anyone who likes music and has an open mind should give it a try. Monday's event will take place in the University Hall lounge instead of the ballroom.

"It's not like the usual church traditions," Geier said. "It's how *our generation can celebrate God.* It's more here and now."

Students post campus gossip, rumors on anonymous site

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

"Always Anonymous... Always Juicy..." is the motto for the Internet's newest electronic "burn book."

At www.juicycampus.com, students can anonymously post anything about anyone without the fear of being caught. According to the site, the posts are nearly untraceable.

In the discussion forums, students can post rumors, gossip and any type of information regarding students, faculty, greek life and things overheard on campus. For schools that have been submitted and added to the site, students can post and search for forums specifically for their own school.

Bradley hasn't yet made it on the site because Juicy Campus is only in its beta testing stage, but students from 60 schools are already dishing on their campuses.

There has been such an influx of usage that site administrators are continuously upgrading their servers to speed up the service for students, according to the Web site.

Because of the nature of the site, college communities across the country have mixed reviews on what sort of image this puts on their colleges for prospective students, parents and alumni.

A recent article from the Washington Post said the Pepperdine University student body recently voted on whether or not to ban the Web site from using the school's name.

After a debate of stories and arguments for the right to free speech, the student body voted 25-3 to have the ban put into effect.

Freshman psychology major Janice Gerlach said she sees the site as a potentially dangerous and immature way to go about confrontation.

"If something were to be published on here – something relatively specific – then feelings of reputations could be ruined or hurt," Gerlach said. "This is a whole new step to peer pressure, rumors and those nasty people that you thought you'd leave behind once you graduated high school."

Sophomore advertising major Liz Merrinette said she thinks the site does nothing to help college students' self esteem.

"People's self image is most likely to go way down," Merrinette said. "No matter what is said or who said it, it's still going to be about you. It's still going to be hurtful. We've all seen 'Mean Girls' and how the burn book turns everything extremely wrong."

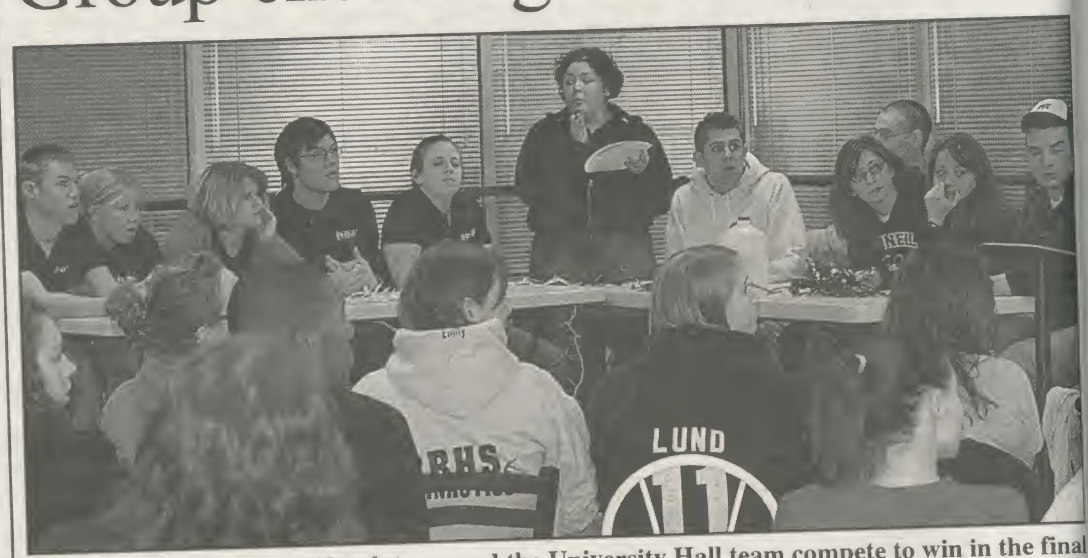
Gerlach said the anonymity of the site does have a certain appeal, but it's still wrong.

"Yeah, knowing you can't be found out makes it more appealing, but that doesn't make doing it right," Gerlach said. "This is like the coward's way to bash and be mean to people."

However appealing, Merrinette and Gerlach said they both agree they would not use the site to post, but they would likely log on to the site to read comments.

"I probably wouldn't check it a whole lot, but I would like to see what, if anything, is being said about me," Merrinette said.

Group encourages sexual health



The Help, Empower and Teach team and the University Hall team compete to win in the final round of Beat the Sexperts last Tuesday. *photo by Mark Hemmer*

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

This past week, Help, Empower and Teach sponsored a Sexual Responsibility Week to inform students about sexual health, sex safety and potential hazards of having sex.

The week included Beat the Sexperts, informational tables in the Michel Student Center and the first ever Sex-Ed Olympics.

Planned Parenthood pamphlets were available at each event so students could get sexual health information.

"We want everyone to have fun but learn something at the same time," Maggie Derkus, a member of the HEAT Sex Committee, said. "It's the most important thing to be safe and be educated about sex, and we hope that we can help students do that."

HEAT members set up informational tables with pamphlets on everything from sexual health to sexually transmitted infections.

Planned Parenthood representatives were also available to hand out information and other "gifts."

"It's a school rule that we cannot hand out condoms, so we will have Planned Parenthood peer educators at all of our events to hand them out," Derkus said.

Beat the Sexperts, a game show-type event, featured teams of four to six competing against the "sexperts" from HEAT.

The questions ranged from serious to silly, covering sex facts including STIs and sexual safety, plus sexual movie trivia and sex positions.

Door prizes and prizes for winners were given out to encourage student attendance, Derkus said.

Thursday was the first ever Sex-Ed Olympics in the new University Hall lounge. Six teams of three from campus organizations competed in the event. Planned Parenthood was on hand to give out more condoms.

Derkus said the she's glad Sexual Responsibility week is finally in motion.

"It has taken a lot of planning," Derkus said. "We have been working on this since last semester, and now that we have everything finalized, it's great to see the events actually happening."

UIUC police will be strict at Unofficial this weekend

Officials say they have learned from past St. Patrick's Day celebrations, will crack down on drinking this year

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

University of Illinois students swarm the intersection of Sixth and Green streets during last year's Unofficial St. Patrick's Day celebration. Students will spend the weekend drinking alcohol, beginning this morning. *photo courtesy of Dan O'Brien*

For students who plan to "drink 'til they're Irish" this weekend, there's more to Unofficial St. Patrick's Day than meets the eye.

The celebration has been hosted by bars on the University of Illinois campus for about a decade.

The bars typically open their doors at about 8 a.m. on Friday of Unofficial weekend and serve all day and night. This year, however, Champaign has instituted emergency restrictions on businesses that sell alcohol. Bars cannot serve alcohol before 11 a.m., a move UIUC officials hope will prevent students from going to class intoxicated.

The UIUC housing department has also instituted a policy preventing students from having visitors stay in dorms this weekend. Police officers and residence hall staff will be stationed in every residence hall to check for ID cards, according to the Daily Illini.

UIUC Police Lt. Roy Acree said the university has been holding meetings for the last few weeks to prepare for Unofficial.

"We meet with the city, county and state police," he said. "We also meet with hospital officials, the dean of students, the fire departments and the ambulance services. Each year we are able to *plan better from* what we learn the previous year."

Acree said the area surrounding the university has police officers from several agencies that will enforce a zero-tolerance alcohol policy.

"If you're underage and drunk, you'll get a notice to appear," he said. "Basically that will result in a court appearance and a ticket."

Acree said judging by the tickets issued last year, students from about 40 different universities attend Unofficial.

Acree also said many students don't realize the costs Unofficial has on police and the community.

"Last year Unofficial cost us an additional $7,000 in overtime, and it cost the other agencies involved $11,000 in overtime," he said. "The ambulances are tied up responding to calls from students who are sick, which can prevent other people in the community from getting emergency care if they need it."

Acree said binge drinking is the main concern of paramedics during the Unofficial celebration.

According to www.cspinet.org, binge drinkers are 21 times more likely to participate in unplanned sexual activity, be injured and drive drunk.

"Binge drinking is a huge concern," Bradley freshman psychology major Doug Ary said. "Since I'm not close to home, I don't plan on excessive drinking. Hopefully law enforcement is more concerned about safety than ticket numbers."

Ary also said the potential for people to get in trouble or be hurt will increase because of Unofficial.

"Whenever there is a big party, something's bound to happen," he said. "I can foresee injuries and property damage happening. The amount of people that are drunk can lead to major conflicts."

Job market looks good for spring 2008 graduates

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Spring graduates are facing the hottest job market in five years, according to two national surveys.

College hiring is expected to increase 16 percent, and salary is expected to increase four percent, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Recruiting Trends 2007-08, a publication of Michigan State University, yielded similar results and said the number of college students recruited for jobs will either remain steady or increase in all fields.

The survey results were compiled after various companies around the country were interviewed about their hiring expectations.

Executive Director of the Smith Career Center Jane Linnenburger said many Bradley students have already secured jobs for after graduation.

"In the news we hear a lot about potential economic downturn," she said. "But we haven't yet seen those results."

Senior marketing and business management major Shayla Jones said she's been surprised how well her job search is going, even amidst the supposed economic crisis.

Jones is interviewing for eight jobs, four of which would be in her ideal field, she said.

"I'm pretty confident that I'll get my No. 1 choice," Jones said. "It's interesting, being a fifth year senior and a part of two graduating classes, because my peers this year are doing a lot better than [2007 graduates] last year."

Linnenburger said the Smith Career Center uses NACE and the MSU study to observe recruiting trends.

She said the number of employers eager to come to Bradley's job fairs has shown the studies' predictions for this year are likely to be accurate.

Over 300 prospective employers came to campus during fall semester. Although this semester's numbers aren't in yet, she said she thinks the two semesters' total will be high and show promising hiring trends for May graduates.

Fields expected to increase college hiring the most are marketing, engineering and computer science, according to NACE.

Linnenburger said the market is also especially good for business and nursing majors because those fields always need more workers.

The NACE study said there would be "significant variations in various disciplines," but it didn't list which markets would be the weakest.

Jones said she attributes a lot of her job search success to being a business major. She said she thinks there are plenty of jobs out there for communications and other majors, but those majors "may just have to look a little harder."

Linnenburger said management trainees and sales workers are always needed, and those positions are open to all majors.

"It's all how students package themselves and sell what they have to offer," she said.

Enthusiasm, communication skills, technological aptitude and a fresh perspective are main attributes employers look for, according to the MSU study.

Jones said she thinks it's also important for students to have good values that coincide with company cultures.

A Smith Career Center survey showed that 96 percent of 2007 Bradley graduates reported they were happy with their present employment.

Illinois College Press Association Awards

Feb. 23, Chicago

The Scout staff won several awards at this year's ICPA convention. Congratulations to all the winners!

1st place:

Aaron Felder – cartoon strip
Katelin Siska – sports photo
Erin Wood – front-page layout

2nd place:

Saleena Fortunato – feature photo
Jacqueline Koch – sports news story
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Adam Mettrick – sports feature story
Adam Mettrick – sports column
Sarah Raidbard – feature story

3rd place:

Jeremy Behrens – feature story
Ed McMenamin and Antonio Gentile – entertainment supplement

Honorable mention:

Aaron Frey – sports page design
Antonio Gentile – graphic illustration
Ed McMenamin – column

Editorial

Sensitive Ruffin situation handled well

Men's basketball player Daniel Ruffin was arrested last Saturday on a charge of domestic battery after he allegedly choked a 20-year-old woman.

The event took the Bradley community by surprise. Ruffin, a star athlete in his fifth year at Bradley, had never had any run-ins with police before last weekend.

But, despite his reputation as a stand-up individual, university administrators could not afford to give Ruffin the benefit of the doubt.

Bradley issued a press release just hours after Ruffin's arrest, stating that he had been suspended indefinitely from the team.

"With high expectations of our student-athletes, this situation is extremely disappointing news to all," Director of Athletics Ken Kavanagh said in the statement. "We will continue our review of this matter and share additional information as it becomes available."

Bradley's swift action should be applauded. It's not easy to suspend a star player, especially on Senior Night. But it's what the administration had to do.

Fans will be glad to see Ruffin playing again. University President Joanne Glasser released a statement Wednesday night that said after review of the case by the Bradley student judicial system, it was determined that Ruffin would no longer be suspended from the team.

Administrators did the best they could do. They couldn't wait until the March 18 preliminary court hearing because the season could be over by then.

Glasser said in the statement that the review of Ruffin's case "included numerous interviews and the consideration of other pertinent information."

Because of student privacy laws, the university can't release further information on the judicial system outcomes. But we should be confident they were fair and took all sides into consideration.

Administrators handled the situation well, not assuming Ruffin was guilty or innocent before compiling information from all involved. They did the best they could do under the circumstances.

Ruffin missed the Braves' Saturday night game against Wisconsin-Milwaukee while still in jail, and he was not in uniform for Tuesday night's game against Southern Illinois.

Conflicting reports emerged regarding the event, and Bradley had little choice but to keep Ruffin on the sidelines during Tuesday's game.

Administrators took a clear, hard stand on the matter, but they also showed sensitivity by allowing Ruffin to participate in Senior Night activities.

Ruffin was honored along with the other Bradley seniors prior to the game, and he addressed the crowd afterward. He apologized to the fans for "the distractions of the past few days," and he asked fans for their continued support.

Allowing Ruffin to participate in the ceremony and speak to the fans was the right decision. Guilty or innocent of domestic battery, Ruffin has undeniably been an asset to the men's basketball team.

He is one of the best point guards to ever wear a Bradley uniform, and the administration recognized that one off-court incident shouldn't tarnish an otherwise brilliant career.

"Daniel has built up a lot of equity in this community by just being a good person and good role model," coach Jim Les said. "I think everybody has appreciated that and wants to give him his due process in a court of law."

Ruffin is the third member of the basketball team to be arrested this season. Juniors Theron Wilson and Tyrone Cole-Scott were arrested for underage drinking a few weeks ago.

Unlike that situation, when Bradley mishandled the punishment of the players, the university handled this incident well.

The decisions they made over the course of the week showed sensitivity to Ruffin, the alleged victim and the Bradley community as a whole.

Opinions from other Campuses

Inviting guns invites problems

Not even a year has passed since the tragic April 16 Virginia Tech shooting and yet two schools have just experienced eerily similar events in the past two weeks.

On Feb. 14, an alumnus of Northern Illinois University fired into a lecture hall during class injuring 18 students and killing five before killing himself. Just 10 days before that, a woman shot and killed two female students and then herself at Louisiana Technical College.

Ironically, these crimes are being committed in places where firearms are legally not permitted for lawfully carrying individuals. School zones are known as "gun-free zones." Though the assailants of these crimes were neither properly licensed nor mentally unbalanced, would one lawfully carrying individual in any of those classrooms have stopped the shooters from killing so many innocent people?

One group of college students thinks so, called Students for Concealed Carry on Campus. This group, which was started last year in response to the Virginia Tech shootings by a student at George Mason University, claims to have more than 12,000 members nationwide and supports the legalization of concealed carry by licensed individuals on college campuses. SCCC has experienced a lot of publicity in recent weeks because of these two shootings.

In most states, licensed college students are allowed to carry almost everywhere else, just not where they attend school. Nationwide, 38 states ban weapons at schools, and 16 of those specifically ban guns on college campuses, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The state of Utah has allowed licensed students to carry firearms on all college campuses since 2004 and has been without incidents since then. The rest of the states let the colleges decide for themselves.

Private colleges are immune to any of these state laws, and school administrations are the ones to determine policies.

It would be an extremely unwise and ruinous choice for Villanova to allow concealed carry. Colleges are notoriously known as hotbeds of drug and alcohol abuse and adding guns to that mix would prove disastrous.

Even though it is illegal to carry a firearm while under the influence, those who are intoxicated do not posses the judgment to discern the toilet from the trash can, let alone right from wrong.

In addition, allowing licensed students to carry concealed weapons on campus would be contradictory to the sentiment of community for which we strive at Villanova. Guns are completely incongruous to a learning environment and would create unnatural hostility should the administration ever sanction their presence on campus.

Though shootings on college campuses have become more of an issue in recent years, inviting more guns to be on college campus seems counterintuitive. We must not perpetuate these notions of violence by outrightly inviting the problem into our community.

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Students should make own choices

Everyone has been in class when a cell phone obnoxiously rings the "Friends" theme song or some equally annoying tune.

There is always that student who doesn't seem to learn after the first time his or her phone blasts in class, but for the most part, we are adults, and we have a rough grasp on cell phone etiquette.

It makes sense that professors don't want their lectures to be interrupted by the Spice Girls. The classrooms are their classrooms, at least for that period, and they have the right to teach without backup singers.

But requiring students to turn off their phones – not just keep them on vibrate – is ridiculous.

Though I've never been in the situation myself, I've heard of professors who lower students' grades if they are caught text messaging in class or even if their cell phones vibrate too loudly.

We're adults. We're choosing to go to college, and we're paying for it. As long as we aren't disrupting other students' educations, we should be allowed to decide if we want to keep our phones on. We should also be allowed to decide if we want to have a laptop in class. And – gasp – we should even be allowed to decide if we want to show up for class at all.

From cell phone policies to attendance policies, many professors don't treat us like the adults we are. If I text message someone and miss a lecture note, that's my problem. If I sleep in and miss a pop quiz, that's also my problem. Maybe my grade will be lower because of the information or assignment I missed. That's fair. I should have to deal with the consequences.

But lowering my grade just because I wasn't paying attention or because I had three unexcused absences doesn't teach me anything about the real world. In the real world, you're working on company time and money, not your own.

Some professors say it's disrespectful not to pay attention in class or not show up at all, but ultimately, we're wasting our own time and money. The students who care will show up and pay attention.

The rest should get a chance to learn from their mistakes. Professors should let them text message during an important lecture. Let them skip a pop quiz. That's the best way to teach them. If they don't want the education they're paying for, that's their choice, and their grades will likely reflect their efforts.

If it weren't for recent college shootings, the proposed university-wide cell phone policy that may allow students to keep their phones on during class wouldn't have come up. Even if that policy is enacted, students won't have the freedom to make their own choices about bringing laptops to class. And forget skipping class because most professors have strict attendance policies.

If I want to pay attention for half of a class and text message during the other half, that should be up to me. If I want to surf the Web on a laptop for five minutes and listen to the lecture the rest of the time, that should also be up to me. If I want to ditch class more than three times a semester, I'm wasting my own money and education.

Maybe I'm a bit jaded because I transferred to Bradley, and I know how it works outside this bubble. I went to a large public school my freshman year. I had some classes with 500 people and others with no more than 20. But there were no policies in any of my classes that told me I couldn't have my phone on. There were no policies that said I could only be absent three times before my grade was dropped a letter. And it was common – even encouraged – for students to bring laptops to class.

Our professors even showed us a function on Microsoft Word that allowed us to record the professor's lecture while we typed notes at the same time.

Of course, there were students who played Tetris and checked their e-mail instead or didn't show up at all. But those were the students who dropped the class mid-semester and learned from their mistakes the next time around.

Bradley doesn't give us a chance to learn those lessons.

The cell phone freedom policy that may be enacted is a step in the right direction, but it shouldn't take campus shootings to treat us like adults.

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Gossip site strays too far from truth

While networking sites such as Facebook and Myspace have made posting personal information popular, a new site is doing just the opposite.

"Always Anonymous … Always Juicy … " is the motto for www.juicycampus.com, a Web site where students can post personal information about other students.

The site encourages students to discuss rumors, gossip, beliefs, concerns – anything about anyone. The postings aren't all true but they are all anonymous.

There's no one monitoring the site's activity, so no matter how embarrassing, untrue or juicy a piece of gossip is, anyone can read it, and students from the same university can respond.

As a student, the site surprised me and made me laugh. The vulgar and explicit material is funny to say the least.

However, I can't help but think about it as a journalist. A journalist's job is to report the truth, and juicycampus.com distorts the line between truthful news and rumor. The site makes journalists' jobs more difficult, as they have to sift through rumors and falsities to find truth and fact.

It's upsetting as a journalist to think about how many people may believe the gossip posted on the site. Journalists work hard to organize information and present it honestly and truthfully, and when people believe anything they see or read, it makes journalists' jobs useless.

The popularity of alternative ways to gain information, including blogs and other forums on the Internet, is growing, so it is difficult to know how reliable information is. Anyone can post information on the Internet and pass it off as fact.

The posts on juicycampus.com are presented as truth – there are no disclaimers or monitors checking facts. And while it is obvious juicycampus.com isn't reporting news, people will talk about the posted gossip. It isn't long before someone mistakes the gossip for truth.

And with more and more people turning away from traditional forms of media such as the newspaper and radio, the Internet is becoming a tempting place to gain information.

A popular way news outlets are trying to respond to this growing digital trend is implementing techniques of citizen journalism, where people play active roles in relaying new information. Because a journalist's first interest should be the citizens, this type of journalism sounds good in theory.

However, not everyone knows how to practice journalism. I would never take information coming from a citizen as truth just as I would never trust someone without a medical degree to perform surgery.

As consumers of media, we need to be able to evaluate the kind of information we're taking in. Everyone has the right to free speech, so there's no way to stop people from posting untrue information on the Internet. We need to understand that and learn how to deal with false information when we come across it.

And we need to learn to look beyond rumors posted on juicycampus.com and treat them as what they are – jokes.

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Prisoners deserve spiritual guidance

Last month, Peoria County Prison had a mini-PR blunder regarding inmate treatment.

The Journal Star reported a Peoria County Jail inmate produced a 60-signature petition against unsanitary jail practices, arguing he was unable to properly clean the sole plastic spoon he's allowed.

Following the report, a jail spokesperson said the spoon situation would improve.

This week, the Des Moines Register reported the Newton prison in Iowa will no longer provide its Bible-based treatment program, InnerChange Freedom Initiative, come March.

It's a shame this program will end. According to the article, InnerChange once had more than 200 inmates involved.

As with the Peoria County Jail article, this shows the lack of rehabilitation prisoners sometimes receive.

Sadly, not many people care about the physical and spiritual health of prisoners.

We can safely assume most prisoners aren't very spiritual – pre-prison at least. This likely plays into their ability to commit heinous crimes mercilessly.

My parents taught me that when there's no one else to turn to in this world, we always have God.

Many of these prisoners have no one to turn to, and many of them don't know how to incorporate God into their lives.

That's why it's extremely important, and obligatory, for prison personnel to offer spiritual services inside prison walls.

I'm not promoting Christianity, Judaism or any other religion. I'm saying it's important for everyone to have a relationship with some higher power – whomever and whatever it may be.

It's not simply important for inmates to create this relationship – it's crucial to their well-being and ours when they are released.

Surveys and statistics show that prisoners who participate in religious activities are less likely to commit crimes when they leave jail.

According to an article from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a 2003 preliminary evaluation of InnerChange showed "program graduates were 50 percent less likely to be rearrested and 60 percent less likely to be reincarcerated during a two-year follow-up period."

A basis for InnerChange's termination is the church and state political war that our country has long battled.

I understand the overarching argument that religion and state shouldn't be mixed.

Since July, the program has been funded solely through donations and not tax dollars, according to the article. Yet, the program still will end.

Whether or not you believe in God, we all can attest to seeing God (or the illusion of a God if you prefer) work through people.

You may know an alcoholic who remains sober because of his "higher power." You may know someone who, finding courage through God, left an abusive relationship.

We hear stories all of the time about people who, by the grace of God, make life better for themselves.

If God is an illusion, this illusion is what saves lives and bears happiness for many who once knew none.

Prison Fellowship, the organization that provides InnerChange, will still be around for the inmates, but is no longer guaranteed the facilities it had with InnerChange such as a designated area to hold activities.

The prisoners once involved with InnerChange will have to find alternative methods of fostering a relationship with God.

Some will continue that relationship. Others might let it fall by the wayside and return to old destructive behaviors.

If we as citizens know this idea of God is helpful, why do we accept denying them InnerChange?

Is it because we think prisoners should suffer for their crimes?

Are they undeserving of resources such as clean spoons and divine exploration?

Some people don't think so. And that is unfortunate.

Many of these people we don't care about will leave prison one day, fully rehabilitated or not.

This religious program isn't about giving mean people the opportunity to worship God. This program helps preserve our society when their jail time is up.

They'll be back on the streets walking side by side with you and me. And what then?

I only hope the Newton community makes a stink about the InnerChange termination like many here did about the Peoria County Jail.

Otherwise, we should all pray these prisoners are somehow changed people when they reenter society.

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Masters degrees to be added in several programs

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Administration is adding several masters programs to Bradley curriculum to become more competitive in the graduate market and make money, Peter Johnson said.

The Associate Provost for Academic Affairs addressed Student Senate Monday and said professional masters degrees in elementary education, science, math and engineering will be offered through the university soon.

"We can't raise tuition rates as fast as costs go up," he said. "But we need to find a way to continually generate revenue."

Johnson said he and other administrators think Bradley has the perfect amount of undergraduate students. He said the university doesn't want to generate the extra revenue by adding more.

Johnson said there's a need for more graduate programs in the area, and Bradley can use state funding to respond to it.

"We're going to continue to develop more fields [for graduate students]," he said. "They won't be developed at the expense of the undergraduate students, but more to compliment them."

Johnson said the engineering program will be a combination of business and engineering studies. He said it will be unique and help to differentiate Bradley from other campuses.

"Your last day of being an engineer is your last day of college. Then you really go into the business world," he said. "So we're going to give students an opportunity to earn their MBA in business in one year after completing the engineering program."

The university will also add more certificate programs, Johnson said.

It has already added a non-degree program in family mediation.

This certificate allows holders to counsel children after their parents divorce.

He said adding certificate programs is another way to keep tuition rising at a tolerable level.

Bradley is also going through its annual test with the North Central Association of Higher Learning Committee, Johnson said.

The committee provides funds based on visits to universities every 10 years.

Bradley prepares by creating a committee two years in advance.

The preparation process is an exhausting self-examination program, Johnson said.

Throughout the two-year process, students will receive several surveys in their classes regarding ways to improve campus, he said.

Ten years ago, the surveys' results indicated the need for research labs. The labs campus has today are a result of that survey, Johnson said.

Johnson said he doesn't know what will result from this year's surveys, but programs will be added or adjusted according to students' wants and needs.

Police Reports

At about 9 p.m. Feb. 20 police were dispatched to Heitz Hall on a fire alarm. Officers went to the ground floor and did not see any smoke or flames, and the Peoria Fire Department verified there was no fire.

Dorm staff informed police that resident Brian McCabe tried to a light a shoe on fire. A witness told police McCabe said he was going to ignite the shoe and carry it down the hallway.

McCabe was issued a ticket for disorderly conduct.

At about 1:40 a.m. Sunday police were dispatched to the west patio of Geisert Hall on a call about a fight.

Police found four males sitting on the patio upon arrival. All four had a small amount of blood on their faces or bodies.

Hall Director Joseph Nixon said he was told males were fighting outside and went to the patio where he saw them actively fighting. Nixon said he told the males to stop and sit on the ground. All four complied.

The four males were not Bradley students. Two were visiting students and the other two said they were called to come to campus and confront the other males. The two visiting males were charged with battery and the other two were charged with battery and criminal trespass to land. All four males were banned from Bradley, arrested and taken to Peoria County Jail.

All information taken from university police reports.

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Unlike Swisher, Doblin said he went to Health Services, but found little help.

"They said it was the flu," he said. "I was forced to go to the emergency room and waited in the waiting room for almost an hour and a half to two hours for the doctor to tell me that my cough was a good thing."

Cummings said the flu is going around, but there are some ways to prevent getting sick.

"Try to avoid contact with people you know are sick, practice good hand washing techniques and avoid cough or droplet exposure, meaning if you cough or someone else coughs, cover your mouth and wash your hands," Cummings said. "Try to get proper rest and don't let your body get run down. Stay hydrated and eat a balanced diet. But the No. 1 most direct thing to do is get the flu vaccination."

Cummings said students who are sick should stay home so as not to spread the flu.

"Get lots of rest and keep hydrated by drinking a lot of fluids," he said. "And if you think you have flu symptoms, it's good to contact your doctor for specifics about anti-flu treatment because there are anti-viral medications you can take."

Cummings said he recommends taking Tamiflu and Relenza, two anti-viral medications available over-the-counter that help fight the flu. The medications must be taken within two days of the developing symptoms for them to work properly.

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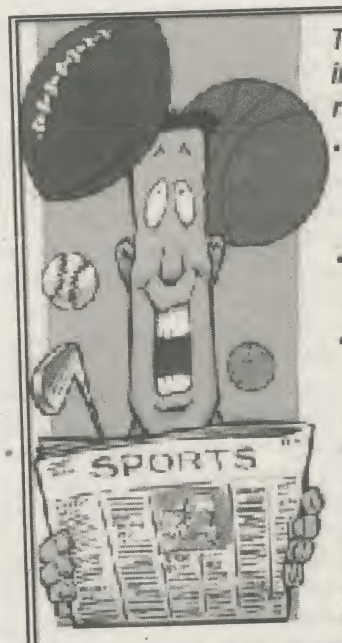

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White had visible injuries to her lip as well as red markings on the front and side of her neck, according to the report.

Ruffin gave police a conflicting account of the incident.

According to the report, Ruffin said he was hanging out with his friend and former teammate Will Franklin when White showed up and started the argument.

Ruffin said he grabbed White by the front of her coat and attempted to guide her toward the door because she refused to leave.

Ruffin said White then began to swing her fists at him, so he pinned her against the wall to avoid being hit. White then fell to the floor, where he pinned her again until he could get the front door open, according to the report.

Ruffin told police "I didn't hit her. I just pinned her against the wall and floor."

Franklin told police Ruffin did not "hit, punch or choke" White, according to the Journal Star.

White declined to comment to the Scout when reached by phone on Monday.

Following Ruffin's arrest on Saturday, the university released a brief statement to the press announcing the decision to suspend Ruffin indefinitely.

"With high expectations of our student-athletes, this situation is extremely disappointing news to all," Director of Athletics Ken Kavanagh said. "We will continue our review of this matter and share additional information as it becomes available."

Coach Jim Les said the situation has been difficult for him.

"We have a little deeper relationship than a player-coach," he said. "It made for an emotional day, I think for everybody. This is a family and any time something happens within the family, it affects all of us."

Ruffin remained suspended for Tuesday night's loss to Southern Illinois, but he did participate in the Braves' Senior Night activities. He was honored along with Bradley's other senior players prior to the game, and he received a loud ovation from the Carver Arena crowd.

Ruffin also addressed the crowd following the game.

"I want to thank the fans and most of all, my teammates for all their support," he said. "I want to apologize to my fans for the distractions that have occurred the past few days, and I just hope that you'll support me through all this."

Ruffin is expected to be back in uniform for the Braves this Saturday, when they face Creighton in the regular-season finale.

Les said he's happy to have his senior leader back on the team.

"It's nice to get back to talking about basketball," he said. "Unfortunately, we've had to go through a period where we've been distracted with other things."

Les also said he was pleased with the way the review process played out.

"I thought Bradley and our administration did a great job of being thorough," he said. "I think the right decision was made. Now we're not looking back, we're looking forward."

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dom to run their classroom as they see fit," he said. "There comes a time, however, and this is one of them, when the greater good of the university takes precedent over individual faculty rules and regulations."

William Hall, a political science professor, said he prefers students turn their cell phones off during class because he doesn't want to hear disruptive ringing. However, he said if the university can issue an emergency warning in a timely fashion, students should be able to receive those messages.

Still, Hall said whether or not students can have phones on during class should be up to professors.

"I don't believe the university should have a university-wide policy," he said. "I think most faculty handle this fairly responsibly ... If some other system of warning were possible – a bell notification – then I would probably return to a 'cell phones off' policy."

Senior advertising major Darci Kresl said she has professors who "don't believe in cell phones during class time," and some have even warned that a disruption would lead to worse grades in the classes.

Kresl said she signed up for foreWarn because it's a step toward safety.

"If we are expected and encouraged to utilize this service to our advantage, I think that Bradley would be making a wise decision in making it mandatory that all teachers let students have their phones on during class," she said.

Assistant Professor of Communication Sara Netzley's COM 425 syllabus reads: "You must turn off all cell phones, pagers, personal music players and other electronic devices during class."

However, Netzley said as long as class isn't disrupted, she's OK with phones being on vibrate.

"There is no perfect policy here," she said. "Of course, we want to get warning of an emergency, but I don't want students checking every text message they get. I want to err on the side of caution, but I don't want texting to become a part of class."

Netzley said if all her students' cell phones vibrated at the same time during class, that would be a signal that something's not right on campus.

Junior journalism and theatre arts major Chris Narigon said students keep their phones on vibrate in class, regardless of professors' rules, so enacting a university-wide policy would be a formality.

"Even if [the university] required phones to be off, I'd probably keep it on ... just in case that rare emergency might happen at home or to one of my friends," he said.

BU Greeks

The Greek Connection

Dear Bradley Community,

The Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council are improving the involvement of all Bradley students. Greek organizations plan events that are for the whole Bradley Community. Philanthropic events or speakers are something that every student, whether Greek or non-Greek, can do to help out their community or benefit from themselves. We hope that through this monthly publication, we can help keep the students of Bradley University united together through campus-wide events. Working together is the key for success and we need the participation of YOU to make it possible!

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- 40% of all US Supreme Court Justices have been Greek
- 30% of US Congressmen/women are Greek
- 42% of US Senators are Greek

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jnlindsey@bradley.edu

Kappa Delta (ΚΔ)
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$1 attendance fee/$30 per contestant
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Campaign to ban smoking loses spark

BY MAGGIE YBARRA
of the Daily Lobo (U. of New Mexico)

UNIVERSITY WIRE - The campaign to ban smoking at University of New Mexico has had trouble picking up steam.

In the fall, the Coalition for a UNM Smoke-Free Campus conducted a survey asking students if they wanted to ban smoking on Main Campus. Only 154 students took the survey, and about 52 percent of them wanted to ban smoking on campus.

That wasn't enough to convince the Board of Regents.

Regent Don Chalmers said he would like to see more feedback from students before deciding on the issue.

"To me, that's not an overwhelming mandate," he said. "But the regents are there to do what the students or any constituency wants."

Chalmers said most of the regents are in favor of a smoke-free campus.

Reuben Estrada, a member of the coalition, said his group hasn't given up on the smoking ban.

"Right now, we're not directing our efforts solely on the regents," he said. "Right now, we're working on UNM as a community whole about the dangers of secondhand smoke."

Estrada said the coalition plans to conduct more surveys and present its findings to the regents.

In 2006, ASUNM asked students whether to ban smoking on campus. There were 363 in favor and 300 opposed.

Matt Barnes, the organization's vice president, said those results were too close to act on, so ASUNM tabled the issue.

Regent Mel Eaves said he would like to see a broader representation of the student population before considering a ban.

"I agree with all the reasons for banning smoking on campus," he said. "I don't have to be convinced about that. But I need to be convinced that this is something that the students and the faculty and the staff would like to see."

Eaves said he was surprised by the lack of feedback on the smoke-free campus issue.

"I thought it would be more important to the students and staff than it appears to be," he said.

Chalmers said he's not sure how the university would carry out a campuswide smoking ban.

"How you enforce that policy is what concerns me," he said. "Because I don't know if it will be enforced, and I don't know what the penalties are if you violate it."

Estrada said the ban would need to be enforced by signs, and also by students, faculty and staff. There would be no penalty, he said.

"If it goes into effect, it will be one of those things that does take time," he said.

Student Sam Hopkins said the university couldn't concoct a penalty severe enough to keep him from smoking.

"I would smoke anyway," he said. "What are they going to do? If they wanted to take away my scholarship, I would just transfer."

Facebook group urges students to purchase carrots

BY BRIONY CLARE
of the Lantern (Ohio State U.)

UNIVERSITY WIRE – A new phenomenon could soon be sweeping Facebook: panic buying.

A group started in England, "On May 15, 2008 everyone needs to go out and panic buy CARROTS," has gained a substantial following, having attracted more than 180,000 people since the beginning of January who have pledged to panic buy carrots in various worldwide localities on May 15.

The group has gained somewhat of a cult following in England but has members everywhere from Morocco, South Korea, Iran and Australia, to Michigan and Ohio.

Other Facebook groups have attempted to replicate the success of the carrot-buying phenomenon. Groups encouraging people to panic buy parrots, pineapples and carrot blenders have sprung up but have not gained anything close to panic buying carrot's popularity.

The group's creator, Freya Valentine, told Radio Warwick, a student radio station for the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom, how she came up with the idea.

"I thought it would be really funny to get people to go to a furniture store and get everyone to buy a sofa," Valentine told radio hosts Will and Russ on "RaW Primetime." "But then [I] thought, we can't really get enough people to go buy a sofa, so we downsized to carrots."

Concerns have been raised about the implications of a worldwide carrot-buying rampage, ranging from what to do with all the carrots, to the possibilities of a worldwide carrot shortage.

Questions have also been raised about what to do with vast quantities of panic-bought carrots. Suggestions posted on Facebook range from cooking large pots of carrot soup and carrot cakes to leaving masses of carrots in public places.

Some have decided to be more philanthropic with their carrots.

"I have decided that with the little student cash that I have, that carrots are a worthy cause. There's a nice homeless guy that can play the guitar really well. Maybe I'll give my carrots to him," said Emma Shiels from Newcastle.

Future plans for panic buying could have a political motive.

"Milk would be another good one," suggested one of the radio hosts. "Farmers always get a rough deal on the prices they get, so you could actually become quite political with that."

Valentine urged everyone to join the cause.

"Simply just go out and buy carrots on May the 15th," she said.

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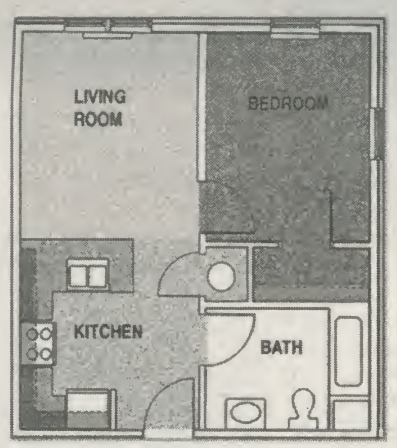

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Senior forward Matt Salley dunks the ball during Tuesday night's game against Southern Illinois. Salley was honored before the game as part of Senior Night. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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five points over the final 7 minutes of the half, and entered the locker room with a 38-30 halftime lead.

The Panthers (13-14) attempted to fight back in the second half, cutting the Braves lead to three with 14:15 remaining, but a Cole-Scott layup and a 3-pointer by Crouch built the lead back to eight and the Braves never looked back from there.

Along with Crouch and Cole-Scott, Bradley also got strong performances from junior forward Theron Wilson and freshman guard Sam Maniscalco.

Wilson finished with 15 points and four rebounds, while Maniscalco added 13 points and three assists while starting in Ruffin's place.

SIU 71, Bradley 60

Not having Ruffin and Warren available finally caught up to the Braves on Tuesday night as they hosted Southern Illinois in the season's final home game.

In a tough, defensive-minded contest, the Braves fought the Salukis (17-12, 11-6 MVC) to a standstill until midway through the second half.

The game was tied 40-40 with 10:17 remaining, but with a depleted bench, Bradley eventually tired out and fell 71-60.

"I thought they played their hearts out and battled," Les said. "Southern is a team that wears you down and I thought we just ran out of gas. But it wasn't for a lack of effort, so I commended them for that."

Playing in the final home game of his career, Crouch led the team in scoring for the second straight game.

He dropped in 21 points, but struggled from beyond the arc, making just 3-of-13.

Despite his struggles, Crouch managed to reach a milestone during the game, breaking Bradley's single-season (91) and career (235) records for 3-point baskets.

"I really wasn't thinking too much about that," Crouch said. "I was more focused on what we needed to do to win."

Crouch agreed the Braves began to slow down towards the end of the game.

"[SIU] is such a good team and they do wear you down," he said. "We wanted to take advantage of the opportunities they gave us and we missed some opportunities."

Wilson and Maniscalco also scored in double digits for the Braves, finishing with 15 and 13 points respectively.

Bradley will play its final regular season game on Saturday at Creighton.

Ruffin is expected to rejoin the Braves for the game, after being reinstated Wednesday night.

The Braves will then head to St. Louis next weekend for the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

BASEBALL

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Bradley 2, Murray State 1

The Braves (2-1) needed just two runs to take down the Thoroughbreds (1-2) in their first game.

With converted closer and 2007 Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year Brad Altbach on the mound, Bradley got on the board early and let its ace do what he does best.

Altbach pitched a complete game, giving up just one run on three hits while striking out five.

He got some help from his defense.

In the third inning, Brooks Thorton of Murray State singled to left with a man on second but junior left fielder Nick Mitidiero came up with the ball and threw the runner out at home.

Altbach allowed a run in the next inning, but he kept his composure and finished the game strong.

Bradley scored both its runs in the second inning when junior shortstop Tommy Fitzgerald knocked in a run on a sacrifice fly, and junior right fielder Colby Luttrell scored on a wild pitch to plate the winning run for the Braves.

Bradley 5, Murray State 3

Bradley got another strong starting pitching performance in the second game of the doubleheader.

After sitting out last year as a medical redshirt, sophomore Rob Scahill took the mound and struck out eight batters, allowing just one hit over six innings.

Junior Kori Jensen came on in relief in the final inning but gave up three runs and recorded just one out.

Junior Tyler Thorton was then inserted into the game and induced a double-play ball to pick up the save and end the game.

Murray State 8, Bradley 7

The Braves bats shined in the final game of the series, but they weren't able to pull out the win.

All nine of Bradley's starters recorded hits, and five had multi-hit games.

Designated hitter Jim Clayton led the Braves with three hits and also recorded an RBI.

Pitching proved to be a problem for the Braves.

Starting pitcher Lendsey Thomson started well, giving up just one run through the first three innings, but things started to fall apart in the fourth.

After Bradley scored six runs in the top of the fourth to make the score 7-1, Thomson gave up two more earned runs and was ejected from the game for arguing a call at first base.

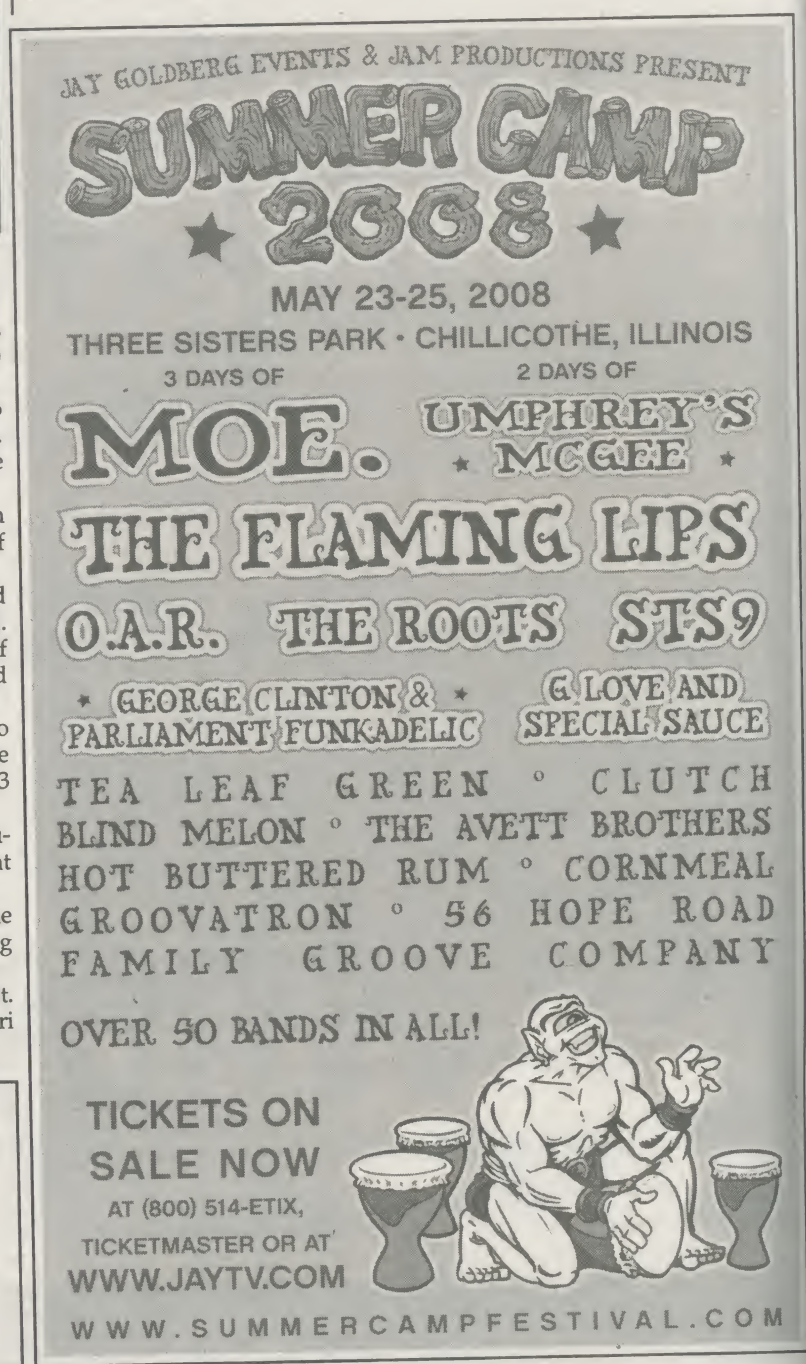
Kalmer said it disrupts the pitching staff to bring in a man from the bullpen after an ejection.

"We had to bring somebody out of the bullpen and warm him up while everybody stood there and waited, and usually when that happens the guy starts before he's ready because everybody's standing there and looking at him," he said.

Bradley gave up three runs in that inning and another four-spot in the seventh to find themselves down one going into the ninth with a score of 7-8

The Braves put up another run in the ninth to tie the game 8-8, but Murray State answered back and won the game in the bottom of the ninth on a walk-off double.

Bradley will return to Kentucky this weekend to face Eastern Kentucky on Saturday and Sunday.



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Track and field earns three individual titles at Iowa Invite

BY LUKE MROZINSKI
for the Scout

The track and field team performed solidly at the Iowa Invitational last Friday, with three runners topping the competition for individual titles.

Junior Katie Nowak, sophomore Erika Sepich and senior Kim Martin all claimed titles in their respective competitions.

Katie Nowak

Nowak ran her first 800-meter race of the season and adjusted well by edging Iowa's Ines Fischer for first place, running at a time of 2 minutes, 16 seconds.

Sophomore Rachel Brubaker and freshman Mary Goldkamp followed shortly behind to round out a top-10 finish.

Brubaker crossed the line seventh with a time of 2:28, and Goldkamp immediately followed in ninth, clocking in at 2:29.

Goldkamp said the team's strategy of running in a tight pack has helped her improve over the season.

"This team grows together, and we learn how each other run," she said. "I was more motivated because I saw how hard my teammates were working to improve themselves. This helped me pace myself and push myself during the race."

Rachel Brubaker

Sepich competed in the long jump and recorded a leap of 4.98 meters, getting the Braves another first-place victory.

She barely missed her personal record of 5 meters.

Martin continued to control the shot put, snatching up Bradley's final first place victory with a hurl of 12.21 meters.

Sophomore teammate Catherine Schamberger placed second in the shot put with a throw of 11.65 meters.

Leading up to last Friday's meet, the Braves had only recorded one individual victory for the season.

Not only did they get three at the Iowa Invitational, but all team members stepped up in their respective events and showed improvement.

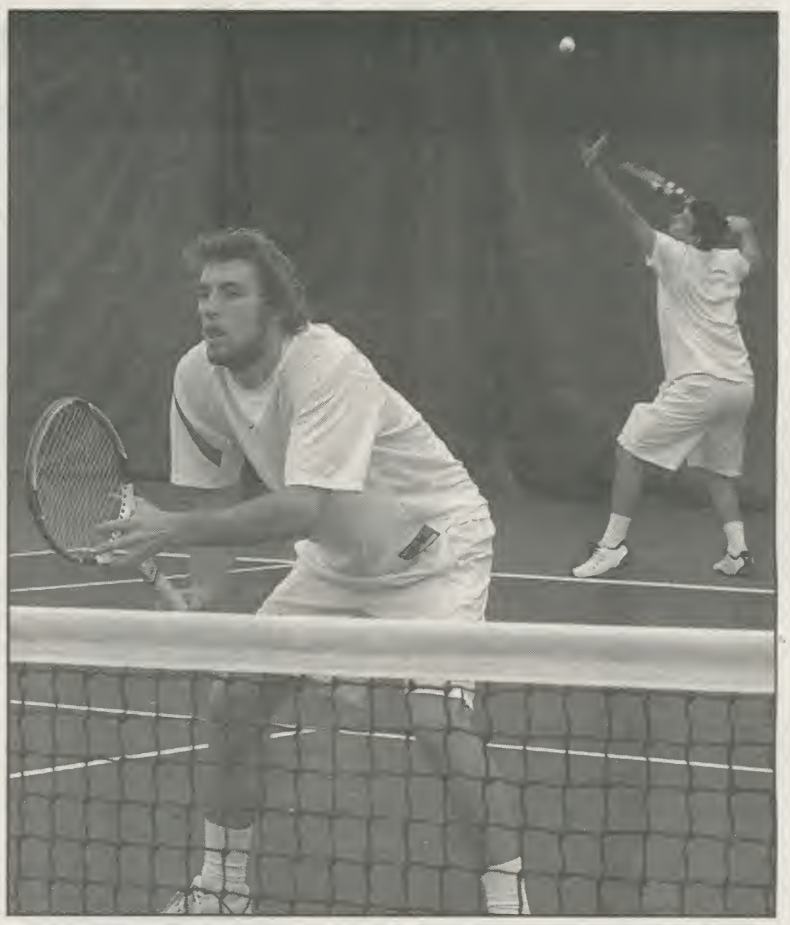
Sepich maintained momentum heading into the 60-meter race, placing seventh with a time of 8.42 seconds.

Nowak had her second top-three finish in the meet, placing third with a time of 1:38 in the 600-meter run.

Freshman Leann Murphy finished right behind her teammate. Murphy finished fourth in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:40.

Other strong finishes in field events included junior Jessica Holloway, who placed fifth with a jump of 4.44 meters and sophomore hurler Anne Bucalo, who threw 10.74 meters in the shot put.

The Braves return to action this Saturday when they head to Cedar Falls, Iowa, to take part in the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championship.


Freshman Vuk Bolic serves to his UIC Flames opponent during Sunday's match. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

TENNIS

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the first time in two weeks, facing Illinois-Chicago, but the advantage of playing on the home court couldn't help Bradley come out victorious.

The Braves were swept at the Clubs at River City, 7-0.

Romic and Samoylov gained their second doubles victory of the spring season as they won their match in thrilling fashion, 9-8.

Bolic and Sampson dropped the next doubles match, 8-6.

Bradley entered the third doubles match tied with the Flames but couldn't pull out a victory as Macara-chvili and Robertson were dominated 8-1.

The Braves were then swept in four out of the six singles matches.

Samoylov stayed as the No. 1 singles match for the second time, but like his previous effort, he came up on the losing side of the scorecard. His opponent, Sebastian Lystad, took the first set 7-6, but Samoylov battled back and won the second set 7-5. Samoylov couldn't win the tiebreaking set as he lost 10-3.

Romic was swept by Bastian Harbo at No. 2 singles 6-1, 6-4. Macara-chvili and Sampson were also swept in their matches.

Robertson beat his opponent in the first set but then lost the next two sets to give Illinois-Chicago a sweep on the afternoon.

Coach Jacek Wolicki did not return phone calls seeking comment on the matches.

The Braves are now 1-6 on the season and 0-3 at home. They play Tennessee-Martin on March 15.

Students get free tickets to MVC Tourney

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Students wishing to support the men's basketball team next weekend at the Missouri Valley Conference tournament will once again receive free tickets to the event.

The Braves Club has agreed to cover the cost of the tickets for all students who attend the tournament, which takes place March 6 to 9 at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis.

As in previous years, students can present their Bradley IDs to members of the Bradley ticket staff in the arena lobby to receive their free ticket vouchers.

Student tickets would be $10 per session without the donation from the Braves Club, which has covered the cost of student tickets for the past several years.

The first 250 students to show their IDs will receive tickets for the lower bowl section behind the basket.

Once the allotment of lower bowl tickets is gone, additional seats will be provided for the remaining students in the upper bowl based on availability.

Bradley used its full allotment of student tickets for each of the games last year.

Sophomore biology major Becky Sowa said she's glad students can get the tickets for free.

"I think it's a good idea because it'll help bring a lot more people to the game," she said. "Last year there were so many Southern Illinois fans and this should really help."

Last season's tournament drew sold-out crowds of 22,612 for both the semifinal and championship games. The tournament final was the highest-attended conference tournament championship game in the country.

TOP 15 PARTICIPANTS AS OF THURSDAY

NAME	POINTS
TRISHA KOWALEWSKI	50
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ERICA CLARNO	45
AMY CARBONNEAU	43
STEPHANIE RAMSEY	36
ADAM UNDERWOOD	35
BARI ERAIS	34
SARAH CANINO	33
CASEY STARK	33
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Two steals in final minute lift Braves over Bluejays

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's basketball team battled through injuries on Saturday night in a come-from-behind victory over the Bluejays.

The Braves lost senior guard Devyn Flanagan to an ankle injury, and sophomore Jenny Van Kirk missed time with a head injury, but Bradley battled through and was able to pull out a two-point victory to put down the Bluejays.

With the game tied 38-38, junior Kelly Krumwiede came away with a turnover and after being fouled went to the line with a chance to put Creighton away.

After sinking both, Bradley (10-16, 4-11 MVC) was able to get a stop at the defensive end and downed the Bluejays 52-51.

Krumwiede said she tried not to put too much pressure on herself before taking the free throws.

"I just tried to relax, take a deep breath and step up to the line to shoot them," she said.

Krumwiede finished the game with 10 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Freshman Raisa Taylor finished with a team-high 12 points and sophomore Skye Johnson had 10 points and a career-high eight steals.

The win over the Blue Jays (16-9, 9-5 MVC) ended a four-game skid for the Braves.

Coach Paula Buscher talked about what the win meant to the team.

"There's no doubt that we've been struggling, but we've been struggling and still fighting," she said. "To me that's what life is about, when you're struggling you have to keep fighting hard, and I really felt like our team did a great job tonight."

The win came under tough circumstances.

While at the top of the key, Van Kirk got tangled up with some Creighton players and was knocked to the ground. Those players then fell on top of her, opening a cut on her head.

Buscher said before Van Kirk got up from the ground, she was already saying she didn't want to leave the game.

She returned later wearing a different jersey.

Flanagan's injury was more serious, and she is day-to-day for now. Her injured ankle changed the way the Braves played the game, forcing the other guards to step up the rest of the night.

"It meant that Skye [Johnson] and Rachel [Merriman] were going to have to suck it up and finish out the game together regardless of how bad they were hurting," Buscher said.

Bradley had to fight hard the whole night, as the game featured 16 ties and 15 lead-changes.

The win over the Bluejays ended another losing streak for the Braves. Bradley had not defeated Creighton at home in its last 17 tries, with the last win coming Dec. 2, 1989 at Robertson Memorial Field House.

After trailing 28-27 at halftime, the two teams battled throughout the second half, but the Bluejays had a three-point lead with just over two minutes remaining.

Bradley was not able to convert on its next possession, but Harris got a steal at the other end and found Johnson for a quick two to make the score 51-50.

Johnson then stole the ball on the next Bluejays possession and got it to Krumwiede, who went to the line and knocked down her free throws.

Creighton had a chance to retake the lead but missed its next shot, and freshman Sonya Harris came down with the rebound and was immediately fouled.

After Harris missed the front end of her one-and-one, the Bluejays had one final shot, but the Braves defense stepped up and Bradley won the game.

Krumwiede said she hopes the win will get the team going come tournament time.

"It's huge," she said. "Just for our team morale and to get our confidence going for the tournament coming up."

Bradley was scheduled to play Southern Illinois on Thursday but results were not available at press time.

The Braves will play their final road game of the regular season on Saturday, when they travel to Evansville to take on the Purple Aces.

Sophomore forward Jenny Van Kirk scans the court for a teammate to pass to during Saturday's game against Creighton. The Braves beat the Bluejays 52-51.

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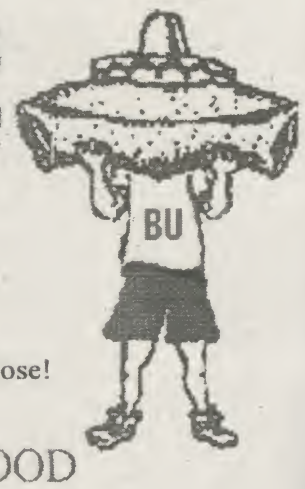

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Breaking down the deadline deals

BY DRU TATE

February is often considered the slowest month in sports.

Granted, the least amount of sports are being played with the NFL season over and MLB mostly concerned with trying to put Roger Clemens behind bars.

There are two significant days other than the Super Bowl that occur each February, and that is the trade deadlines of the NBA and NHL.

The NHL's trade deadline is traditionally a crazy day when the majority of the teams either dump off their players or try to make one last push.

This year, however, the NBA outdid the NHL with blockbuster trades.

Everyone heard about Shaq, Jason Kidd and the huge trade that made Lebron James a happy camper.

The NHL lacked in quantity but there were quality trades made.

So with all the commotion, I will break down the big trades and some of the deals that left you scratching your head as you read the ticker at the bottom of the TV.

The first big trade was the over-*hyped deal* that sent Shaquille O'Neal to the Suns for Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks.

The reasoning was that the Suns needed some help on defense. I find it hard to believe a man who can only go 5 minutes at a time without wheezing can really make a difference on defense.

The Heat received some decent players – players that won't make the team worse but also players that won't win them a championship. The best part of the trade for the Heat was the fact that Shaq's huge contract was no longer their concern.

Better end of the deal – the Miami Heat

The biggest trade of the hockey deadline broke the heart of the biggest star in the NHL, Sidney Crosby.

The Atlanta Thrashers sent Marian Hossa, a free agent-to-be in the offseason, to the Pittsburgh Penguins for Colby Armstrong, Erik Christensen, prospect Angelo Esposito and a first-round pick.

I give Hossa credit – he is really good and will most likely help give the Penguins that x-factor they need to make it through the grueling playoffs.

What isn't measured a lot of times in trades is the chemistry between players.

Armstrong was Crosby's best friend, and they played on the same line. Hossa may have consistent stats every year, but Armstrong is just as young as Crosby and has a lot of potential.

Better end of the deal – this year the Penguins, but the future goes to the Thrashers.

For a trade that was talked about for weeks, the Dallas Mavericks acquired Jason Kidd, Malik Allen and Antoine Wright for Devin Harris, DeSagna Diop, Trenton Hassell, Maurice Ager, some draft picks and some cash.

The Mavs sure gave up a lot of players, but the players aren't really that talented and they weren't getting the job done. Mark Cuban hogged the spotlight with this trade.

Kidd is still healthy and still productive. His main game was always passing and age doesn't really affect that aspect of the game too much.

Better end of the deal – the Dallas Mavericks

The other major trade in the NHL was a complete shock to most of the teams, as Brad Richards was traded from the Tampa Bay Lightning along with Johan Holmqvist for goalie Mike Smith, Jussi Jokinen, Jeff Halpern and a fourth-round pick.

The surprising factor of this trade was the fact that a month before, Tampa Bay said it would not be shipping Richards, Vincent Lecavlier or Martin St. Louis to any team.

The Lightning are one of the worst teams in the league and are looking to rebuild, and the Dallas Stars are one of the hottest teams in the NHL and were already primed to make a deep run in the playoffs. Both teams came out equal.

Worst end of the deal – any of the Stars players who got traded. They go from being on one of best teams to being on one of the worst.

King James got his way and Chicago Bulls fans were reminded they still won't be able to regain the magic of the Jordan era with the trade that occurred between Chicago and Cleveland.

The Cavaliers acquired Ben Wallace and Joe Smith for Drew Gooden, Larry Hughes, Shannon Brown and Cedric Simmons. Best end of the deal – Cleveland. Lebron plus a Wallace equals success.

The worst trade of the month came from the St. Louis Blues.

The Blues have one of the worst offenses in the league. They traded veteran defensemen Bryce Salvador for forward Cam Janssen. Janssen has just two goals in over 90 career games. That should help the offense. Worst end of the deal – Blues fans.

Each year, blockbuster trades happen, and at the end of the year most people forget the details.

What they remember is if the trade was the best thing to happen or if it cost them the championship.

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One-on-One

Does Roger Clemens belong in the Hall of Fame?

Yes

Roger Clemens deserves to be in the Hall of Fame.

The winner of seven Cy Young awards, Clemens is arguably the greatest pitcher alive today, and maybe even the best of all time.

Anytime you think of the Rocket, you think of one of the most intimidating pitchers in the league who brings his A-game every trip out to the mound.

Now I know he was mentioned in the Mitchell Report, but there is still no proof that he actually has taken steroids.

Even if it turns out that he has taken them, that doesn't mean the rest of the pitchers around the league weren't on the same things as Clemens.

He has been consistently good throughout his entire career.

He is being accused of taking steroids while with the Yankees.

He already had amazing seasons with the Blue Jays and Red Sox. before even coming to the Yankee and before steroids were becoming a problem in baseball.

I can understand if he is held back from the Hall his first year eligible, but eventually he should be in.

Clemens belongs in Cooperstown.

- Alex Mayster

No

Roger Clemens is arguably the greatest pitcher in Major League history, but that won't be enough to get his ticket to the Hall of Fame punched.

Clemens' brilliant career, which includes a record seven Cy Young awards, has been tarnished by accusations of using steroids and Human Growth Hormone.

The evidence against Clemens, including testimony from former trainer Brian McNamee, is substantial and his appearance in front of Congress last week didn't help his case.

The Baseball Writers' Association of America, whose members vote on the Hall of Fame inductees, has already shown that it frowns upon known steroid users.

Mark McGwire, one of the game's great sluggers who sits eighth on the all-time home run list with 583, appeared on just 23.6 percent of the 2008 ballots. That's far short of the 75 percent required for induction.

If the former home run king can't get elected, there's no way Clemens will make it in, and he shouldn't.

Cheaters shouldn't be honored for their wrongdoings, and since the record books can't be erased, the next best thing would be to deny him entry to the Hall of Fame.

- Adam Mettrick

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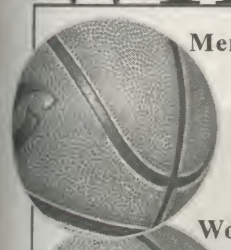

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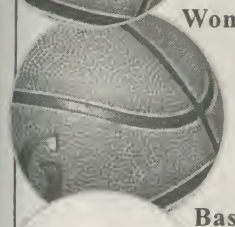


Women's Basketball

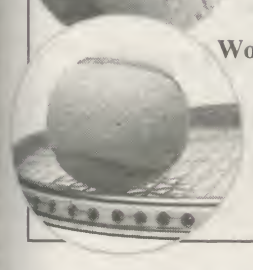
Saturday
at 2:05 p.m.
vs. Evansville
at Evansville, Ind.

Baseball

Saturday	Sunday	Wednesday
at 11 a.m.	at 11 a.m.	2 p.m.
vs. Eastern Kentucky (DH)	*vs. Eastern Kentucky (DH)*	*vs. Saint Louis*
at Richmond, Ky.	*at Richmond, Ky.*	*at St. Louis*

Softball

Saturday	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
noon	6 p.m.	11 a.m.	5 p.m.
SIU Tournament	*SIU Tournament*	*SIU Tournament*	*SIU Tournament*
vs. Western Illinois	*vs. Northwestern*	*vs. Kansas*	*vs. Southern Illinois*
at Carbondale	*at Carbondale*	*at Carbondale*	*at Carbondale*



Women'sTennis

Today	Sunday	Thursday
at 1 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	noon
vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee	*vs. Detroit*	*vs. Eastern Illinois*
at Peoria	*at Peoria*	*at Peoria*

Sport SHORTS

Wrigley Field could be renamed

Chicago Cubs owner Sam Zell said he won't hesitate to sell the naming rights to historic Wrigley Field if the right offer comes along.

In an interview with CNBC, Zell, the chief executive officer of the Tribune Company, said he wasn't concerned with the possible public backlash which might occur from such a move.

Depsite the fact that it's one of the most recognizable in the nation, Zell said the company gets no benefits from the stadium's current name.

Zell, who announced plans to sell the Cubs last year, also said he plans to sell the ballclub and the stadium seperately.

There are as many as six potential buyers who have been approved by Major League Baseball, but Zell's desire to sell the team and stadium seperately is considered a major setback.

Yao Ming out for season

The Houston Rockets will have to try and win the NBA title without the best player from China, Yao Ming.

The Rockets reported Tuesday that Ming will miss the remainder of the season, including the playoffs, because of a stress fracture in his left foot.

Houston was riding a 12-game winning streak that started when Ming returned to the lineup from a previous injury.

Ming was having what was considered his best season yet as he was averaging 22 points and almost 11 rebounds per game.

Ming will be replaced by 41-year-old Dikembe Mutombo, who averages less than 8 minutes per game.

Bradley plays on without Ruffin

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Playing without two members of its starting backcourt, the men's basketball team still found a way to win Saturday night.

Senior guard Jeremy Crouch turned in one of the best performances of his career and junior reserve Tyrone Cole-Scott had a career high in points, helping Bradley down Wisconsin-Milwaukee 84-72 in the annual ESPN Bracketbuster game.

Crouch finished the game with 24 points, eight rebounds, five assists and two steals, while Cole-Scott contributed 13 points off the bench.

The Braves (17-13, 9-8 MVC) were forced to play without senior point guard Daniel Ruffin, who was arrested earlier in the day on charges of domestic battery and suspended from the team. They were also without sophomore guard Andrew Warren, who is still recovering from a broken bone in his left hand.

"This is a resilient group," coach Jim Les said. "I asked not for one person, but for all of them to step up before the game. I say without hesitation after the game that they stepped up and I couldn't be more proud of them."

Les said he emphasized to his players to concentrate on the game and not the off-court distractions.

"With all this stuff going on, we've got to control what we can control," he said. "Their effort tonight was spectacular."

The game was back and forth for the first 13 minutes of the contest, but the Braves took off from there.

Trailing 25-21 at the 7:08 mark, Bradley took a timeout to regroup, and it worked.

The Braves came out firing, going on a 13-0 run to build a nine-point lead.

Bradley used a strong defensive effort to hold Wisconsin-Milwaukee to just

see **MEN'S BASKETBALL** Page A12

Senior guard Jeremy Crouch fires a jump shot during Saturday night's game against Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Carver Arena. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Baseball takes 2 of 3 to open season

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

Baseball season kicked off this weekend and the team started off strong, winning two of three games against Murray State last weekend.

The Braves used two pitching gems to pick up back-to-back wins in their doubleheader on Saturday, but lost a battle of the bats on Sunday to fall to 2-1 on the trip.

The starting pitching carried the Braves, and they gave up just one earned run over the first two games and only four runs in the series.

Coach Dewey Kalmer said he thought his defense could have played better, but overall he was happy with the results.

"We won two out of three, and you have to be happy with that," he said. "If we do that all season it will be a good year."

Junior captain, third baseman and leadoff hitter Dan Brewer said he was happy with how the team played.

"I think our offense could be better from what I have seen in practice," he said. "It's just getting used to being outside again. It is a lot different seeing the ball outside than it is seeing it in cages and in the Pekin Dome."

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Men's tennis team falls to 1-6 this spring

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The men's tennis team dropped both of its matches against Butler and Illinois-Chicago last weekend.

Coming off their first victory of the season against IUPUI, the Braves failed to capitalize and lost their momentum.

Last Friday, Bradley played on the road against Butler and lost 6-1.

Sophomore Richard Robertson picked up the lone victory in the No. 6 singles match, winning in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3. Robertson notched his second win of the season as he beat Ben Shafer.

Junior Evgeny Samoylov stepped up to play in the No. 1 singles match but failed to win a set as he was swept, 6-4, 6-4.

Freshman Milos Romic was bumped down to No. 2 singles but still couldn't earn a victory, losing 6-1, 4-6, 7-6.

Junior Michel Macara-chvili fell at the No. 3 singles spot in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

Freshman Vuk Bolic managed to win his first set at No. 4 singles, but could not win another, as Butler's Bryce Warren won the next two sets, 7-5, 6-1, to take the match.

Freshman Wilder Sampson competed in the last singles match and fell in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3.

Butler then swept the doubles matches.

Romic and Samoylov teamed up again but lost, 8-6. Sampson and Bolic lost the second match 8-1, then Robertson and Macara-chvili dropped the last match of the afternoon, 8-5.

The loss moved the team to 1-5 on the spring season.

The Braves then played at home for

see **TENNIS** Page A13

Junior Evgeny Samoylov returns a serve during a doubles match against UIC. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

M BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
DRAKE	14-3	24-4
ILLINOIS STATE	12-5	21-8
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	11-6	17-12
CREIGHTON	9-8	19-9
BRADLEY	9-8	17-13
NORTHERN IOWA	8-9	16-13
INDIANA STATE	8-9	14-14
MISSOURI STATE	7-10	15-15
WICHITA STATE	4-13	11-18
EVANSVILLE	3-14	9-19

W BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
ILLINOIS STATE	12-2	22-3
EVANSVILLE	11-3	17-8
CREIGHTON	9-5	16-9
DRAKE	9-5	16-9
NORTHERN IOWA	7-8	11-15
MISSOURI STATE	7-8	9-17
INDIANA STATE	6-8	12-12
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	4-10	8-16
BRADLEY	4-11	10-16
WICHITA STATE	3-12	9-18

On the Record

"Nothing, I wanted to fight him like I did in Orlando."

— Houston Rockets' Tracy McGrady joking about what skills new teammate Bobby Jackson brings to the team

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NEW NAMES MARK DIVERSE 80TH ACADEMY AWARDS

STORY BY LISA FITCH & PAGE DESIGN BY ANTONIO GENTILE

After 80 years, Oscar is beginning to show his age.

The art behind the Academy's once notoriously secretive selection process has decidedly turned into a science, with this year's Oscars being a painfully predictable affair.

Nevertheless, while Hollywood's biggest shindig had many foreseeable winners, the nominees who took home a golden statue certainly deserved it.

This year the Academy obviously catered to more esoteric moviegoers, with the bulk of the winners having not headlined any major movie blockbusters throughout their careers.

With so many names unrecognizable to the general public, it's no wonder the 80th Academy Awards had the lowest Nielsen ratings in the show's history.

On the other hand, they say one must suffer for one's art.

With a host of foreign names on the nominee list, Sunday's Oscars was an indisputably international affair with all United Nations-friendly actors and actresses taking home the gold. Indeed, the only prominent Americans at the collection table were the thrice nominated Coen Brothers.

Despite the U.S. being in the minority at this year's awards, the stage was still filled with commendable talent from all across the globe.

Javier Bardem's win for Best Supporting Actor in the Coen-directed "No Country For Old Men" kicked off the European invasion, with Bardem making history as the first Spaniard to take home the Oscar. After thanking the Coens for putting one of the "most horrible haircuts in history over my head," Bardem tastefully wrapped up his pithy yet moving speech by honoring his mother in his native Spanish tongue.

British actress Tilda Swinton swiped the award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Michael Clayton," looking more surprised than anyone else. After a standing ovation, the willowy redhead stated the anatomical equivalencies between her newly minted Oscar and her agent, as well as her co-star George Clooney's dedication to his art by means of a rubber Batman suit.

Marion Colltiard's Best Actress win was the only surprise of the evening, be it a mild one, with the French actress nabbing the Oscar from an equally-deserving Julie Christie.

The "La Vie en Rose" star is only the third foreign-film performer to win in an acting category and the first to win for a French-language film, putting the actress in a winner's circle with unquestionably few peers.

London-born Daniel Day-Lewis collected the Oscar for Best Actor for his role in "There Will Be Blood," a win that surprised no one. The typically eloquent actor kept his speech short and to the point, a real class act.

The Best Director category seemed to be a tie between the Coen brothers for "No Country for Old Men" and Paul Thomas Anderson for "There Will Be Blood." In the end, the ever quirky Coens took home the prize, with Ethan relating how the twosome have been making films since they were kids. The title of one of their earlier flicks? "Henry Kissinger: Man on the Go."

"Blood" and "No Country" butted heads once again for the Best Picture nod, but the ball kept on rolling for "No Country" as the violent film ended up snagging the Oscar.

By and large, the 2008 Academy Awards stuck to tradition, but did make the smart decision of reining in the show in terms of time. Clocking in at 3 hours and 20 minutes, the 80th Oscars was definitely slimmed down from past years, bringing a welcome change that hopefully will become a staple in coming years.

Host Jon Stewart also brought some new material to the table and thankfully shined up his presenter act which two years ago was, quite frankly, abysmal. Stewart showed that his daily job wasn't his only schtick and managed to be funny without ruffling too many tinsel-tinted feathers.

While it's clear that this year's Oscars wasn't one for the ages, it's easy to say it was better than the montage-filled award fest viewers would have gotten had the writers' strike not been a thing of the past. And in the end, a lack of homages is all Oscar viewers have ever really asked for.

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"Hamlet," 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for students.

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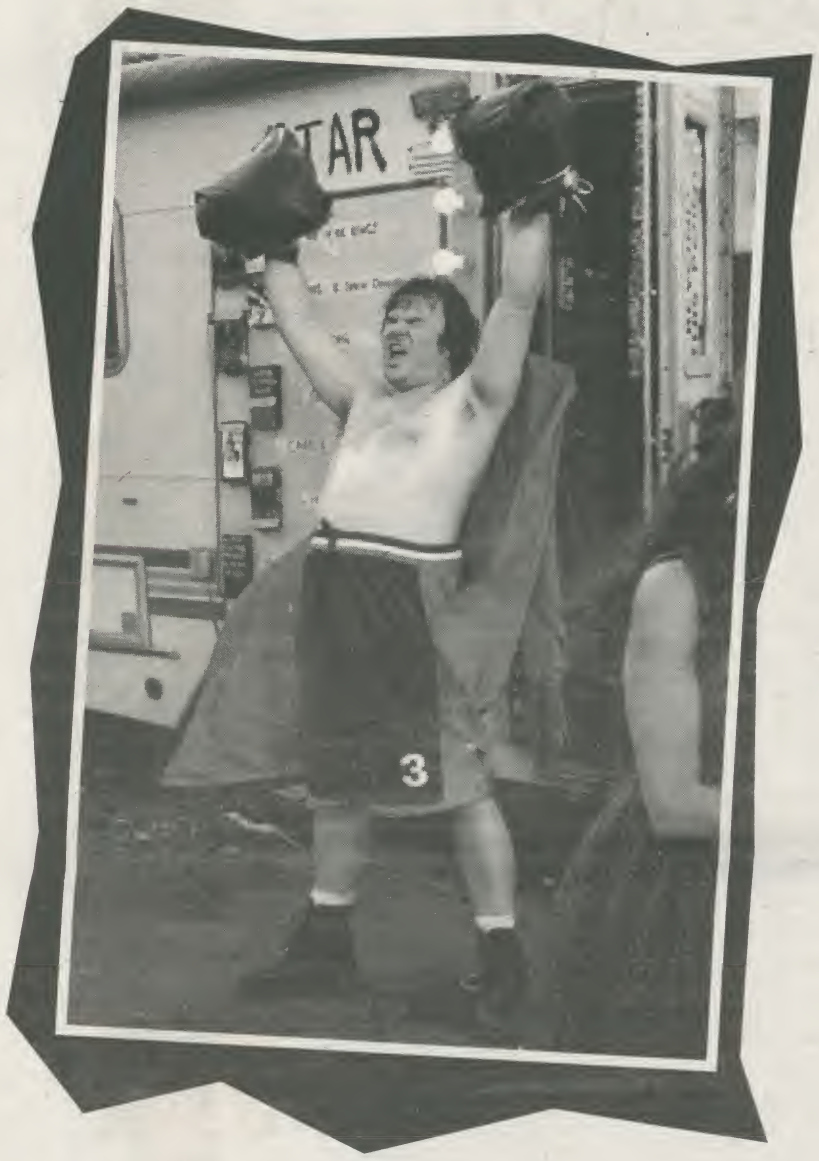
"Hamlet," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for students.

Innovative director's creativity shines through despite missteps



"Be Kind Rewind"

Jack Black
Mos Def

Grade: C+

BY ALEX CZUBAK
for Voice

Michel Gondry ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind") continues his abstract streak with his new film "Be Kind Rewind."

Mos Def ("16 Blocks") plays Mike, a worker in a video rental store owned by Mr. Fletcher, played by Danny Glover ("Lethal Weapon").

Jack Black ("High Fidelity") is Jerry, a friend of Mike's who lives in the junkyard a couple blocks away from the store.

Jerry's paranoia about the power company leads him to try to sabotage the transformer nearby. His attempt causes his whole body to be magnetized.

The next day, he walks in the store and unintentionally ruins every videotape.

Miss Falewicz, portrayed by Mia Farrow ("Hannah and Her Sisters"), wants to rent "Ghostbusters," so Mike decides to record his own version of the film with Jerry because she has never seen it before.

Word spreads about the remake, and soon everyone in town wants to see Mike and Jerry's version of their favorite videos.

There are also two other subplots occurring. One involves the local government's decision to tear down the store and build condominiums in its place. The other involves the life of Fats Domino, the legendary jazz musician whose place of origin is disputed by Mr. Fletcher and Mike.

Black doesn't bring anything new to his acting, and Def modulates his role in "16 Blocks" to fit this film. But the two together have great chemistry, presenting their friendship as a natural and lifelong connection. Glover and Farrow are capable supporting players, never distracting on screen.

Although the acting isn't special, the actors look like they had a lot of fun making the film.

The filmmaking scenes shine the most for two reasons – they capture the actors' enjoyment at its peak, and they show how simple and complicated making a film can be without taking away the fun.

The remake of "Ghostbusters" shows the respect the actors and filmmakers have for the original while reminding the audience what was so special about it.

Black's interpretation of the "Ghostbusters" theme song is as priceless as it is in the trailers.

Just seeing how they make the films, such as having pizza sauce for blood in "Boyz N The Hood" and rotating the camera to re-enact the classic spacewalk scene from "2001: A Space Odyssey," gives us a simplified but effective summary of how creative the filmmaking process can be.

Gondry keeps his experimental edge with little effects such as the screen becoming momentarily distorted after Black is magnetized and the montage of remakes being one continuous shot.

However, his experimentalism comes at the price of coherence.

The plot switches between the threads randomly, never allowing any of them to fully develop. A possible romance is thrown in the mix, but it ends as soon as it begins, rendering it unnecessary.

Even the government ending the remake productions because of copyright infringement is an afterthought, happening just to create conflict in the story with no real purpose.

The biggest frustration is how Gondry can't make art and entertainment a cohesive whole.

"Eternal Sunshine" was his breakthrough because he understood his strengths and reinforced them, making what is essentially an art film entertaining. With "Rewind," Gondry tries too hard to make the film abstract.

An example of this is the exact moment Black becomes magnetized. He is lifted off the ground and has every electrical force sent through him, but instead of it coming off as surreal, it's over-the-top, losing its comedic value as soon as it starts.

The film has flaws, but Gondry's talent shines through nonetheless.

Although a misstep in Gondry's career, "Be Kind Rewind" has enough successful moments to keep his vision afloat.

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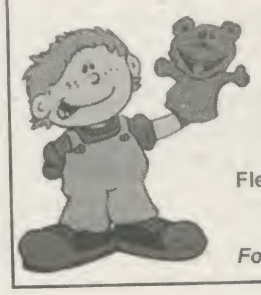

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EMO ROCKERS' NEW ALBUM FOR BELIEVERS ONLY

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

First and foremost, a definition.

B-side (bee-side) n.

1. The other side of a 7-inch vinyl single, as opposed to the A-side where the prominent song resides.

2. The song released on the flip side of said single, also a non-album track backing up the lead song on a CD single.

3. An otherwise unreleased or rare song not available on an artist's commercial studio album, usually an outtake deemed not worthy of proper release.

The days of popular vinyl singles are long gone, and the era of purchasing CD singles for those exclusive non-album tracks has all but completely fizzled. But regardless of the medium, how can people resist rare or unreleased songs by their favorite artists?

When a band you like releases a rarities compilation, it's like finding a $20 bill in your jeans. You're really no better off, but it gives the illusion of getting a little something extra and unexpected for free.

Unfortunately, the new album by the Used is really only enjoyed if received for free as well.

The band's new B-sides roundup, "Shallow Believer," functions as a de-facto fourth studio album.

While some bands throw covers, experiments and uncharacteristic songs on B-sides releases, the Used obviously feel no need to branch out. These cutting-room floor tracks could have made it on any one of the band's past three albums without disrupting the pace.

Seven out of the album's 10 tracks come from the sessions for last year's "Lies for the Liars," a rote, predictable affair that showed the Utah outfit hadn't tired of writing caustic, emotional punk trash (OK, let's just call it emo).

To its credit, The Used was always a little rougher and more dangerous than its teencore peers. The guitars weren't as polished, the drums kicked harder and the singer certainly pushed himself further – often shredding his vocals so hard he threw up after shows.

But displaced bodily fluids aside, The Used still wasn't – and aren't – different enough to stand out. Like the tracks on the group's 2002 debut, these songs are fit for any high school suburbanite's Myspace page, but this is 2008. At least get on Facebook, guys.

As expected, the songs left over from the band's previous three discs don't do much to smash up the old image and build anew, but I'll eat my socks if the power-pop of "Devil Beside You" isn't the catchiest sneering kiss-off track you've heard yet in the oh-eight.

The Used get the disc's only surprise out of the way in the first 20 seconds.

"Dark Days" features one of the best fake-outs in the band's catalogue, warming up as an acoustic, autumnal number in the style of Dashboard Confessional and igniting into a full-blown forest fire.

With hair like Beetlejuice and a name like McLovin's homeless drug-addict brother, singer Bert McCracken is the madman at the center of this 33-minute inferno. His vocals hedge toward self-parody at times, and "Choke Me" is nearly unlistenable as he aims to burst every blood vessel in his brain from screaming, but if you pay attention, he still has the sense to filter his breakdowns though radio-ready pop tendencies.

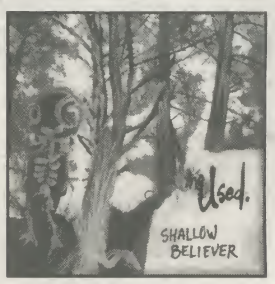
The following song, "Sick Hearts," sounds like Rascal Flatts stayed up for 50 hours straight, surviving on nothing but tequila and crystal meth.

A couple tracks are good for a throwback to high school. Chugging songs like "Slit Your Own Throat" are a slice of adolescent fun that require more emotion than education, and McCracken spits everything up as it all ends in a squeal of feedback.

Admittedly, it's nothing anyone who listened to radio in the past few years hasn't heard before. And if McCracken and Co. refuse to take chances on future endeavors, the title of this album will suit their music all too well – shallow.

The Used is still firmly stuck in punk-land, circa 2003. But judging by the anger-by-numbers displayed on "Shallow Believer," that's exactly where it wants to be.

Go ahead and pick it up if you can find it used for cheap, but even then, the visual pun of seeing this album in a used CD bin will probably entertain more than the 10 songs combined.

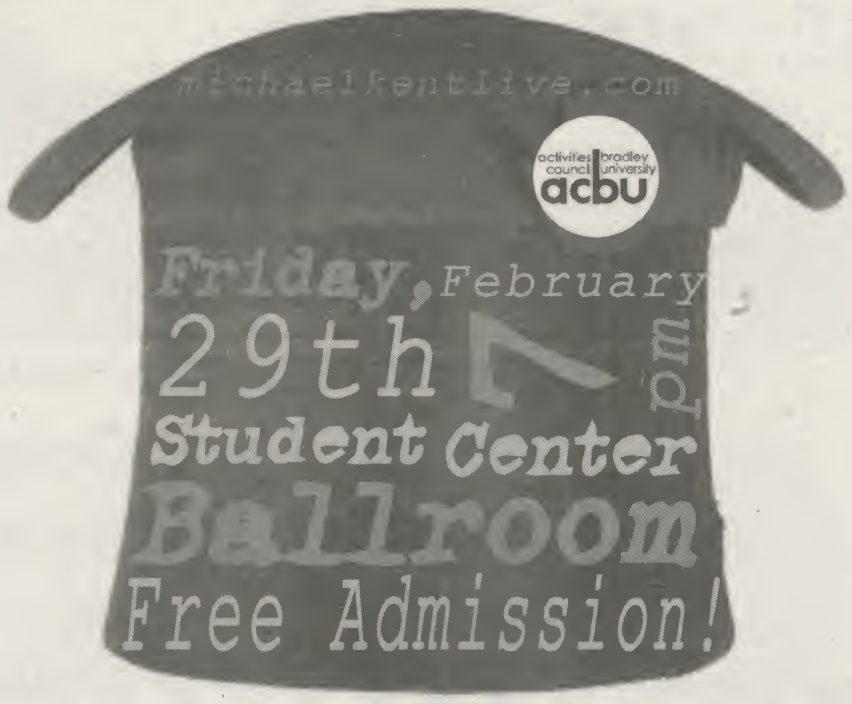


The Used

"Shallow Believer"

Reprise; 2008

Grade: C

Michael Kent
Comic. Magician. Smartass.


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LEAPING THROUGH THE DECADES

A look at historical events Feb. 29 has brought us

1692 1960 1964 1972 1996 2004 2008

BY AISHA KHAN
for Voice

February has ended and to honor this momentous and somewhat insignificant event, Voice has compiled a list of the most standout Leap Year moments within the past decades. We have a little bit for everyone, so ignore that English paper and tune out your obnoxiously loud roommate. It's time for a flashback ... if you can remember that far back.

February 29, 1692

Sarah Good and Tituba, an Indian servant, are accused of witchcraft in Salem, Mass.

Considering some parents look at the "Harry Potter" series as witchcraft, just imagine for one – OK, maybe two minutes – that Bradley followed a similar ritual.

The task force would have to be totally revamped to be something useful, purposeful and understandable. Bradley's population would be next to nothing and I wouldn't be wasting your valuable time away from that paper due in a couple hours.

Good thing the phenomena didn't happen until 316 years later!

February 29, 1960

The first Playboy Club featuring bunnies opens in Chicago.

Hugh Hefner is so generous with his over-populated bunny nest that he sends his love toward Chicago in the form of shapely blondes.

Hefner really struck gold (or silicone ... however you want to look at it) when he introduced the concept of women walking around with cotton balls taped to their rear ends. Now, if we can somehow get those cotton balls to stop Kendra's ("The Girls Next Door") high-pitched, monotonous laughter from ringing in our ears, then Playboy will have definitely achieved something worth applauding.

February 29, 1964

Frank Rugani sets the badminton shuttlecock distance record for 24.3 meters.

Badminton is the second most popular sport in the world, just below soccer. They say in a single game of badminton, the average player can run up to 20 miles.

You know what? Gatorade is missing out here.

Instead of advertising a bunch of purple-sweat-leaking football players, they should really pay attention to the intensity of the jumping, swinging and smashes! Better yet, focus on the intense concentration and finger movements that only Connect Four can bring.

February 29, 1972

Hank Aaron becomes the first baseball player to sign for $200,000 a year.

Aaron would have probably keeled over if he realized how much baseball, soccer, football, tennis, basketball, hockey and golf players were paid in our day. It's rather unfortunate huge amounts of money don't buy looks, muscles or talent. Just look at Tom Brady.

February 29, 1996

Kenya defeats West Indies, out of 93 teams, to win the Cricket World Cup.

If David Beckham wasn't in it, then obviously half the world wasn't watching it, including yours truly. I'm willing to bet the average college student will confuse the flat bat with a fraternity paddle, and I'm included in that group too.

But that's OK, I guess. Cricket hasn't hit a milestone yet, mostly because it's under-reported and probably too confusing to explain.

I mean, you have to bounce the ball on that square thing to pitch? You need to run left, and then right? No mitts? Uh, yeah. I'll stick to Connect Four. Thanks.

February 29, 2004

At the 76th Academy Awards, hosted by Billy Crystal, "The Lord of the Rings'" final installment, "The Return of the King," sweeps all 11 nominations.

"My precious ... ooooh my precious, I must have my precious ..." OK, we know now. You want your precious and now you've gotten it. All 11 of them. Good riddance. I actually really liked Gollum, until MTV did that whole spinoff on him during the 2003 MTV Movie Awards. Thanks for ruining it MTV. You just keep getting better and better!

February 29, 2008

Will Ferrell's latest movie, "Semi-Pro," opens today in theaters nationwide.

This is the movie to see.

I'm telling you, there's nothing quite like it. Will Ferrell is so amazing. He really branches out as an actor, you know?

He does different things all the time and never does the same thing twice. I mean, "Blades of Glory" and "Semi-Pro"– no similarities whatsoever right? Except for, well ... the hair. The falling stunts. The voice. The attitude. The concept of the movie, the repeated humor, the previews, the acting ... but hey, other than that, the man is a creative genius.

VIDEO/ TUESDAY 3/4 DVD RELEASES

"Into The Wild"
"Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium"
"Things We Lost In The Fire"
"12 Angry Men: 50th Anniversary Edition"
"The Other Boleyn Girl (TV version)"

MUSIC RELEASES TUESDAY 3/4

Alan Jackson - "Good Time"
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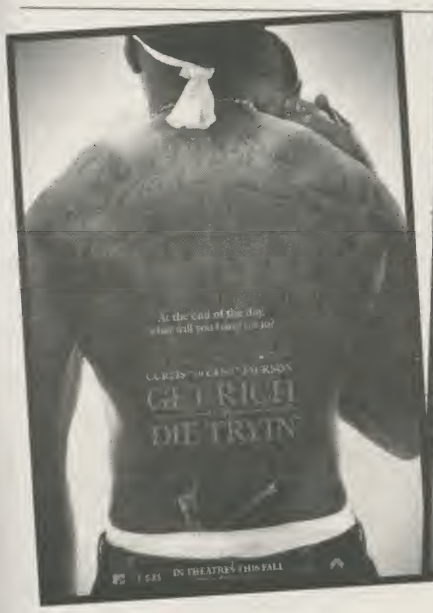

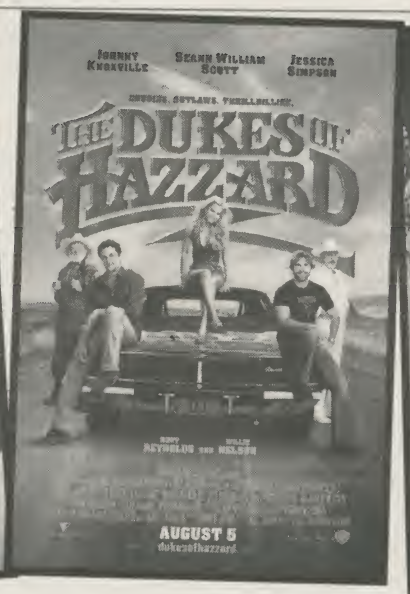

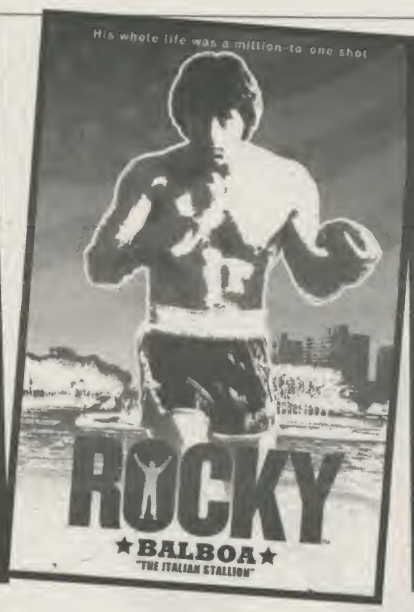

Oscar worthy? Hardly.

These films were hilariously incoherent

BY MARK HEMMER
of Voice

Last week, Voice gave its readers a sprawling list of 80 must-see movies.

In reality, there are hundreds of good movies that could have made the list. But some movies have no business on any list that celebrates masterful cinema – those are the movies this list concerns itself with.

It has premium special effects, heart-warming highs and vivid characters. The movie ends, the credits roll and suddenly you realize that you have no idea what you just watched. The moviemakers forgot the most important ingredient, the plot.

"Rocky Balboa"

The sixth installment of an already stagnant franchise follows a 50-year-old Rocky around his old town.

He mumbles incomprehensibly and visits the grave of his wife arbitrarily for the first half of the movie.

The movie plays out erratically with Rocky firing off vague emotions in every direction. He's nostalgic, depressed, proud, defeated and ambitious all in the same scenes. Eventually, the movie attempts to take shape when Rocky agrees to fight boxing champion Mason Dixon.

The fight takes place and Rocky gives the current champ a heartfelt fight before losing. Luckily, the "Italian Stallion" gained the respect of the entire world for risking his health to prove an egotistical point. The fight itself is typical Rocky, which is good, just don't expect to know how it got there.

"Get Rich or Die Tryin'"

"Get Rich or Die Trying" is the fabricated and exaggerated life story of gangsta-rapper 50 Cent. The fact that 50 Cent essentially plays himself, and doesn't do an adequate job, starts this laugh-a-minute unintentional comedy off on the right foot.

The scenes are in such an order that you could easily rearrange much of 50's childhood, put it back together and still maintain any sense the movie was already making.

The movie lends no clue as to why 50 turned out the way he did. There is gratuitous violence and a classic "love-scene" in which the stone-faced 50 Cent allows one epic tear to run down his cheek, but no real emotional substance or explanation.

Oftentimes, you have no idea why 50 is doing what he's doing, but it's a random and hilarious ride to riches.

"Smokin' Aces"

"Smokin' Aces" features a cast full of capable actors and a plot that never materializes.

The movie starts out fast and picks up speed as it goes along. Before you know it, "Aces" is flying. Numerous assassins are seeking the same kill while looking to eliminate one another as the carnage pours off the screen.

There were so many guns fired, it's impossible to tell who's an antagonist and who's a protagonist. In the end, you have a hard time caring about the characters, which makes the inexplicable ending even more frustrating.

"Dukes of Hazzard"

Any movie that includes Jessica Simpson is bound to be dead on arrival.

"Hazzard" is no exception. There is plenty of good-ol'-boy humor to go around as well as some signature races and escapes featuring the General Lee.

Outside of those expected moves, the movie fails to keep anyone on or off-screen interested. The transitions between action scenes are meandering and trivial.

In an ideal world, the Duke boys wouldn't let up on the pedal and drive the movie towards mediocrity

Unfortunately, they make too many stops on the way and the audience is left groaning over the recycled jokes and cheap laughs.

"Transformers"

The fact that this movie appears on the list is not a knock on the improved acting of Shia LaBeouf, or the captivating attractiveness of Megan Fox.

It's simply a complaint that a movie called "Transformers" concentrates more on the two aforementioned humans than any shape-shifting robots. When the robots finally appear, they have cartoonish voices and again failed to play the prominent role they should have.

The movie is overloaded with special effects and the stupid plot is almost buried underneath. For a story including transforming robot-aliens, you would think there would be a lot of explaining to do. But, as in most Michael Bay movies, that explanation never comes.

Photo Poll

What was your best or worst date?

"My boyfriend took me to the zoo. It worked out great, and I felt like a little kid again!"
Stephanie Fuerst
freshman
education

"My best date was when I took my girlfriend on our first date to One World and ate a turkey sandwich."
Evan Battaglia
sophomore
business management

"My boyfriend surprised me with second row tickets to Wicked and then took me out to dinner."
Melissa McHale
sophomore
business management

"In Saudi Arabia I was escorted outside a compound by a cop. That was my best date."
Dani Wakim
freshman
mechanical engineering

"She had me meet her entire family first, and her brothers insisted I had to beat them in wrestling to go on our date. I lost."
Kent Coussens
junior
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"I took a girl to a fancy club downtown."
Matthew Li
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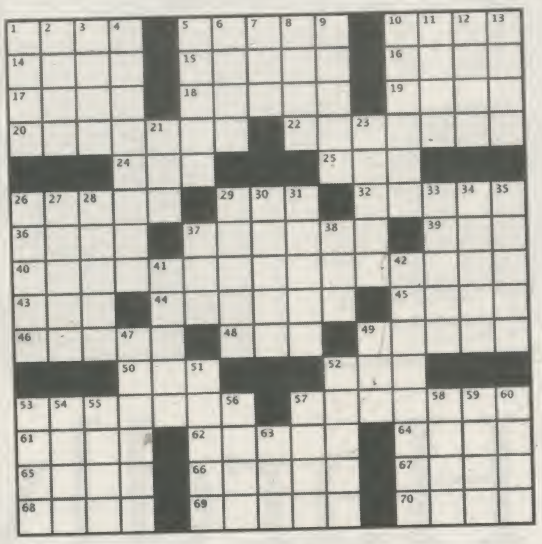

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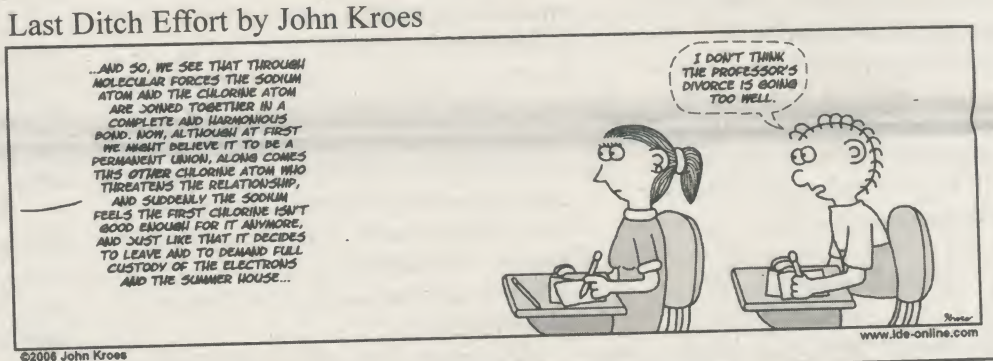

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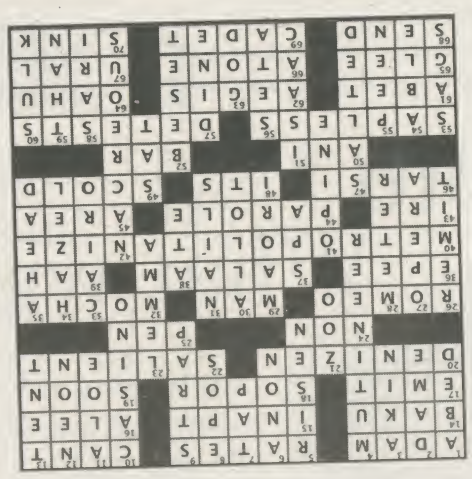

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If I had a bookstore, I'd make the mystery section really hard to find. "Hey where are the *mysteries?*" *"That's a darn good* question." A deep thought from your friends at Theta Chi.

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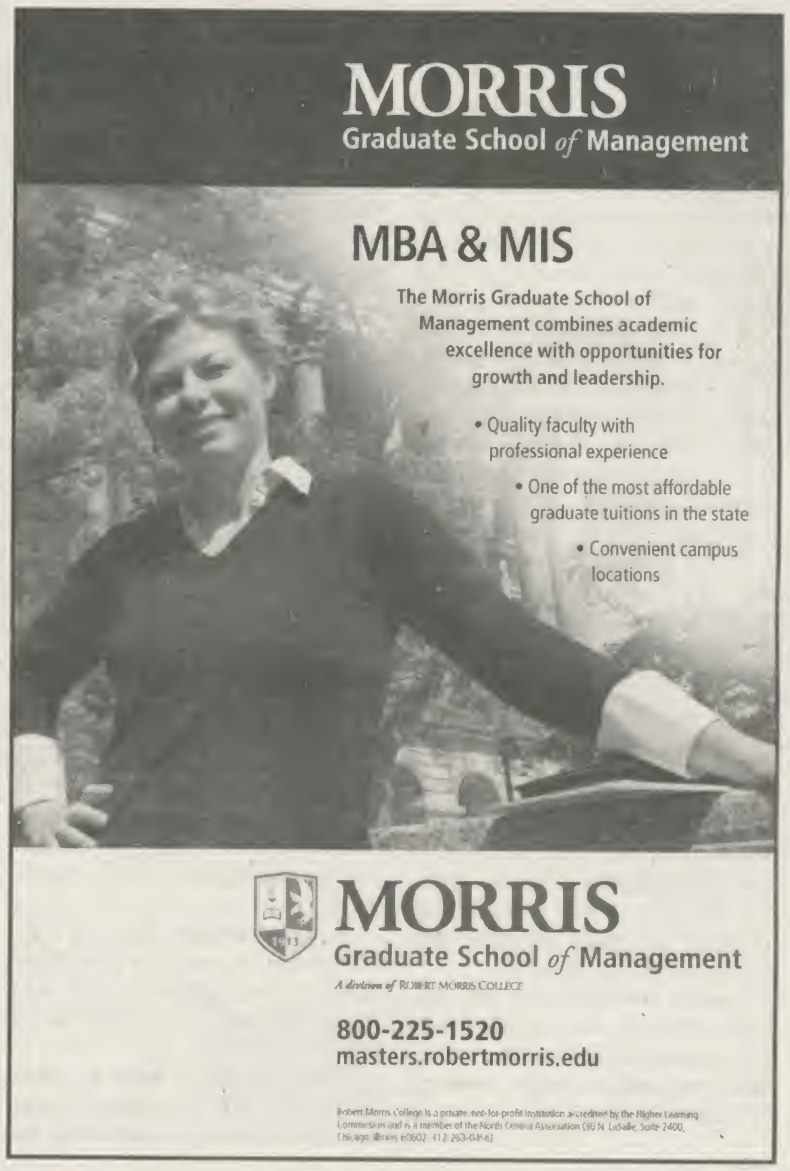

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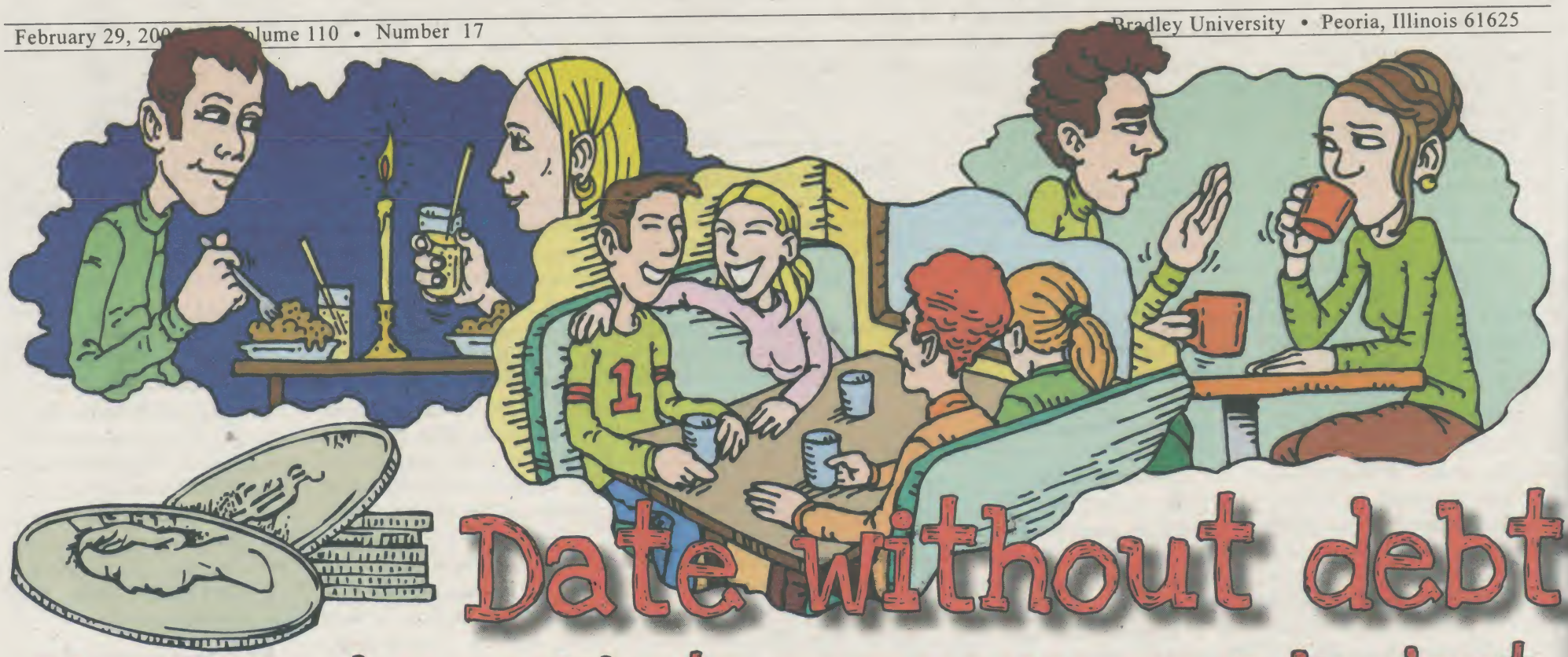

Date without debt

The Scout's guide to romance on a budget

By Brenna Scurlock

Dinner and a movie. Couples have been going on this classic date since motion pictures first premiered. This traditional outing covers all the dating bases – food, entertainment and time spent together.

But with rising restaurant and theater costs, young couples need to be more creative with their courtships so as not to break the bank with every rendezvous.

A cheap date doesn't have to be a meaningless date. With these inexpensive date ideas, you can skimp on money spent and still spend valuable time with your significant other.

Have an adventure in cooking

If you have access to a kitchen, pick up some basic ingredients and cook a meal together. Spaghetti is one of the few meals that's classy, cheap and easy. You don't have to be a culinary artist to boil noodles and heat up sauce. You can also butter some toast and season it with garlic salt to make garlic bread.

If you don't have your own kitchen, you can barbecue on a public grill in St. James Apartment Complex or Laura Bradley Park. Pick up some basic supplies at a dollar store. You can barbecue just about any meat or vegetable – there are options to please every palate.

Cooking together allows you and your date to help each other learn something new. Restaurants, while romantic, limit your interaction to conversation – and they'll charge you for it.

Browse for hours

A bookstore such as Barnes and Noble can actually be a dating paradise. There are enough books, magazines and CDs to keep you occupied for hours and plenty of coffee and desserts to fuel conversation.

Lengthy browsing is not only perfectly natural at Barnes and Noble, it is encouraged by the overstuffed chairs and reading tables scattered throughout the store.

Each section of the store offers a unique opportunity to learn more about your date.

You can discuss travel dreams while leafing through guidebooks, music preferences while sampling tracks in the music section or artistic tastes while exploring the coffee table books.

This date can be completely free if you're able to resist the urge to splurge on Starbucks. And if you've paid close enough attention to what your date picked up to read, you have future gift ideas.

You don't have to limit your date to the bookstore – museums, art galleries, flea markets and festivals all offer free or discounted browsing opportunities.

Peoria is home to both the Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences and the Contemporary Art Center, and the Riverfront hosts a variety of open markets and cultural and musical festivals during the summer and fall seasons.

Explore the great outdoors

When weather permits, the Bradley neighborhood is a great place for an outdoor date.

Laura Bradley Park is home to a public disc golf course. Borrow some discs from a friend or pick up your own at Co-Op Records in Campustown. The course takes you over hills and through ravines, and the park is usually so peaceful it's easy to forget you're in the city.

Take advantage of one of the park's fields and fly a kite. Make your own paper kite or find an inexpensive one at a dollar store or Wal-Mart.

The park also has volleyball nets, tennis courts and plenty of secluded benches and groves for a private picnic.

If Laura Bradley Park isn't far enough from home, there is an abundance of forest preserves in central Illinois you can visit and explore for little to no cost.

Peoria Heights is home to a forest preserve and a number of parks and scenic clearings overlooking the Illinois River.

Wildlife Prairie State Park and Jubilee College State Park are both located within 30 miles of Peoria and offer hiking, nature watching and other outdoor activities.

With the exception of Wildlife Prairie Park, where admission is $5, all of these parks are free, open to the public and good for an afternoon of fun.

Stay in for a night

If a public outing doesn't sound appealing or if the weather's got you down, spending an evening at home can be the perfect convenient date.

Rent a video for less than you'd pay at the theater, scrounge up a bag of popcorn and two cans of soda, and you've made yourself a night at the movies. If you're really pressed for cash, you can rent movies for free at the library.

If you'd rather talk than sit in the dark, find an old board game to play. Checkers, Scrabble, Mancala or a simple card game are all easy-to-learn options.

Make sure you clean up beforehand, play music instead of the TV and have snacks on hand to make the date complete.

Whether you want to spend an afternoon, evening or meal together, there are limitless options to create inexpensive dates.

When you cook, browse, play or simply spend time with your significant other without extravagant fees or costs, you have an experience where the focus is on each other, not how much money you've spent.

Dating on a budget is possible, and you may get more out of it than a few extra bills in your wallet.

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City to examine Main/University traffic

Students cross Main Street where it intersects with University Street. The city of Peoria plans to conduct a traffic study beginning at the end of March. Peoria City Council recently approved the $52,000 study in hopes of calming traffic at the intersection. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

$52,000 study may relieve congestion

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Holly Bevency observes many things from Starbucks' window - walkers, joggers and car accidents.

The barista has a clear view of the intersection of University and Main streets, including the cars and pedestrians traffic running through it.

"People are constantly running red lights," she said. "I see an accident almost every day."

Peoria City Council recently approved a $52,000 traffic study centering on that intersection.

"We want to calm the Main Street traffic. Right now, we've got a lot of traffic, [and] it's moving very fast," Second District Councilwoman Barbara Van Auken said.

The study will also encompass the West Bluff and parts of downtown Peoria along Main Street.

Van Auken said she predicts the study will begin by the end of March and may go through the end of summer, when she said she hopes to have recommendations for change.

She said the study must be at least partly conducted when Bradley is in session so officials have an accurate reading of traffic flow.

"When Bradley is in session, the West Bluff is the most densely populated part of the city," Van Auken said.

She said about 9,000 people walk or drive through the intersection per day during the regular school year.

Freshman mechanical engineering major Brandon Brogly said he's frustrated when the pedestrian walk sign is lit and drivers continue making right turns so walkers can't cross.

"It can be annoying at times, especially at rush hour," he said. "It's terrible."

The study includes traffic sensors surrounding the area that will count cars passing through.

Peoria officials will gather the information and conduct computer models to see how traffic flow is affected by different variables, such as reducing the number of lanes or changing locations of available turn spots.

The computer models will show where traffic might disperse as a result of such changes.

"Traffic really is like water.

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Alcohol plan draft to be done next week

Committee meetings to address student drinking underway

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Athletic Department revises Student-Athlete Alcohol Policy Page A3

A committee to evaluate and develop programs discouraging alcohol use and abuse at Bradley is underway, with a tentative plan due to University President Joanne Glasser by Spring Break.

The committee, formally titled the President's Committee to Develop a Comprehensive Alcohol Action Plan, is comprised of faculty, staff members and student leaders.

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky, a committee member, said he thinks the committee is making headway and should

see **ALCOHOL** Page A9

Freshmen retention rate above average

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

About 90 percent of freshmen returned to Bradley this semester, which is significantly better than the 82.5 percent average, Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said.

"The better the retention rate, the better reflection of the university's ability to provide an environment for education," he said.

Freshman entrepreneurship major Megan Haefke returned for the spring semester.

"I returned to Bradley because I made a lot of friends, the majority from my sorority," she said. "I am also close with the girls in my hall that help

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WEEKEND **WEATHER** FORECAST

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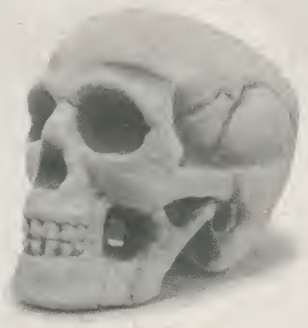
Bradley Briefs

• Hamlet will be performed tonight and from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday and from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for students, $12 for faculty and seniors and $14 for the general public.

• Spring Break begins March 15. Classes resume Monday, March 24.



• The Bradley Symphony Orchestra Concerto Aria Competition Winners concert take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students and $5 for the general public.

• Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.

• The Relay for Life Team Walk It Out will host "Build a Plane, Make a Dream" Tuesday from 5 to 10 p.m. in Global Communications Center 126. Participants can make paper airplanes to help cancer patient Hunter Winship break a world record for receiving the most paper airplanes.

Around the World

Moment-of-silence law may become optional

The Illinois House of Representatives voted Tuesday to change the moment-of-silence law by making it optional.

The law, passed in October, made it mandatory for schools to start everyday with a period of silent reflection.

The original version of the law did not define how long the period should last, nor did it provide penalties for those who ignored the law.

The mandatory moment-of-silence law already is the subject of a court battle. Talk show host and atheist Rob Sherman and his teen daughter filed a lawsuit last year, saying the law is an effort to inject religion into public schools.

Info from www.pjstar.com.

Clinton gets a boost, Huckabee drops out of race

Sen. Hillary Clinton won decisive victories in Ohio and Rhode Island and won by a slim margin in Texas during primaries on Tuesday night.

Many experts predicted a close race in Ohio, and her large victory there gave her campaign a much needed boost.

Clinton netted a total of 187 delegates from Tuesday's contests compared to Sen. Barack Obama's 183. This brought Clinton's delegate total to 1,370, and Obama's to 1,456 of the 2,025 needed.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee dropped out of the race, securing Sen. John McCain's nomination on the Republican side.

President George W. Bush gave McCain his endorsement on Wednesday.

Info from www.nytimes.com.

Israeli officials test bomb-proof buses

Officials in the Israeli government said they are testing four buses designed to prevent suicide bombers.

The buses are designed with blast-proof windows, specialized doors and other features.

The buses will also be equipped with turnstiles to allow drivers to inspect passengers as they come on the bus as well as a back door that will only allow passengers to exit. There will also be crowd-control supplies for emergencies, Israeli Military Industries Spokeswoman Ronit Eckstein told the Chicago Tribune.

Between 2001 and 2004, 77 passengers were killed in six bombings on Jerusalem buses. The attacks were carried out by Palestinians who detonated explosives after boarding buses.

Info from www.chicagotribune.com.

Correction: A story in the Feb. 29 A section of the Scout was incorrect. Tamiflu and Relenza are not over-the-counter medications. The Scout apologizes for this error.

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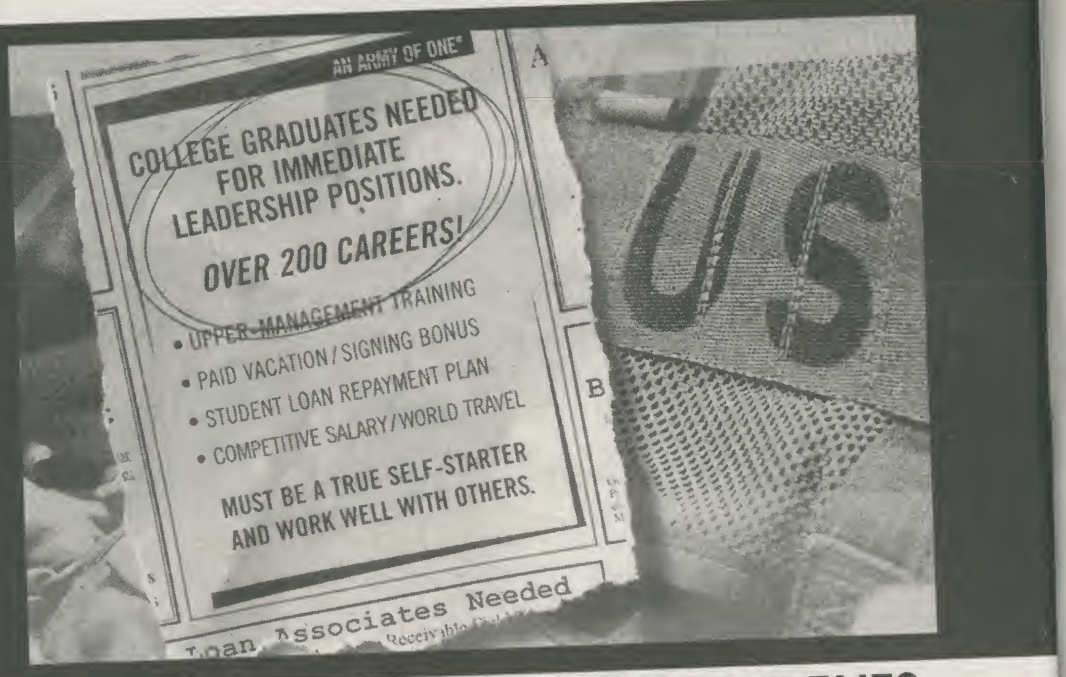

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Athlete alcohol policy revised

Students caught drinking and driving will be suspended for 10 percent of season

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Student athletes may undergo a harsher punishment for drinking and driving as part of a revised rule in the Student-Athlete Alcohol Policy.

The revised policy states student athletes caught drinking and driving will be suspended for 10 percent of regular season games, Executive Athletic Director Virnette House-Browning said.

She said a new rule stating athletes who are passengers of intoxicated drivers will be suspended for five percent of regular season games was also added to the policy.

The rules went into effect *after* the alcohol-related arrests of men's basketball players Theron Wilson and Tyrone Cole-Scott, House-Browning said.

Illinois State Police stopped a car Wilson was driving Jan. 20 and arrested him on charges of zero tolerance, illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and speeding. Passenger Cole-Scott, also 20, was cited for illegal consumption.

"If you're a passenger of someone drinking and driving, we want to impose on you that maybe you shouldn't have gotten in the car," House-Browning said. "It's all about decision-making and making the best choices."

She said the Athletic Department reviews the alcohol policy and continually revises and updates it.

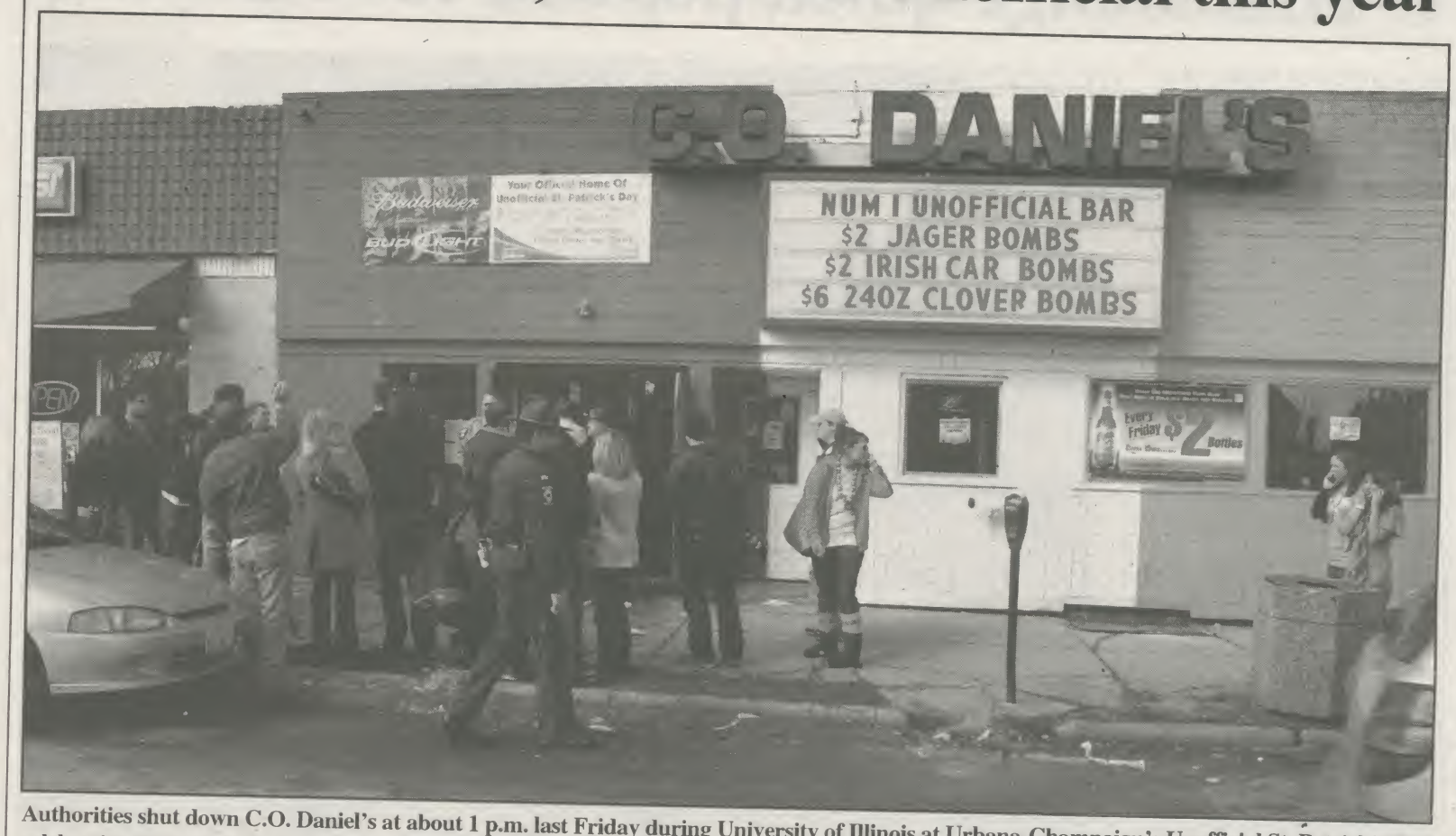
"It really is a document that is responsive to what's going on college campuses as it relates to student athletes," she said.

For instance, she said the policy was updated about two years ago to include rules on social networking for athletes.

According to the policy, all student athletes must adhere to university, federal and state laws. The policy also outlines statutes "above and beyond that," House-Browning said.

In addition to the new and revised rules on drinking and driving, as well as other state laws, the policy also states athletes are not allowed to be under the influence of, or possess, alcohol at athletic events.

Police close bars, stricter at Unofficial this year



Authorities shut down C.O. Daniel's at about 1 p.m. last Friday during University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Unofficial St. Patrick's Day celebration because the bar reportedly violated a state law by selling an unlimited amount of alcohol for one price. *photo by Quinn Orear*

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

University of Illinois and city of Champaign officials are crediting a subdued Unofficial St. Patrick's Day Celebration to swift police response and strict enforcement of alcohol laws.

Two bars near the UIUC campus were reportedly closed Friday for violation of liquor laws.

One of the bars, C.O. Daniel's, allegedly violated a state happy-hour law by selling an unlimited amount of alcohol for one price.

Champaign Deputy Mayor Michael La Due told the Daily Illini the bar was closed after breaking an existing state law, and the closing had nothing to do with Unofficial.

The second bar, Kam's, was closed after a non-employee reportedly went behind the bar to serve shots of hard alcohol to customers.

La Due also said the closings influenced other establishments to be more cautious in serving alcohol, another factor that could have led to a calmer celebration.

"The bars are usually very strict and are much stricter during Unofficial regardless if other bars were shut down for violating liquor laws," Bradley senior cell and molecular biology major Sam Braatz said.

University officials are also crediting rapid police response to incidents with the subdued celebration.

In one incident a person was hit in the head with a beer can thrown from an apartment balcony, according to UIUC police reports. Police responded immediately and within an hour the party in the apartment was stopped.

Braatz also said police not only wrote tickets for drinking, but also for minor offenses as well.

"Multiple times throughout the day I saw cops giving tickets out," she said. "The interesting thing was that they gave out tickets for smaller violations like jay-walking. Don't get me wrong, they still wrote out drinking tickets, but they are much more strict than normal."

La Due said because of this year's relatively uneventful Unofficial the event may become defunct like the Drink Green and Halloween celebrations of the 1980s and 1990s.

Even with higher numbers of drinking citations, UIUC Spokeswoman Robin Kaler told the Daily Illini she agrees Unofficial was calmer than years past.

"I think we are gaining some control of the event," she said. "We are making it less fun."

Police wrote almost 200 drinking tickets, 70 percent of which were not to UIUC students. Of those tickets, 87 were issued to minors, plus an additional seven minors were ticketed for open alcohol.

Students from all over the Midwest were present during the celebration. But no Bradley students were issued citations, according to UIUC police reports.

Other citations written over the weekend included three public urinations, 72 public possessions of alcohol and three sales of kegs to a minor.

Twenty-eight medical calls were made, and 17 of those callers were transported to the hospital.

UIUC also banned students from other universities from staying in the residence halls on campus in an effort to prevent students from coming.

To enforce that rule UIUC Officer Eric Vogt was assigned to several residence halls to check ID cards before allowing students entry to the buildings.

He told the Daily Illini some non-UIUC students slipped by and ran to the dorm rooms.

"Once they get in the rooms, there's not much we can do," Vogt said.

UIUC freshman Jim Bethune said the policy didn't accomplish the university's goal.

"It was really easy to get around the policy. It was just annoying because [non-UIUC] students couldn't eat in the cafeterias," he said. "Plenty of people ended up sleeping in the dorms. The police really only served to annoy people, not stop them."

Shootings prompt debate about guns on campuses

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

In Fall 2006, the state of Utah enacted legislation allowing students to carry concealed weapons on college campuses.

More states may follow in Utah's lead as 12 states have proposed conceal and carry laws for public universities.

The proposed legislation was prompted by the Virginia Tech massacre last April, according to USA Today.

There is no concealed carry law in Illinois, and University Police Chief Dave Baer said private universities don't have to follow state conceal and carry laws.

Westminster College, a private institution in Utah, prohibits anyone on campus to possess or use any kind of firearm or dangerous weapon, according to its student handbook. Brigham Young University also doesn't allow students to conceal and carry.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said he doesn't think bringing firearms onto Bradley's campus is a good idea.

"Let's say there's an incident on campus that a gun is involved, and everyone starts reaching into their book bags for guns and then the police come … who are they supposed to be trying to take care of? Who's going to be held accountable?," he said.

Baer also said he doesn't agree with concealed carry on college campuses because of some of the irresponsible decisions college students make while drinking.

"Students leave doors open, guns go missing," he said. "That only keeps adding to the chances of more and more guns being available to those not supposed be to having them at all."

State Rep. Aaron Schock (R-Peoria), who is running for the 18th Congressional District seat, has recently proposed the Family and Personal Protection Act. The act would allow people who have received training in handgun use and safety to receive a concealed-carry permit, according to the Journal Star.

"I can't imagine a more helpless feeling than being in a classroom or in a shopping center and having someone walk in with a weapon and start opening fire," Schock told the Journal Star in February. "I often wonder how those events might have been changed had somebody been, in either of the two places, able to defend themselves and maybe, perhaps, either of the two perpetrators might have thought twice if they thought perhaps one of the victims might be armed themselves."

Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, which has more than 20,000 members nationwide, aims to educate the public about the benefits of concealed carry and to persuade state legislatures to allow it on college campuses, according to its Web site.

The site states that the group wants more states to follow in Utah's lead and prohibit public universities from enacting their own concealed-carry bans.

However, Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said he would feel less safe teaching classes if students had concealed guns.

"Events [such as campus shootings] are so few and far between that the present safety problem of having individuals bring guns to campus creates more hazards than the good it could do," he said.

Beth Hoops, a senior political science and public relations major, said nobody needs to own a gun except police officers and the military.

"If nobody had guns then no one would need them to protect themselves against other people with guns," she said.

U-Hall lounge quiet, popular for studying

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Last Tuesday, about 25 students gathered in University Hall's new lounge to hear a folk-music concert from Jim Scott and Charlie King.

This concert is just one of several activities featured in the lounge that opened earlier this semester.

Freshman international business major Jake Van Hoorn attended the concert and said he thought the space was right for such an event.

"I thought this is a great place," he said. "It's definitely a good spot here on campus when you don't want [to use] a bigger spot."

Van Hoorn said up until the concert Tuesday, he only attended Hall Council meetings in the lounge. He said he'd attend more activities there now.

Lounge events are scheduled through the Student Activities Office.

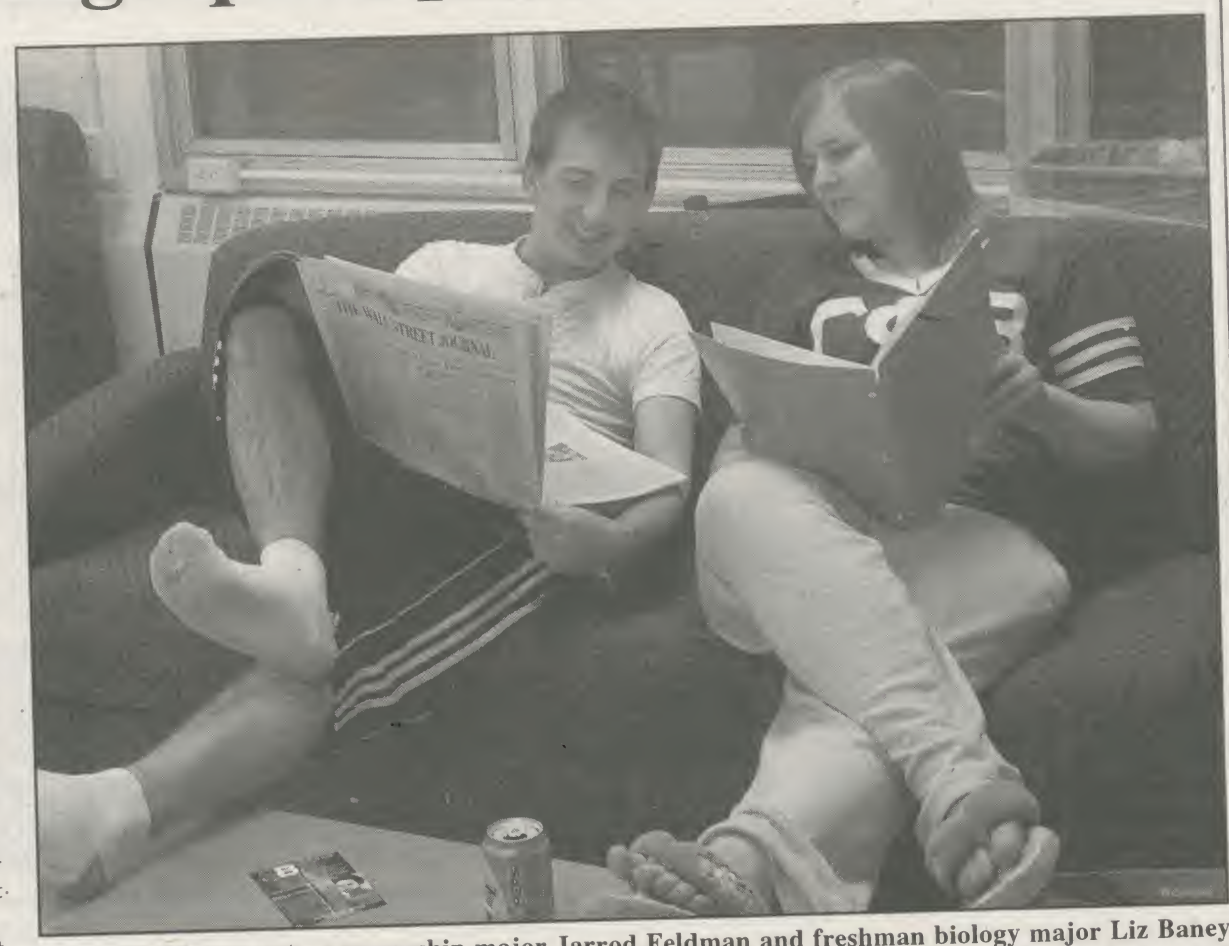
Director of Student Activities Michelle Whited said she's heard positive feedback about the lounge. She said as far as she knows, the space is meeting students' needs.

Coffee House, Hall Council meetings, residence hall programs and presentations have taken place in the lounge.

Charlie Corrie, U-Hall resident adviser, said he sees approximately 40 to 50 students come in and out of the lounge daily.

He said it's usually the same people, and they're usually studying.

Freshman dietetics major Jenna Liphart went to the lounge for the first time last week to study.



Above: Freshman entrepreneurship major Jarrod Feldman and freshman biology major Liz Baney study and watch TV in the U-hall lounge. Below: Freshman electronic media major Sam Mangieri reads in the U-Hall lounge.

photos by Alicia Howe

She said she walked passed the lounge before and thought it looked conducive to studying.

"If there isn't a big group or event, it's quieter than my floor – and sometimes, quieter than the library," Liphart said.

Corrie said he doesn't think students are using the space to its capacity. He said students mostly use it for studying and don't usually use other features such as the TVs.

However, he said he thinks as time passes, more students will use the lounge for purposes other than studying.

Nonetheless, Liphart said the quiet is helpful to her.

"The fact that it's quiet makes it utilized for me because I wouldn't want to study in here if there were tons of people," she said.

Earlier this year, University President Joanne Glasser allocated $150,000 for lounge renovations.

The lounge is equipped with a high-tech entertainment system, portable stage and new furniture.

Whited said as far as she knows, no more renovation plans are scheduled for the space.

Heitz Hall not always unlocked on schedule

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Kim Braun said she was disappointed when she went to work out in Heitz Hall during its hours, and the facility was locked.

"It's annoying to have to wait," the junior entrepreneurship major said. "Students should be able to have access to a workout facility all hours of the day."

Director of Recreation and Intramural Sports Mike Keup said student workers are responsible for unlocking the facility, so it remains locked when they skip their shifts.

"I don't disagree it's an inconvenience," he said. "But we need to be fair in our expectations of our students who have a lot going on. Our expectation is perfection, but it's unrealistic to always be perfect."

He said he's notified every time a worker doesn't show up, and he thinks it happens about twice a month.

Braun said she's been locked out multiple times, and she thinks it may happen more than twice a month.

Keup said his workers who open the facility Monday through Friday never miss a shift.

It's more common that students don't show up for their shifts on the weekends, he said.

"If it's somebody who's a regular [at skipping shifts], I'll go to them once before I let them go," he said. "It's our responsibility to prep students for the real world."

He said he thinks Heitz's employees are better this semester than they've ever been before.

If students show up to work out Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the doors are locked, they should call the intramural office at x2677, Keup said.

Other times and days, they should call work control at x2915 or the police at x2000, he said.

Braun said she only had to wait 10 minutes before the doors were unlocked.

Heitz will most likely no longer have a workout facility upon the opening of the Markin Family Recreation Center, Keup said.

He said Haussler Hall's facility doesn't seem to have a problem opening on time. Even when it opens late, students usually aren't waiting because it opens at 6 a.m., Keup said.

The Markin Center will also open at 6 a.m., so Keup said problems aren't expected to continue in the future.

Grads' site prompts online book discussions

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

Students may soon have some of literature's finest works at the click of a mouse – free of charge.

The Web site www.bookglutton.com is a site in beta testing that brings texts from paper pages to Web pages in an application called "Unbound Reader."

An added perk allows readers to chat in real time with other readers from across the world.

Travis Abler, a Bradley alumnus, and Aaron Miller are BookGlutton's co-founders.

According to a press release, Abler and Miller said the idea came up because of a desire to read and discuss books with friends from all over the world.

"We needed to talk and look at the book, just like you would in a physical book club," Abler said.

By registering for free, the Unbound Reader and the BookGlutton community is available to anyone with Internet access and the time to sit down and read.

Site users can see others reading the same chapters. Users can also keep "end-of-the-book" discussions separate from other readers who are still reading.

"Mark," another option, lets the reader make notes in the "margins" of the text for later reference and also for other readers in your "book group" to read and discuss. Pages and sections can also be bookmarked for reference at a later time.

Requiring no program downloads and no extra devices, BookGlutton offers over 40 public domain texts for members to view, read and discuss with other readers.

According to the press release, the co-founders said they hope to get some contemporary, copyrighted texts for a small fee to users. Currently, books like this are unavailable.

With a range of literature from Shakespeare to "Sherlock Holmes" to "Sense and Sensibility," the possibilities for BookGlutton seem infinite.

Sophomore elementary education major Kelly Fisher said a site such as BookGlutton would make class reading more appealing.

"I think that something like this would definitely make it easier for class discussion," Fisher said. "It might encourage the students to read the assignment more if they are able to receive other students' insights while they are reading it."

While there are no textbooks available on BookGlutton's site, it offers literature that could be used in various classes at Bradley.

Sophomore theatre major Sarah Hoeferlin said her usage of the site would greatly depend on what she was using the book for in class.

"If I was required to read the book and wasn't interested, I would probably use this," Hoeferlin said. "But if it was something that I really enjoyed, I would most likely end up getting a copy for myself anyway later."

However, the ability to discuss and make notes in the text makes the site that much more appealing to the tech-savvy college student, Hoeferlin said.

"It would be awesome for studying and such," she said. "Talking with people about it would be great, to get some first impression feedback from how others read the same thing."

Fisher said being able to work through a text with peers would be highly beneficial.

"Sometimes it is hard to understand Shakespeare, so I think it would be cool to have other people's insight on their understanding of it," she said.

According to the site, feedback from book groups, libraries and students has been greater than Abler and Miller could have expected.

There is even the option for members to upload works of their own onto the site to add to the growing catalogue and encourage more discussion among readers.

"Walk into any coffee shop with wireless access and you'll see someone with a laptop," Miller said. "It doesn't take any great stretch of the imagination to assume they'd sit there and read a book, especially if it's attractive, easy to use and something they can share with their friends."

Space tight in Haussler

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Space in Haussler Hall is pinched until the Markin Family Recreation Center's completion, Mike Keup said.

The Director of Recreation and Intramural Sports addressed Student Senate on Monday and said it's a good time for less recreational space to be available because students soon will be able to exercise outdoors.

Robertson Memorial Field House's upcoming destruction is the reason for the space shortage, he said.

"Offices have been jumbled and moved around," Keup said. "We have to transition men's and women's basketball, volleyball, locker rooms and offices."

Haussler's dance studio, which is also used to teach a variety of aerobic classes, will soon become unavailable.The classes will be taught in a gym or racquetball court.

Although no final decisions have been made, Keup said it's likely Heitz Hall will no longer have a fitness facility because its equipment will move into the Markin Center.

"All new equipment will get old at the same time. So if we don't move it, in five years we'll have all old equipment," he said. "Using Heitz equipment creates an equipment replacement schedule."

The Markin Center is scheduled to be completed in October.

Its lobby area will have big-screen TVs, a juice bar and maybe computers. Wireless Internet will also be available.

There will be a four-court multi-activity area, too.

One of its courts will be fenced in with Plexiglas for indoor soccer, hockey and volleyball intramurals. It will seat 350 to 400 people to accommodate intramural viewers.

The cardio and weight lifting spaces will be combined into one large open area. It will be three times as many square feet as Heitz and Haussler's areas combined.

Its track will be close to one-eighth of a mile.

The center will have a dance studio, spinning room and stretching area.

A 46-foot rock-climbing wall can be used by three people at once, and a bouldering wall will allow students to climb horizontally so they don't need to be harnessed in.

The Health Center and Counseling and Wellness Center will also move into the new building.

There will also be nursing labs in its basement.

The amenities of the Markin Center were chosen according to what a student advisory committee said students would want two years ago.

Its hours will be the same as Haussler's, but it may open earlier on Sunday mornings.

Rising fuel prices increase travel costs

Peoria bus company raises fare by $2

BY PAT OLDENDORF AND BRENNA SCURLOCK
of the Scout

The outlook for fuel costs in 2008 is more of the same, with prices continuing to rise as supplies run short, according to the Department of Energy's annual report.

The rise in fuel prices also means students are paying more for trips to and from Peoria, but the difference is only a small percentage of overall costs.

On Feb. 1, the Peoria Charter Coach Co. instituted an increase in ticket prices, a total of $2 round trip.

Company President Bill Winkler said the raise in prices is due to the continued high price of diesel fuel.

"Fuel has averaged around $3.50 since the beginning of December," he said. "When we look at what we were paying and what we're paying now, $3.50 is high."

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, in February 2007 diesel fuel cost $2.44 a gallon, but this January it was up to $3.29 a gallon, and in recent weeks has been as high as $3.40.

Winkler said Peoria Charter hasn't had a fare hike in a year and a half, and he doesn't plan on raising prices again this year.

"I don't like raising prices," he said. "We try to make it as affordable as possible because a lot of our customers are college students."

Some students aren't happy about paying the higher fare, but understand the reasoning behind it.

"It isn't good that they had to raise prices," freshman psychology major Hayley Braatz said. "However, gas prices have increased, so I understand the need for it."

Other students said the price increase doesn't really affect them because they have a car on campus.

"I drive home, so the bus prices don't affect me," freshman social work major Nora Rader said. "If I didn't have a car on campus, I might be upset by the increase, but it's only a few dollars."

The increase also affects students with their own cars, but not enough to make them worry.

Senior graphic design major Jerome Stontz is driving from Peoria to Florida for Spring Break and said he thinks gas will only be a minor expense during the trip.

"Six of us are going, and compared to the price of the hotel and entertainment, gas split six ways isn't a lot," he said.

Stontz said fuel costs for the trip would be about $360, or $60 per person.

"That's not bad for driving all the way to Florida," he said.

While the cost of transportation to and from Peoria has risen slightly, transportation within the city remains the same.

Taxi cab drivers noticed the increase in fuel cost, but Peoria city ordinance dictates that companies have to charge a standard rate. Prices go up only if fuel prices rise above $2.40, when drivers can add $1.00 to your overall fare.

Drivers pay for their own gas and cope with costs by driving vehicles that have better gas mileage, according to a manager at River City Cab Co. who asked that his name not be used.

Freshman English major Aisha Khan exits a Peoria Charter Bus after a trip home. The bus company recently raised its round-trip fare by $2 because of the increased cost of diesel fuel. *photo by Sam Lemanski*

Students perform Vagina Monolgues for 10th anniversary

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

The Vagina Monologues is celebrating its 10th anniversary of helping to stop violence and abuse against girls and women.

Bradley's version of the Monologues was performed in the Michel Student Center ballroom on Thursday, followed by a question and answer session with the actors.

Another performance will take place on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with a candlelight vigil to follow the show.

Bradley's Monologues features 13 female students performing by themselves and in groups.

"Some of them are funny, others are serious or sarcastic," said Kristen Waldron, a performer in the Monologues. "We have all kinds of performances with a great message."

Eve Ensler wrote the Vagina Monologues in 1998. She interviewed more than 200 women, asking them personal questions and getting real responses, according to www.vday.org. She turned her findings into a play about how women can be empowered by, rather than embarrassed of, their vaginas.

At the same time, Ensler founded V-Day: Until the Violence Stops. This movement is a global effort to stop violence against women of every age, according to the site.

All performances are based on interviews conducted by Ensler, with one being the personal story of Ensler herself.

Auditions for the Monologues took place before finals in December, with practices starting after classes resumed in January.

"I just went to the informational meetings to see what it was all about," Waldron said. "I decided to try out because it seemed like a really good cause that no one talks about, and I wanted to help spread the word."

In addition to attending the performances, students will also have another opportunity to show support for the V-Day organization. People will be able to put their handprints on a black cloth in an event called These Hands Don't Hurt.

"Putting your handprint on the cloth signifies that you are making a pledge not to hurt women," Waldron said.

Although people may think the show is only for women, Waldron said she thinks there is something for everyone to take away from the performances.

"It makes people more comfortable talking about a pretty sensitive topic," she said. "The shows will be fun, and I recommend everyone going to see it. You will learn a lot, and it will be very entertaining too."

The Monologues will have another show on Saturday in the ballroom.

Admission is $5 for Bradley students or $8 for the general public. All proceeds go to the V-Day fund, and any additional donations are also welcome.

What: Vagina Monologues
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Michel Student Center ballroom
Admission: $5 for students, $8 for non-students

Editorial

Guns have no place on college campuses

Recent campus shootings have sparked debates about college students' rights to conceal and carry guns.

Twelve states have proposed legislation that would allow students to have concealed weapons in classrooms, dorms, quads, libraries and any other place at public universities.

Students at public universities in Utah are already allowed to conceal and carry. It's the only state to enact such legislation

If you attended the University of Utah, the student sitting next to you might have a gun hidden under his or her sweatshirt or next to a cell phone at the bottom of a backpack.

While many believe guns enable people to protect themselves, frankly, it's frightening to think a student sitting next to you could kill another person with one pull of the trigger during class.

Bringing guns into any situation – especially a learning environment – does not promote safety. It contributes to violence.

As a private university, Bradley is allowed to make its own decision on the issue if a concealed-carry law were ever passed in Illinois.

Two of the largest private universities in Utah, Westminster University and Brigham Young University, have rejected state law and have banned guns on their campuses.

Campus shootings raise concerns about safety, but most students aren't trained police officers, and they shouldn't assume they can handle guns during dangerous situations. If an untrained individual were to pull out a gun and start firing, more innocent people may fall victim.

Students for Concealed Carry on Campus has recently reached 20,000 members nationwide. Its Web site claims that one out of every 945 students is a member. That's a lot of students who would carry guns with them on campus if they could.

And State Rep. Aaron Schock supports legislation that would allow people with permits to conceal and carry weapons.

Schock told the Journal Star he couldn't imagine a more helpless feeling than being the victim of a classroom shooting or an open fire at a mall.

But students without guns surely would feel helpless wondering if their classmates were carrying weapons.

Schock also said shooters of recent attacks might have thought twice about what they did if they would have known any one of their victims possessed a gun. Knowing that the shooters of both the Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois massacres took their own lives after killing others, it doesn't seem they were afraid of anything.

There are other, better ways the university can help students feel safe and more empowered when it comes to classroom attacks.

Bradley is working on several ways to help students play active roles when dangerous situations arise. The foreWarn emergency communication system warns students, faculty and staff of potentially hazardous situations and allows them to respond quickly and effectively. On Wednesday, Bradley tested the emergency speaker system in Bradley Hall.

Though these communication systems likely won't prevent campus violence, they are a step in the right direction for safety, and they don't require resorting to violence.

Allowing guns in classrooms doesn't help anyone engage more in situations that make people feel helpless. They don't encourage people to respond responsibly and reasonably to dangerous situations. They endanger lives. More guns mean more deaths.

They didn't belong in the classrooms when six people died at Northern Illinois University last month or when more than 30 people died at Virginia Tech last April.

And they don't belong in the classroom now.

Opinions from other Campuses

Non-violent criminals shouldn't serve time

Wasteful government spending is slowly crushing the American taxpayers a few billion dollars at a time.

Last week, some of those billions in wasteful spending were brought to light by a Pew Center report that found one in every 100 American adults are behind bars – 2.3 million citizens, to be precise. That puts America in first place in the world for number of incarcerated individuals. A distant second is China – with 1.5 million – and third place belongs to Russia, with 890,000 prisoners.

America's prison population has tripled in the last 20 years, and the country's spending on prisons has more than quadrupled. In light of this statistic, the U.S. should stop imprisoning people who commit victimless crimes.

Taxpayers are now looking at a bill of more than $44 billion per year to keep people locked away, at an average cost of over $19,000 per prisoner. Some of these prisoners are the violent ones who make headlines and are serving long sentences for heinous crimes, but many more prisoners are non-violent perpetrators of victimless crimes – such as marijuana use.

This system is terribly flawed in several ways.

For example, when college students are arrested for smoking marijuana and locked away for two months, they lose two months out of their lives, and taxpayers are billed somewhere in the vicinity of $3,200 for it. When that individual leaves prison, there is a good chance that he or she will end up locked up again within the next three years.

Currently, the United States has a recidivism – re-incarceration – rate of nearly 50 percent. That means nearly half of prisoners are returning to jail within three years of being released. Quite obviously, something isn't working, and that something is imprisonment for non-violent, victimless crimes.

By locking up these offenders, the United States punishes the taxpayers for people who choose to act irresponsibly and not care about their own health. This waste of money does not produce results and only increases in magnitude as laws become stricter and prison sentences become longer.

Rather than scourging taxpayers because irresponsible people are using drugs, the government should see to it that the punishments fit the crimes. For example, perpetrators of non-violent victimless crimes ought to be put to work doing community service projects and attend rehabilitation meetings to help them cope with their addictions.

If these ideas were implemented, it would benefit taxpayers instead of harming them. The most obvious benefit would be that taxpayers would no longer have to pay to incarcerate people who are not really a menace to society.

Besides this, public works projects – such as town maintenance projects – could be accomplished more cheaply thanks to these offenders having to perform community service hours. In addition, rehabilitation meetings are not particularly expensive to run, and they cause the recidivism rate to drop. This means less repeat offenders.

The choice is clear. With a prison population skyrocketing above other countries with some of the worst human rights violators in the world and a national debt plunging deeper and deeper into the red, a more responsible prison system is needed to relieve the burden that is crushing our taxpayers.

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NIU building demolition a hasty decision

If a gunman opened fire in Bradley Hall and killed several students, would you want to have class there the following semester? Or ever again?

That's a difficult question to think about. But for the thousands of students at Northern Illinois University, that question is very real and soon needs an answer.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich, in agreement with NIU President John Peters, announced a few weeks after the NIU shooting that Cole Hall, the site of the tragedy, would be razed.

Not only razed, but reconstructed with a $40 million grant from the state of Illinois.

At the time of Blagojevich's announcement, the wounds of the tragedy were still very fresh. I can almost see the thought process that went into this rushed decision.

The student body is in mourning, a building is forever tarnished. What better way to encourage recovery than promise a new, fresh start?

Critics were quick to pounce on these recovery plans.

Forty million dollars is a hefty price tag for the closure supporters feel a new building will bring.

The existing lecture hall is one of the largest on campus and only a few decades old. According to Chicago Tribune reports, there are other buildings on NIU's campus that need more immediate attention. The Stevens Building, home to the Anthropology and Theatre departments, has needed $20 million in repairs for several years.

If a similar tragedy befell the Bradley community, would we halt construction of the Markin Recreation Center to rebuild Bradley Hall? Certainly some interior renovations would be necessary, but an entirely new building would be out of the question.

Critics also pointed out other buildings where fatal shootings have occurred still stand, functioning in the same way they have for years.

Virginia Tech's Norris Hall is still standing, as is Columbine High School.

That's not to say it wouldn't be hard to return to those buildings after the shootings. I spoke with a friend who goes to NIU, senior business administration major Becky Schwab, to see what she thought about it.

"I've put together the facts of how it happened and I can imagine it as if I were in the room, because I've had class in there," she told me. "I wouldn't want to actually go in there and really be able to visualize it."

Schwab's sentiments echo those of many other students who say they'd never want to have a class in Cole Hall again.

But Chicago Mayor Richard Daley said it best – that demolishing Cole Hall would set "a terrible precedent" for future shooting sights.

The state paying to rebuild every site where a fatal shooting occurs would take money away from measures that might someday prevent such tragedies.

Cost and inconvenience aside, there is also a very symbolic reason not to destroy sites of tragedy.

The gunmen are the ones who set out to destroy, and razing the scenes of their crimes just furthers their intentions. As Tribune columnist Dennis Byrne put it, tearing Cole Hall down "would be surrender."

Demolishing a building doesn't erase the memories attached to it.

As with any tragedy, the wounds will lessen over time. Given a few months to heal, I think NIU might change its mind about the building's fate.

But I'm not the one living with those memories – the NIU students are. And they've decided that they want to be involved.

Peters announced to students and faculty Tuesday that Cole Hall's fate isn't yet set in stone.

Amidst the uproarious reactions to Blagojevich's leveling plans, Peters must have realized that the decision was made too quickly.

Letters to the Northern Star student newspaper expressed students' and professors' desires to be a part of the resolution, something I hope would happen at Bradley in the same situation.

Ridding the campus of a major lecture hall may not be the most necessary course of action, but including NIU student and faculty opinions in the final verdict is a step in the right direction.

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ISU threats serious, not funny pranks

College is a time for pranks.

Last year a bag of urine was tied to my door, so it fell all over the floor when my roommate and I left the room.

Most pranks are funny even if they temporarily hurt our pride or reputation.

But some pranks are always inappropriate no matter their context.

Thirteen days after Northern Illinois University's Valentine's Day massacre, where five students were killed in a lecture hall, threats that a similar situation may occur at Illinois State University were found written in a bathroom at the university.

"ISU is the next NIU," the first patch of graffiti read.

When campus officials discovered it last Wednesday, they increased police patrols, and the president posted an alert on the university Web site.

Soon after, officials found four additional threats in bathrooms around campus.

Classes continued as scheduled.

Professors were told to excuse students from class if they didn't feel comfortable leaving their dorm rooms and apartments, Illinois State University President Al Bowman said.

"Unfortunately, it's predictable that a few cowards will attempt to create a fearful atmosphere by writing these messages," he said in a statement. "I expect there will be more, and we'll continue to take every instance seriously."

Although most universities are taking extra safety precautions after the NIU shooting, it's unfortunate that ISU has to be under even closer watch.

ISU didn't have much of a choice but to continue operating on its regular schedule and vamp up security.

If it cancelled classes it would give students the idea they could scribble a threat whenever they had a test they didn't want to study for or didn't want to go to class.

No one can say the threats were a prank. But as of now, no one's had any reason to believe they were written with the intent of violent action.

We can all hope this ends up being the case.

But even so, it's a tragic situation.

Students are required to check in and out of their dorms every time they enter and leave at ISU. The threats were likely written by students, since outsiders can't access the buildings.

It's alarming to think individuals in the 18 to 23 age demographic could possibly find writing these threats funny.

As young adults we fight so hard to have our voices heard, and it's extremely unfortunate when they're heard loudest through such cases.

But even more unfortunate than our peers making us appear immature, is the cry-wolf scenario.

If we haven't learned by now that this kind of situation is all too realistic to be humorous, when will we ever?

It shouldn't take the death of five individuals to make us grow up, act like adults and stop scribbling rumors in bathroom stalls.

But even if it did take the NIU incident to open our eyes, we should now be fully conscious.

We're adults.

We're supposed to be smarter than the individual who wrote these exact rumors in my junior high's bathroom eight years ago.

It seems everyone's kind of sick of hearing about personal safety these days.

But when it comes down to it, if we don't have our personal safety we have nothing. We have to do everything possible to secure it.

These threats aren't a joking matter. They'll never be a funny prank even if they don't hurt anyone.

We all deserve to feel safe and we all can feel safe if individuals start making wiser decisions.

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Church should reevaluate beliefs

As a citizen of the United States, the right to freedom of speech is guaranteed in the First Amendment, but how far should that right extend?

The members of the Westboro Baptist Church seem to think it's acceptable to protest at the funerals of American soldiers or demonstrate their belief that "God hates America," while the nation mourns the loss of young victims of premature deaths.

I had never heard of the organization until the tragedy at Northern Illinois University consumed campus and Facebook.

Writing on friend's walls and accepting group invitations to support the Huskies' losses, I was caught off-guard by the group, "Stop the WBC from protesting at the funerals of NIU students."

My first reaction was complete shock - who would dare protest the funerals of students who were massacred so violently? Joining the group, I read the press release taken from www.godhatesfags.com and was speechless – an organization was thankful for the shooter at Northern and claimed God sent him to murder those students – I thought it was a horrible joke.

Googling Westboro Baptist, I came across all the hateful sites sponsored by the group and the more I found, the angrier I became. How could anyone have so much hate in their heart?

The fundamentalist religious organization is based in Topeka, Kan., headed by Fred Phelps, with its primary purpose of hating all religious and civil rights groups.

How they call themselves a "religious organization" is beyond my understanding.

Using the word "fag" in almost every sentence, I recommend the cult try a thesaurus, or better yet, search for the religious values it claims to preach.

On its Web sites www.godhatesfag.com and www.godhatesamerica.com, the group condemns lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, claiming tragedies in America are linked to God's punishment of homosexuality.

Swedes, Canadians, Irish, British, Mexicans and Americans also fall prey under the organization and God's vengeful wrath because they support, and allow, the previously stated groups.

For example, in January 2008 the WBC picketed the funeral of a Maryland family who was killed in a car accident. Among the victims were three children ages 10, 7 and 8 weeks old. The cult praised their deaths as God's retribution on the state for a legal judgment passed against their church.

A few weeks later, the group protested the funeral of a Wisconsin 2-year-old who had been murdered. The group rejoiced over the infant's death as God's punishment against a Wisconsin sheriff who allegedly assaulted a WBC member in 2005.

How sick can you get?

If you have nothing better to do than protest the funeral of an innocent child, I recommend practicing a sport or beginning an arts and crafts project because I doubt on an application under "interests" an employer will accept "protested funerals of *the 'fags' that condemn this* nation to hell," an acceptable answer.

The cult also strikes out against Muslims, Jews and Roman Catholics claiming the Holocaust was "minuscule," the real Nazis are "fags" and the Catholic Church is the largest pedophile group in history being lead by homosexual priests who seduce helpless women and children.

The group also protests the funerals of soldiers coming home from the War in Iraq. A picture on its Web site shows rows of coffins draped in the American flag and a caption declaring the image is a picture citizens deserve to see since the 'fag' army fights under a 'fag' flag promoting homosexuality.

WBC, take a step back and realize these soldiers are dying for the freedoms your cult abuses. Without the soldier's bravery, your "religious organization" wouldn't have the right to be publicly ignorant.

Claiming people like Pope John Paul II, Coretta Scott King and the Pennsylvania Amish children reside in hell for their actions to make positive changes and living moral lives, the group needs to revaluate its beliefs before members can point fingers on who is going to hell.

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RETENTION
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me with studying for classes. Everyone that I have met is really nice and friendly."

Galsky said the university takes a three-pronged approach in helping the retention rate.

"Everyone has to realize retention is an important part of the university and everyone is responsible for helping with retention," he said. "We've put together programs and activities over the years which affect the retention rate and the Division of Student Affairs has a dominant oversight within the Center for Student Support Services."

Galsky said the Turning Point Retention Program for first-time students on academic probation and the EHS 120 University Experience course have helped students adjust to the college experience.

"Most freshman return because they had a good experience inside and outside the classroom," he said. "Not every day will be perfect, but they return because they know someone here cares about them as individuals and wants to help them grow."

Freshman business management and administration major Paul Benario said he thinks some students return because they are comfortable and have made good friends on campus through greek life.

"I came back because I like it here," he said. "I'm involved on campus and have made some great friends."

Though a high retention rate, 31 students indicated intent to transfer or not return according to the Fall 2007 freshmen claimed for spring 2008 results.

"Some students won't come back because of grades or [tuition] becomes too expensive," Galsky said. "We work with students with financial problems and try to find additional financial funding. We do whatever we can to help them financially, but it's not always possible for them to stay."

Haefke agreed students leave because they can't keep up academically, but she said they could also leave for personal reasons.

"They might not have made many friends here, or they are really homesick," she said. "Maybe they want to go to a school closer to home."

Though it may be a struggle for some students to remain at Bradley, Galsky said their experiences are the most important feature provoking their decisions to stay.

"If they leave, they have gained good experience at an educational institute and they have people here who care about them," he said. "The retention rate is important because if the student had a good experience in a classroom setting, or with the faculty and administration, it's worth staying."

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If you push it one place, it's going to go somewhere else," Van Auken said.

She said one of the problems the city has frequently addressed is reducing traffic in residential neighborhoods.

She said Interstate Highway 74 dumps traffic into the neighborhoods.

Van Auken said she commonly sees semi-trucks making turns at the Main and University streets intersection so they can get on the interstate, and there isn't room for that.

Additionally, she said the city of Peoria has worked to keep traffic cutting through the neighborhoods to a minimum by erecting stop signs.

"People desire not having to stop. That's why they cut through other areas," she said. "Even if they move slowly, they don't want to stop."

Van Auken said she'd like to see wider sidewalks to improve pedestrian safety along Main Street, but not if it means sending more traffic into neighborhoods.

She said there may not be one plan everyone likes because the city can't do anything without major construction – at least temporarily.

"This has been a problem the city has been working on for more than 20 years," Van Auken said. "And now, since the city is moving ... into a more walkable environment, the problem becomes more urgent," she said. "How do you make Main Street more walkable?"

Van Auken said a group of residents from the West Bluff created a group called Walkable West Bluff. The group is brainstorming ideas on how to make the West Bluff more walker-friendly.

Police Reports

At about 6 p.m. last Friday officers were called to University Hall after dorm staff conducted a room search.

A staff member said she found various contraband in one room. Allen Delgudice was found in possession of a scale, 2.25 grams of marijuana, a hitter pipe, a glass bowl, razor blades, cigarette papers, two Adderall capsules and a marijuana grinder.

Benjamin Williamson was found in possession of 2.25 grams of marijuana and a folding knife. All items were taken to the University Police Department and placed in evidence storage.

At about 12:30 p.m. last Friday an officer went to a victim's Bradley office on reports of a disturbing e-mail. The victim said she received a threatening e-mail at about 5:30 p.m. Feb. 28. The e-mail stated the sender was hired to kill the victim, but never specifically said the victim's name. The e-mail also stated the victim must pay $15,000 if she didn't want to be killed. There are no suspects at this time.

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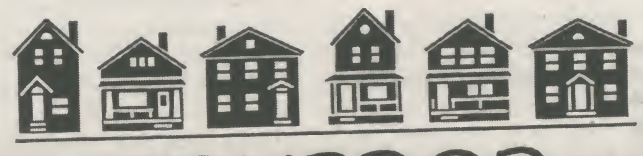
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have initial plans to Glasser soon.

If Glasser doesn't approve the plans, Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said the committee will continue meeting to revise and edit plans.

Galsky said students will see changes in alcohol policies by Fall 2008 or sooner.

"There are certain parts we could see immediately, like programs and speakers," he said.

But Galsky said measuring the actual effect the new alcohol policies and plans will have on students is more difficult.

Galsky said the new program's effect on alcohol reduction may take some time to measure.

"I think we may have some idea of if the plan's working by the end of Fall Semester and Spring 2009 semester," he said. "But there are some parameters that we won't see the effect of until after the first or second years of the plan."

Ticaric said the group discusses student expectations of alcohol policies and evaluates how Bradley currently handles alcohol-related situations on campus.

"We look at alcohol in relation to athletes, drinking in dorms and researching stuff Bradley does," she said. "Then we come up with a strategic way to handle things."

Galsky said the committee studies literature and statistics of alcohol use and abuse before discussing plans of action.

"We ask ourselves, 'What are we doing that we'd like to do more of?,' 'What are we doing that we ought to not do?' and 'What in addition would we like to do?'" he said. "Each time we discuss something, we also discuss the feasibility of implementation, like who's going to enforce the idea and the general 'buy-in' of the university."

Galsky said the university decided to form an action committee because alcohol use and abuse among college students is a national, critical issue.

"It deserves attention," he said. "We wanted to come together and put together a plan that's reasonable and enforceable to make a statement on behalf of the university."

Galsky said alcohol abuse at colleges is a long-term problem.

"Look at 'Animal House,'" he said. "We got serious in the early 1990s when more famous studies [about alcohol use] came out and we've found good data since then. We know the extent of the problem now."

But Galsky said despite numerous studies and statistics, there hasn't been a big change.

"With all of the efforts universities have made, we haven't really made a lot of difference," he said. "But I think it's safe to say that if we hadn't done any alcohol programs at all, the statistics might be worse."

He said student affairs departments at universities and colleges usually handle alcohol-related programming, which is why Bradley wanted the new committee to be comprised of faculty, staff and students from all areas of campus.

"We don't want it to be just a student affairs thing," he said. "We want it to be a university thing."

Sophomore mechanical engineering major John Gher said he doesn't think alcohol use and abuse is a campus issue.

"[The new plans] won't have any effect whatsoever," he said. "They're taking away a little bit of freedom we have as college students to go out on weekends."

Sophomore nutrition major Colleen Galvan said she agrees.

"I don't know what [the committee is] thinking about doing, but making a harder punishment isn't going to stop people from drinking," she said. "I think drinking happens on any campus. It's college – drinking's expected."

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, underage students consume almost half of all alcohol at four-year universities. Additionally, 1,700 students die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries.

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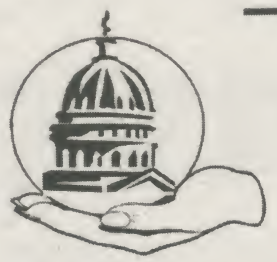

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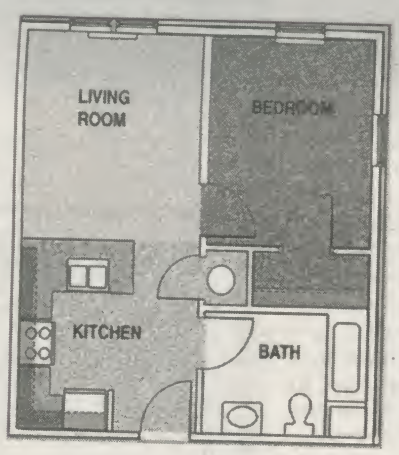

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Creighton's Cavel Witter drives past Sam Maniscalco to score during Bradley's double overtime loss. *photo courtesy of Creighton University*

BASKETBALL

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Wilson got the ball and drove towards the basket, but was called for a charge, forcing the game into the first overtime.

Crouch said he thought the Braves were about to win when Wilson began the drive.

"Theron made a great play, but one of the Creighton guys stepped in and took a charge, which was a great play as well," he said.

Bradley appeared to gain control in overtime when a difficult shot by Ruffin fell through to give the Braves a 95-90 lead with 1:25 remaining.

The Bluejays battled back however, as Witter dropped in the next five points to even the score.

The Braves again had a chance to win on a buzzer beater, but this time a Ruffin jumper clanged off the rim to send the contest into a second overtime.

Crouch said he was again sure his team would win when Ruffin released the shot and was suprised when it didn't fall.

"Man, I thought Daniel's shot was going down," he said. "But it didn't, it hit the back of the iron."

The second overtime began much as the first had, with Bradley this time building an early six-point lead.

That lead would again be short lived, however, as the persistent Bluejays answered back and eventually took a one point lead heading into the final minute.

The Braves then missed on another last-second attempt, this time a short jump hook by junior center Sam Singh, giving the Bluejays the hard-fought win.

Crouch said it was a tough loss to take.

"We'll live with those results," he said. "But we had plays earlier when we were up five or six and we just didn't take advantage of it."

Despite his disappointment with the loss, Crouch said it was still one of the most exciting games he's ever been a part of.

"It's something I'll remember," he said. "It would have been much sweeter to come out with a win, but it's definitely something I'll remember."

The Braves won't have to wait long for a chance at revenge against the Bluejays, as the two teams face off again this afternoon in the quarterfinals of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament in St. Louis.

The game will mark the third time the two teams have played each other in the last 20 days, a fact that coach Jim Les said doesn't concern him much.

"I think the challenges lie in making subtle adjustments," he said. "But it ends up coming down to players making plays, and I feel pretty good about the guys I'm going to St. Louis with."

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Senior guard Jeremy Crouch, the team's leading scorer at 15.5 points per game, said the Braves are more than prepared for the Bluejays.

"We're going to be extremely familiar with each other," he said. "We're anticipating some of the things that they're going to do and playing them so close in the year, it creates just a little bit extra. We're looking forward to it and preparing hard for them."

Freshman guard Sam Maniscalco said the team is still feeling the sting of last Saturday's loss, adding fuel to the fire for a Bradley squad that needs to win to keep its season alive.

"[The loss to Creighton] does linger because that's our next opponent," he said. "Playing a team three times in a matter of three weeks is a tough task. I think it's just a matter of the tougher team going out there and getting a W."

The road won't be an easy one for the Braves. If they beat Creighton today, they will likely face top-seeded Drake tomorrow in the semifinals, and would still have to face another tough opponent in Sunday's final should they advance that far.

Crouch said playing in and winning three games in a row is always a tough task to accomplish.

"It's something that's hard to prepare for because it's so unique," he said. "It's going to be tough, but it will be well worth it at the end of the weekend if we're the last team standing."

Coach Jim Les said though he knows it won't be easy, he's confident his team can leave St. Louis with the MVC tournament crown.

"You look around at all the close games, the competitive games, and there's at least six teams going there thinking 'We can win three in a row,'" he said. "I know we're certainly one of them."

In order to accomplish that feat, Bradley will have still to overcome a little more adversity.

The Braves will still be without their third leading scorer, as sophomore guard Andrew Warren continues to rehab from a broken bone in his left hand, which he suffered last month.

Crouch said in the end, he thinks his team will come out on top.

"As this season's gone on, we have gone though ups and downs with adversity and injuries and things like that," he said. "But I think that we're running on all cylinders now, and we understand what needs to be done for us to be successful."

BASEBALL

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Soriano, saying both are able to hit at the top of the order as a leadoff man, or drop down to drive in runs.

Although Brewer went 0-for-4 in the three spot, he said he thinks the new-look lineup will improve the offense.

"If I can just start driving in runs, hopefully our offense will show up and we'll start scoring some runs and winning some games," he said.

EKU 13, Bradley 1

The Braves (3-3) couldn't get things going in any facet of the game, giving up 13 runs on 13 hits, compared to their one run and three hits. They also committed five errors in the game.

Bradley's one run was unearned as junior Jim Clayton singled and reached second on an error. He then moved to third on a groundout and was knocked in by freshman Rob Elliot's sacrifice fly.

Sophomore Brad Altbach took the loss for the Braves.

Bradley 4, EKU 0

For the second week in a row, Scahill went six innings striking out eight and giving up one hit and no runs.

Between the two games he had a stretch of 11 2/3 innings without giving up a run.

"I feel like I still have some things I need to work on," Scahill said. "My command wasn't very sharp on Sunday."

Mitidiero went 2-for-3 in the leadoff spot and junior Colby Luttrell knocked in two runs to support Scahill.

EKU 11, Bradley 2

The Braves were able to score first in the third game of the series. After three straight walks junior Tommy Fitzgerald was hit by a pitch and a run scored.

Bradley wasn't able to do much after that as Eastern Kentucky (4-1-1) went on to score 11 runs over the next three innings to put the Braves away.

The defense struggled making errors and allowed eight unearned runs.

Bradley was scheduled to play at St. Louis on Wednesday but the game was postponed.

The Braves will continue action this weekend when they travel to Tennessee to take on Dayton and Austin Peay.

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Tennis earns weekend split

BY LUKE MROZINSKI
for the Scout

Sophomore Kelly Donohue lunges to return the ball during Sunday's match against Detroit. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

The women's tennis team split a pair of dual matches last weekend, coming out on the losing end of a 5-2 decision against Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Friday, but the team rallied late to overcome Detroit-Mercy 4-3 on Sunday.

Freshman Nicole Miller highlighted both contests, winning both of her singles matches at No. 5. She has won each of her four singles matches this spring.

Miller said the experience she gains from each match helps her the next time she plays.

"It hasn't gotten easier to win matches as I play at a college level," she said. "But the experience obviously just improves my game in general to help me learn how to win for later matches."

The Braves failed to gain any ground on the Panthers (7-6), as Miller was the only Bradley player to pick up a win. She won her first set against Ashley Schoneman, 7-5, before Schoneman retired.

At No. 1 singles, sophomore Emily Regenold retired after dropping her first set 6-1 to Kelly Drvaric.

Sophomore Jessica Buterbaugh struggled against Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Martina Schnapp falling 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2 singles.

Junior Kelly Donohue put up a fight in her match, but came up short, getting ousted by the Panthers' Kari Kastenholz 7-6, 6-7, 8-10.

Bradley proved to be more consistent on the doubles end as Regenold and Miller handled Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Sammi Schoen and Schoneman with a 9-7 victory.

Juniors Erin Krubeck and Kim Braun also bested Jenna Felsher and Schnapp 9-8 to lock up the doubles point for the Braves.

Bradley's win over Detroit (4-7) on Sunday came in comeback fashion.

Detroit won the top three singles matches, but Bradley was able to fight back and claim the last three, with the double point serving as the tie-breaker.

Krubeck got on the board for the Braves at No. 4 singles with her straight sets triumph over Stephanie Hill, 6-1, 7-5.

Miller followed with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Kelly Davis at No. 5 and Braun won at No. 6, cruising past Detroit's Amy Inman, 7-6, 6-2.

In doubles play, Bradley took two of three matches to earn the point and clinch the 4-3 win.

Miller said the loss on Friday served as extra motivation for the team against Detroit.

"Our loss to Milwaukee just made us ready to do better in our next matches," she said.

The win over Detroit was the first for the Braves at home this spring season and evens their record at 2-2.

The Braves were scheduled to play Eastern Illinois on Thursday afternoon. Results weren't available at press time.

Bradley will play its next seven matches on the road, starting with a trip to DePaul on Saturday and a visit to Chicago State on Sunday.

Sophomore Jessica Buterbaugh serves the ball during her doubles match Sunday morning at the River City Club in Peoria. Buterbaugh fell to her opponent 6-3, 6-4. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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Men's golf finishes 11th of 12 at Grover Page Classic in Tennessee

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The cold temperatures combined with rain and snow was too much to overcome for the men's golf team on Monday and Tuesday.

"There was rain and a real low wind chill. In the last three holes it was snowing on us," coach Jeff Roche said.

The Braves finished the tournament in 11th place out of 12 teams as the event was delayed and shortened because of the inclement weather.

The Grover Page Classic started two hours late and shortened from 54 holes to 36.

"It hurt us," Roche said, "It would have been nice to have one more round to play."

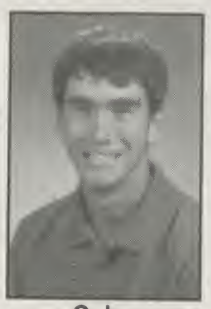
Bradley finished the first day with a disappointing 322 team total on the par-72 course, 32 shots behind then tournament-leader Lipscomb.

Sophomore Zach Wanken and freshman Coby Thompson both shot a first round of 78 to lead the Braves on the first day. The two were tied for 50th in the tournament after the first 18 holes.

Roche said entering the second day his strategy was to be more consistent and to keep the ball in play to avoid penalty shots.

The strategy was easier said than done as Bradley failed to improve and finished the tournament 11th.

Zach Wanken



Coby Thompson

"We didn't handle the weather change real well," Roche said.

Thompson led the Braves on the second day with a low score of 79. He finished the tournament tied at 57th out of 157 players.

Wanken slipped in the second day as he shot an 82 to drop him to 67th place.

The weather again played a factor on the second day.

"We had three inches of rain to wake up to and it lengthened the course quite a bit," Roche said. "With it being so cold, the ball won't drive as far."

Roche said the bright spot of the tournament was getting to play alongside Lipscomb.

"We were able to learn from them and how they handle themselves and how they prepare for such conditions," Roche said.

He also said this was a good opportunity to play in some adverse conditions the team wasn't used to.

The tournament also gave Roche a good understanding of what needs to be improved.

"We need to eliminate some of the bigger numbers," he said, "We tend to play well for about 15 holes but there are three that always hurt us."

It's not just one person that's bringing the team down, but Roche said the team from top to bottom needs to improve.

"We've got a lot of talent," he said. "They just need to believe that they can do it."

Bradley will return to action on March 17 as the team travels to Williamsburg, Va., to play in the First Market Bank Intercollegiate.

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Women's basketball falls to first-place Evansville

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's basketball team's 70-point showing on Saturday wasn't enough to overcome Evansville as the Braves fell 80-70.

Bradley had four players reach double figures, but its offensive outbursts weren't enough to slow down Evansville, which hit 10 3-pointers on the night.

The Braves' defense wasn't able to slow down the Purple Aces. Bradley created just 10 turnovers in the game, which was a season-low for opponents' turnovers.

Bradley (11-17, 5-12 MVC) showed strong individual performances in the game.

Senior Devyn Flanagan led the team in scoring with 19 points and added six assists to her total.

The other three Braves in double figures were all underclassmen.

The freshman duo of Raisa Taylor and Sonya Harris finished with a combined 26 points. Harris finished with a double-double scoring 14 points and pulling down 12 rebounds.

"Sonya and Raisa are both playing really well," coach Paula Buscher said. "This is a time that some freshman start to hit a wall because of the long season but not these two - they are stepping up and playing really strong."

Sophomore Skye Johnson also added 12 points for the Braves.

The defensive struggles started early for Bradley as the team allowed Evansville (19-8, 13-3 MVC) to start with an 11-2 lead.

The Braves tried to battle back but gave up 44 first-half points and were down 13 at the end of the first half with a score of 44-31.

The Purple Aces began to extend their lead, going up by as many as 18 points in the second half. With just over 3 minutes remaining, Bradley was down 75-59 but began to make a push.

Led by Flanagan, the Braves went on an 11-2 run and cut the deficit to single digits of 78-70.

Time was not on Bradley's side, though, as there were only 20 seconds remaining in the game.

Evansville hit two free throws on its next possession to make the score 80-70, and the Braves didn't score again, losing the game.

Flanagan's 19 points put her 14th all-time on Bradley's scoring list, leaving her five points shy of reaching the 1,000-point club.

The win was big for Evansville, as it moved the team ahead of Illinois State for first place in the Missouri Valley Conference standings.

The Braves will play their final game of the regular season on Saturday when they welcome Northern Iowa to Robertson Memorial Field House. It will be the last game played there before the facility is torn down.

Buscher said the team's last game at the field house will be emotional.

"We want to send the field-house off on a winning note," she said. " I have many memories of players that I have coached here over the years in the field house. The memories will always be there."

Birdsong shines as softball downs No. 5 Northwestern

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The softball team is off to its best start on the road since 1999 with a 6-3 record after getting some key wins in the Coach B Classic last weekend.

The Braves accomplishments this past weekend also led to junior Ashley Birdsong being named Missouri Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week and sophomore Amanda Clack being named the MVC Scholar Athlete of the Week.

Ashley Birdsong

Amanda Clack

Jacqueline Vitale

The Braves had a strong offensive showing against Western Illinois in the opening game with a final score of 5-1.

Birdsong picked up her fourth win of the season as she allowed just one run over seven innings with five strikeouts.

"I know that they aren't a bad team and if we let them hang around they could've played with us," she said of the 0-7 Westerwinds.

After warming up against Western Illinois, the Braves played the next day against the fifth-ranked Northwestern.

Coach Buddy Foster put the ball in the hands of Birdsong to start.

"I was really nervous before the game," Birdsong said. "But I got really excited that our girls kept their composure, showed up to play and wanted to win."

Birdsong said her strategy entering the game was to take it one pitch at a time so she didn't get ahead of herself.

Her strategy, combined with a stellar overall performance on both defense and offense, gave the Braves their first win ever against a ranked opponent as they shutout the Northwestern 4-0.

Birdsong said it was her greatest accomplishment to date.

The Braves got the only run they needed in the first inning as Wildcat's pitcher Jessica Smith threw a wild pitch that allowed sophomore Janay Mitchell to score from third, giving Bradley an important 1-0 lead.

Northwestern had a golden opportunity in the fourth inning with runners on first and third base with no outs.

Birdsong got the next batter to pop out and then struck out the next two batters.

The Braves added some insurance runs in the fifth inning to ease the pressure.

Birdsong finished the game retiring the last 11 batters in a row and striking out a career-high 14 batters.

The Braves then dropped their only game of the tournament as they lost to Kansas 10-2.

Sophomore Jacqueline Vitale was 2-for-2 in the game with two RBIs.

The Braves started off the game with an early 1-0 lead as Mitchell got on with a single and was driven in by Vitale, but it was not nearly enough to hold off the Jayhawks.

Foster said the loss was partially his fault.

"I'll take some of the blame," he said. "I moved some people around to try some of things. Some if it backfired."

Bradley shook off the loss and bounced right back to break another long-standing streak as they beat Southern Illinois for the first time since 2003 with a final score of 5-3.

Though she didn't start, Birdsong again played a role in the win as she came in to close in the fifth inning after already pitching in two games.

Foster said he plans to use Birdsong to protect leads all season.

Birdsong said it was practice that helped her battle fatigue.

"I think that our coach is doing a good job of conditioning us," she said. "It's not fun to run sprints but it helps push through times when you're sore to get the job done."

Freshman Jess Boeger led off the game with her second homerun of the season and then Mitchell was driven in by sophomore Lauren Meister.

Boeger gave the Braves their fourth run of the game when she hit a sacrifice fly to score junior Katy Dammer.

Birdsong recorded her 500th career strikeout, her 41st career victory and a career-high single game strikeout total.

Bradley hits the field again today against Louisville to open the University of Louisville Tournament.

RED PRIDE

TOP 15 PARTICIPANTS AS OF THURSDAY

NAME	POINTS
TRISHA KOWALEWSKI	50
JOSHUA M. HENRY	50
ERICA CLARNO	45
AMY CARBONNEAU	43
STEPHANIE RAMSEY	36
ADAM UNDERWOOD	35
BARI ERAIS	34
SARAH CANINO	33
CASEY STARK	33
PHIL MYER	32
ASHLEY BIRDSONG	31
JAMES STEGNER	30
JENNIFER MARTIN	28
ROSE FREEMAN	28
KEVIN FARNEY	28

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It doesn't get better than March

Sports Editor

BY ADAM METTRICK

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to March, the greatest month of the year.

So what exactly makes March so amazing?

I'm glad you asked.

Many people love the month because it marks the beginning of spring. Flowers begin to bloom, birds begin to chirp and the snowstorms finally give way to thunderstorms.

But it isn't spring that makes March so special, it's baseball's spring training.

And the storms are what makes the month memorable. It's the thousands of fans storming the court after a big win in the NCAA tournament.

You see, March is quite simply the most exciting month of the year when it comes to sports. It's unmatched by any other month on the calendar.

The most important event in March is, of course, college basketball's postseason. Conference tournaments, the National Invitational Tournament and, most importantly, the NCAA tournament all take place this month.

The NCAA tournament, known as March Madness, is one of the most widely anticipated sporting events each year, and it's easy to see why.

The big dance routinely provides more riveting sports action than any one person could ask for and has been supplying some of sports' most memorable moments for years.

Who needs Spring Break in sunny Florida when you can watch the Florida Gators face off against the Ohio State Buckeyes from the comfort of your own living room?

There's no need to stop with just one game either. The tournament delivers game after game of high intensity, non-stop college basketball action.

During the opening round, you can watch up to four games simultaneously just by logging on to www.cbssportsline.com.

And if you're still convinced you need sandy beaches to make your Spring Break complete, there's an easy solution.

Just fill your living room with sand and watch the games from a lawn chair. Problem solved.

Unfortunately, some of you poor souls will be torn away from your TV sets by your friends, dragged down to Florida and forced to miss all the excitement of March Madness.

But all is not lost, because the month of March has your back.

Florida is the spring training home of 18 Major League franchises, so there's more than enough baseball to watch.

While your friends are lying on the beach soaking up deadly UV rays, you'll be where the real fun is, kicking back with a hot dog and a beer (provided you're of age, obviously) and enjoying a ballgame, or two, or three.

The final score might be irrelevant, but spring training games offer things the regular season doesn't, like a chance to meet the stars up close and personal and the opportunity to see baseball's best young prospects before they reach the big show.

Now, not everyone is a college basketball junkie or a baseball fan, but March, being the amazing month that it is, takes this into consideration.

For racing fans, the month features four weekends of action-packed, bumper to bumper racing.

February might have the Daytona 500, but it isn't until March that the NASCAR circuit kicks into high gear, making stops at Las Vegas, Atlanta, Martinsville and Bristol.

Hockey fans are covered too, as the NHL heads into the season's home stretch.

Teams battle each other all month in an attempt to lock up the final playoff spot or secure the home-ice advantage throughout the postseason.

March even features something to keep football fans satisfied, with the bulk of the NFL's offseason signings taking place this month and plenty of speculation about the upcoming draft in April.

Still not enough sports for you? The NBA season is also in full swing during March, the ATP hosts a pair of tennis tournaments and the PGA tour sponsors four weekends of top-notch golfing action.

March literally has something for everyone.

So happy March everyone, and enjoy what is easily the best month of the year.

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One-on-One

Will the Braves win the MVC tournament?

Yes

The Braves will come out of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament as champions.

Bradley has shown throughout the season it could hang with every other team in the conference, beating every team except Southern Illinois.

Although the team never put down the Salukis, it also never had Daniel Ruffin running the show against them. Had he been playing, there's no telling what the outcome would have been.

One could argue Andrew Warren's absence will hold the team back, but it could be a blessing in disguise.

While Bradley's guards have been missing games, Sam Maniscalco has been stepping in and showing what he's made of. His development could be key for the Braves.

The way the bracket is set up Bradley will face Creighton in the first round. The Braves blew them out the first time around, and lost in double-overtime the second. They are beatable.

In the second round they will most likely face Drake. I know it's the team getting all the publicity, but the Braves played the Bulldogs twice, coming up with a win and a one-point loss.

If they make it all the way to Sunday, ISU or Southern will most likely be on the horizon.

Either way, the Braves have a shot.

Any given Sunday.

- Alex Mayster

No

Sorry to say it folks, but it's time to start looking forward to the Braves baseball season.

With half of you already gone to St. Louis for the tournament and the other half reading this as you get through your last class, I might be able to save you an unnecessary trip down to the "Gateway to the West."

The Braves will first have to battle Creighton, the team they just lost to. They beat Creighton the first time, but without Warren in the lineup the team lost to them in double overtime just last week.

If the Braves manage to prevail against them, then they are most likely going to have to play Drake. They split the season series with the Bulldogs but they also just beat a solid Butler team.

So hypothetically saying the Braves get a buzzer-beater and move past Drake.

Up next they will either face Southern Illinois, Illinois State or possibly Northern Iowa and they've lost to each team.

With almost every one of the opponents sharing a victory and loss with the Braves, you could say they have a 50 percent chance. But this year, the glass isn't half full, it's half empty.

- Dru Tate

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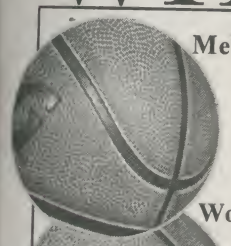

Men's Basketball

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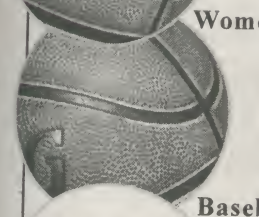


Women's Basketball

Saturday
at 7:05 p.m.
vs. Northern Iowa
at Robertson Memorial
Field House

Baseball

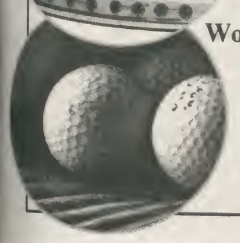
Saturday at 11 a.m. *vs. Dayton* *at Clarksville, Tenn.*	Saturday at 2:30 p.m. *vs. Austin Peay* *at Clarksville, Tenn.*	Sunday 11 a.m. *vs. Austin Peay* *at Clarksville, Tenn.*

Softball

Sunday 9 a.m. *Louisville Tournament* *vs. Virginia* *at Louisville, Ky.*	Sunday 3 p.m. *Louisville Tournament* *vs. IUPUI* *at Louisville, Ky.*	Monday 11 a.m. *Louisville Tournament* *vs. Louisville (DH)* *at Louisville, Ky.*

Women'sTennis

Saturday at 5 p.m. *vs. DePaul* *at Chicago*	Sunday at 1 p.m. *vs. Chicago State* *at Chicago*



Women's Golf

Today at 8 a.m. *Rio Verde Invitational* *at Rio Verde, Ariz.*	Saturday at 8 a.m. *Rio Verde Invitational* *at Rio Verde, Ariz.*	Sunday 8 a.m. *Rio Verde Invitational* *at Rio Verde, Ariz.*

Sport SHORTS

Basketball lands recruit

The men's basketball team officially received a verbal commitment from Dodie Dunson on Tuesday, a week after his decision was first leaked to the public by multiple online recruiting sources.

A 6-foot-2 guard and former Bloomington High School star, Dunson currently plays for a community college called Vincennes University, where he is averaging 10.2 points per game.

Dunson will have two years of eligibility remaining when he joins the Braves next season.

Brett Favre retires after 17-year career

Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre announced his retirement from the NFL on Tuesday, shocking many in the sport.

Favre, who set numerous records during his 17-year career, explained his decision to hang up the cleats in a voicemail message left for ESPN's Chris Mortensen.

"If I felt like coming back, the only way for me to be successful would be to win a Super Bowl," he said. "To go to the Super Bowl and lose, would almost be worse than anything else. Anything less than a Super Bowl win would be unsuccessful."

Favre also said in the message that though he felt fine physically, he was worn down mentally, which he said was another contributing factor in his decision to retire.

Favre walks away from the game as the NFL's all-time leader in touchdown passes, yards and wins by a starting quarterback.

Softball wins three games at weekend tournament. Page A14

Braves fall short in 2OT thriller

Bradley misses 3 last-second chances to win, falls to Creighton in heartbreaker

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The men's basketball team closed out the regular season in thrilling fashion last Saturday night, falling to Creighton 111-110 in double overtime.

The Braves had opportunities to win the game at the end of regulation, as well as both overtime periods, but each attempt fell short.

Playing in his first game back following a two-game suspension on a domestic battery charge, Daniel Ruffin was booed loudly by the Creighton crowd each time he touched the ball.

It didn't appear to bother the senior point guard though, as he poured in a career-high 30 points to lead the Braves in scoring.

Senior guard Jeremy Crouch also turned in an exceptional performance, tying his career high with 29 points, while junior forward Theron Wilson added a double-double by scoring 24 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

But despite the strong showing from the three Bradley players, Creighton sophomore Cavel Witter was unquestionably the game's star.

Witter, the Bluejays' backup point guard, stole the show by scoring an astounding 42 points off the bench.

The game proved to be a back-and-forth affair.

Bradley (17-14, 9-9 MVC) opened the game with a 9-0 run and led by as much as 12 mid-way through the first half.

Creighton (20-9, 10-8 MVC) quickly fought back, using a 26-7 run to build a 41-34 halftime lead.

The battle of runs continued into the second half, and by the time the game entered the home stretch, both squads were neck and neck.

The Braves missed their first chance to secure a win at the end of regulation.

After a pair of Ruffin free throws tied the game at 82-82, the Braves found themselves with the ball again with just 4.5 seconds remaining.

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Junior Rashad Austin rejects a shot from Creighton's P'Allen Stinnett during Saturday night's game. The Braves lost to the Bluejays 111-110 in double overtime. *photo courtesy of Creighton University*

Scahill dominates, as Braves take 1 of 3

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

Rob Scahill

Not yet adjusted to the cold, the baseball team couldn't catch fire with the bats or the leather this weekend and went 1-2 against Eastern Kentucky.

A strong pitching performance led the Braves to a victory in the second game of the series, but Bradley's defense couldn't make plays and gave up double-digit runs in the first and third games.

The defense struggled, giving up nine errors in three games.

Coach Dewey Kalmer said if the team wants to have a winning season, it will have to improve.

"We're still making too many errors. We're still missing signs," he said. "We're not doing all the little things correct."

The defense took a back seat in Game Two when pitcher Rob Scahill took the mound. His 90-plus-mph fastball and eight strikeouts helped Bradley to a 4-0 win.

Scahill sat out last year because of a torn labrum but has bounced back strong this year, pitching two shutout performances in as many games.

"I couldn't have hoped for anything better coming off surgery coming back and throwing two great games," he said.

To change things up and improve the offense, senior captain Dan Brewer and junior outfielder Nick Mitidiero approached Kalmer about switching their spots in the order, moving Brewer from the leadoff spot to the three hole.

Kalmer went with it and said the two players were interchangeable. He compared Brewer and Mitidiero to Alfonso

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MVC tournament critical for basketball team

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

To say the Braves have faced more than their fair share of adversity this season would be a bit of an understatement.

The 2007-08 season has been a tumultuous one for the men's basketball team, with injuries and suspensions slowing a squad picked to finish second in the Missouri Valley Conference by most preseason polls.

But while a 17-14 record might not have been what the Braves expected out of this year, they still have a chance to salvage the season this weekend at the MVC tournament in St. Louis.

With two straight losses to close the regular-season, Bradley squashed any remaining hope of an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, meaning the Braves will have to win if they want their season to last beyond this weekend.

Bradley faces Creighton today at 2:35 p.m. in the tournament quarterfinals, the third time the two teams will match up in the past three weeks.

The Braves split the first two meetings with the Bluejays, winning by 28 at home and falling by one point in double overtime last Saturday.

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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

M BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
DRAKE	15-3	25-4
ILLINOIS STATE	13-5	22-8
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	11-7	17-13
CREIGHTON	10-8	20-9
BRADLEY	9-9	17-14
NORTHERN IOWA	9-9	17-13
MISSOURI STATE	8-10	16-15
INDIANA STATE	8-10	14-15
WICHITA STATE	4-14	11-19
EVANSVILLE	3-15	9-20

W BASKETBALL	MVC	OVERALL
EVANSVILLE	13-3	19-8
ILLINOIS STATE	12-4	22-5
DRAKE	11-5	18-9
CREIGHTON	10-5	17-9
MISSOURI STATE	8-8	10-17
NORTHERN IOWA	8-9	12-16
INDIANA STATE	6-9	12-13
BRADLEY	5-12	11-17
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	4-12	8-18
WICHITA STATE	3-13	9-19

On the Record

"This is classic 16th century punishment where you get your fingers cut off for stealing a penny."

— Geoff Smith, president of Roush Fenway Racing, on driver Carl Edwards being docked 100 points for a minor rule violation

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MODERNIZED HAMLET A HIT

BRADLEY SUCCESSFULLY PULLS OFF AVANT-GARDE VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE MASTERPIECE

STORY BY MARK HEMMER & PAGE DESIGN BY ANTONIO GENTILE

In the original text of Hamlet, Shakespeare makes no mention of the twisted tattoos and generous eye shadow worn by the cast in Bradley's rendition.

He also omitted the usage of cell phones, portable music players and digital cameras. In fact, if Shakespeare himself was on hand at the Hartmann Center, he might not recognize one of his most prolific works.

A skeptic of modernizing classic works might have some complaints upon seeing the costumes and props. But after one scene passes, all complaints are purged with this avant-garde interpretation.

Despite trading tights and goatees for trench coats and *mohawks*, Bradley's version of Hamlet stays honest to its most important aspect – Shakespearian language and storytelling. While the audience needs to adjust to the unconventional scenery, props and attire, they have the provocative words of Shakespeare as a guide. It pulls the entire production together and gives its audience a veritable version.

The words of Shakespeare cannot survive without the powerful delivery of a dynamic cast. Hamlet boasts a cast that more than fit the bill. The title character, played by junior theatre arts major Eric Zuber, was scarily believable. Zuber brings out the biting sarcasm of the character. His lurking, plotting and killing is presented in such a way that there was a sense of mystery about what he would do – or strike – next. Despite his volatility, he remains heroic and funny.

Both Hamlet and his foil Polonius, played by junior advertising major Vincent Desimon, passionately delivers their monologues.

Senior elementary education major Emily Wright said "the monologues were strong, well-delivered and they took me to another place."

The near-perfect delivery of lines makes the 3-hour play seem like it ends too soon.

Ophelia, played by sophomore theatre arts and elementary education major Amber Dettmers, is eventually driven to madness and is well-depicted. The Queen of Denmark and Hamlet's mother Gertrude, played by senior theatre arts major Florence Ann Romano, does an excellent job accenting the role of Polonius as well as some intense confrontations with her son.

"The acting was solid throughout, however, I liked the second half more than the first," Freshman business and psychology major Allen Goebl said.

Of course, Hamlet includes more than just epic monologues and cutting confrontations. It also had a sword fight. In this case, Theatre Department Chair George H. Brown brilliantly choreographs the scuffle between Hamlet and Laertes played by junior theatre arts major, Justin Verstraete.

Bradley's take on Hamlet is a cleaner, crisper reinvention of a classic work. The entire cast turns in good performances, creating a fast-moving yet meaningful experience.

"Hamlet is a thrilling production you shouldn't pass up," freshman AEP major Erica Morris said.

To go or not to go, that is the question. The answer is the former.

Grade: A

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

"Hamlet," 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for students.

Live at the Five Spot presents **"Preston Jackson and Friends,"** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is $6 for student members, $9 for student nonmembers.

SATURDAY

"Hamlet," 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for students.

"Vagina Monologues," 7:30 p.m. in the Michel Student Center ballroom. Admission is $5 for students.

SUNDAY

"Hamlet," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for students.

"SEMI-PRO" ONLY SEMI-ENTERTAINING

BY JUSTINE HARRIS
for Voice

We've all heard the story before. Successful man suffers a loss, gathers up a rag-tag athletic squad to beat the odds and comes out on top in the end, making us crack up along the way.

This generalized plot was funny at first, but has now become old and overdone. "Semi-Pro" is no exception.

"Semi-Pro" is the story of disco sensation Jackie Moon, played by Will Ferrell ("Anchorman"), a washed up one-hit wonder who purchases a semi-professional basketball team, the Flint Tropics. He coaches and plays for his own team, a sad bunch of rookies.

With the new NBA merger in effect, the top four teams from the Tropics' league will become part of the NBA at the end of the season.

Hoping to gain one of those spots, Moon hires Ed Monix, played by Woody Harrelson ("No Country for Old Men"), an ex-Knicks benchwarmer, to revive the spirits of the team and take it to the championship. Monix takes the job because he knows he'll be living in Flint, where his ex-girlfriend Lynn, played by Maura Tierney ("E.R."), lives.

Unfortunately for the audience, it is an hour and a half of one bad SNL skit.

While Ferrell's performance leaves a lot to be desired, a few of his co-stars take the lead on most of the funny lines and scenes.

"Semi-Pro"

Will Ferrell
Andre Benjamin

Grade: C-

Will Arnett ("Arrested Development") and Andrew Daly ("Reno 911!") play the two laughable commentators with a few frames of funny dialogue. Other star cast members include Andre Benjamin (Outkast) as Clarence "Coffee" Black, and Andy Richter ("Blades Of Glory") as Bobby Dee.

There was a recognizable plot, but for the most part, the movie was flooded with pointless scenes that had nothing to contribute to the actual story. These scenes include, but are not limited to, a bear fight, a dangerous poker game/gun accident and a dance routine involving the team members sporting flamingo costumes. Confused yet?

Really, this plot could have been held in any setting and any decade. The only reason it was tuned to the '70s was the ABA-NBA merger, around which the story is set. Big afro hairdos, a disco soundtrack and an intense game of Pong were among the many feeble attempts to assign the script to the '70s. Also included in the mix – too-tight shorts and a glorified abundance of man-thigh.

That decade is over, writers. It's time for a new joke.

While Ferrell has a history of being the go-to funny man, "Semi-Pro" just doesn't make the cut. The plot is skewed and the script is tired.

While a few moments were chuckle-worthy, it wasn't enough to revive the remainder of the film. "Semi-Pro" is the last hurrah for the underdeveloped comedy era.

SUDS IN THE CITY

GRANITE CITY BREWERY

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Grade: A

A LOOK AT EAST PEORIA'S FOAMY SECRET WEAPON

BY ALEX BAHLER

There's a better option out there for serious beer fans in Peoria.

If countless cans of Keystone have you ready to throw in the towel and switch to a nice cabernet, try Granite City in East Peoria for some brews with taste.

Located at 230 Conference Center Drive, the brewery offers premier entrees and sports in high-def, but to quote the slogan of a lesser brew: "it's all about the beer."

With five constant varieties of beer and multiple seasonal brews bubbling up every few months, Granite City has a beer to please almost any palate.

No need to worry about them running out any time soon. Manager Paul Bock estimates the brewery makes 350 gallons of each batch about every three weeks, or 12,500 total glasses of beer, with fermentation lasting between 17 and 24 days.

Here's a breakdown of the five variations the brewery has to offer.

Its lightest beer, the Northern Light, is a golden ale with a distinct American taste falling somewhere between Busch and Miller Lite. It's fine for round after round of beer pong, but it's not worth the $4.25 Granite City charges.

To be honest, the Northern Light doesn't taste nearly as good in a glass as it does in a bowl, with cheese, broccoli and croutons. I'd sooner be inclined to mix ketchup with whiskey than beer with cheese, but the ale and cheddar soup was an excellent primer for the main course, and the only complaint I had was that the bowl was empty too soon.

The Brother Benedict's Bock was slightly darker, but those fearing an overtly strong aftertaste shouldn't shy away. The malty beer had a fantastic, solid taste without being overpowering.

For more bold beer drinkers, the Duke of Wellington IPA has a bitter taste – they really pour in the hops for that one – and the Broad Axe Stout is creamy and dark with a hint of coffee, like Guinness by way of Starbucks. In fact, the latter variety one-upped the centuries-old Irish stout, as it went down smoother than a Guinness typically does.

Knowing newcomers are streaming through daily, the restaurant has a sampler of all five beers. The server even describes the beer in detail for patrons too lazy to read the menu.

Not content to let Old Chicago dominate the beer-as-a-hobby clientele, the restaurant looks to bring back regular consumers with Mug Club. For a $20 entry fee – $10 on half-price Mondays – patrons can join the club and get 25-ounce drafts for only $3.25. Food comes 10-percent-off as well, and members earn points for food and drink purchases, receiving gift cards after racking up a certain amount of points.

Of course, Granite City isn't just a pub with some peanuts to snack on. Its dinners, while pricier than the meat-heavy competition at Logan's Roadhouse next door, should leave those younger than 21 just as satisfied. And no, it doesn't take Quick Cash.

But it's worth the dent in the wallet, and not only because you can make two meals out of your entree.

The spicy chicken burrito rivaled La Bamba's monster creations, and guess who had the better burrito? Adding delicious sides of brown rice, sour cream and salsa, Granite City proves a restaurant doesn't have to specialize in one type of food to excel at it.

Like many microbreweries, Granite City doesn't offer the popular beers available down the street at Wal-Mart. And with five varieties exclusive to central Illinois – the only other locations in the state are in Rockford and Orland Park – ordering anything else would be like buying a Big Mac in Rome.

For the next round, you can catch this writer at Granite City with a 20-ounce glass of Broad Axe. Cheers!

"Animals" only enjoyable for those already in the barn

BY LISA FITCH
for Voice

The one thing every father fears when it comes time for their young daughter's birthday is the one present they always ask for: a horse.

While some parents succumb and others resist, in the end it's the trials and tribulations of owning a beast of burden that is more surprising than the animal's price tag.

Aryn Kyle's debut novel, "The God of Animals," tackles this less-than-glamorous lifestyle of horse rearing through the eyes of troubled 12-year-old Alice Winston.

Alice falls in the age bracket of adolescence, but she is constantly dealing with some very adult issues throughout "God."

Born and bred on a horse ranch in a small town in Colorado, Alice lives a harrowing existence with her daydreaming father, depressed mother and deserting sister.

Joe, the father, is a legacy of sorts, being the third in a line of show horse trainers and breeders. The Winstons pride themselves on their rather short, but distinguished, career of producing horse show winners. However, the family has been down on its luck since Alice's blue-ribbon-winning sister, Nona, left the nest to marry a rodeo cowboy.

Now the overworked family is forced to take in boarders, who just so happen to take the form of rich, bored housewives who sit around drinking and grooming their expensive yet sedentary horses.

Left to fend for herself in this social soup of ill fortune, Alice can't help but feel a sense of loneliness. Her emotional support during these difficult times in none other than her English teacher, with whom she begins to develop a relationship that would surely make any parent's blood boil.

By being caught up in this turmoil of both hard times and hard truths, Alice can't help but grow up in order to survive the personal strife surrounding her and her family.

Despite her relative inexperience, Kyle manages to bring a mature voice to the young Alice. The girl is quick-witted and manages to deal out much needed tongue-lashings to the often thickheaded characters in "God," relieving the reader of many constant exasperations concerning adults in the novel who seem to have a lesser grip on life than Alice does.

However, Alice always seems willing to help out her fellow man, it is this recurring "helping out" that seems awfully unrealistic.

While Alice appears to be a competent, albeit emotionally confused individual, it seems unlikely a young girl would be the guiding light for those with issues such as marital problems.

Though Alice becomes the book's miniature counselor, "God" never seems to get past its own sense of hopelessness.

All characters in the book, whether they're a poor rancher or a rich snob, never seem to catch a break. Occasionally, a ray of hope is able to pierce through, but is soon doused upon with more misfortune. So while "God" may bring up some good points, it's hard to see them as worthwhile endeavors since the hopes and dreams of all the characters are promptly crushed.

However, Kyle shows definite signs of promise as a writer. Her prose is unique and well-structured. For those wanting to delve into a less romanticized version of the show horse world, "God" surely delivers. On the other hand, those looking for a book showcasing an upbeat worldview should look elsewhere.

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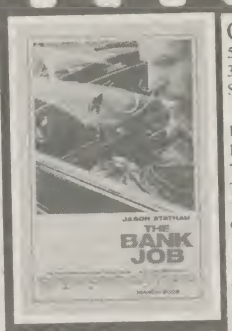

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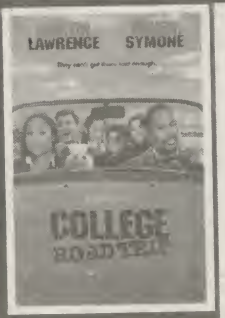

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Indie from Indy

Experimental Midwest band bares its new teeth

BY MATT BENTEL
for Voice

In anticipation of its fourth full-length record, "Red of Tooth and Claw," Bloomington, Ind. natives Murder by Death tried to create demand for the vinyl release of the record by promising random, miscellaneous gifts with each purchase.

Along with the typical pin or poster, the band insisted two lucky buyers would receive a free copy of the long-out-of-print first recording when the band was known as Little Joe Gould. The band admitted the EP sounds nothing like its present style. Truer words have never been spoken, and they can just as easily apply to Murder By Death's newest effort.

Gone are the experimental expressions of earlier releases, characterized by a driving piano and cello section, post-rock instrumentation and dark overtones.

Since its first full-length, "Like The Exorcist, But More Breakdancing," Murder By Death has been quietly but ostentatiously moving away from the experimental inklings to more alternative country, western-oriented music.

With 2006's "In Bocca al Lupo," the band showed a progressive writing style slowly morphing into something reminiscent of the late Johnny Cash and the rolling country tunes flowing out of Memphis circa the 1950s.

With the deliverance of "Red of Tooth and Claw," Murder By Death makes a reflective statement – albeit a small, weak interjection – about its music. It's through with the evil, gothic tales and is sticking with western-themed woes.

Murder By Death

"Red of Tooth and Claw"

Vagrant; 2008

Grade: C-

The album opens with the appropriately titled "Comin' Home," a dynamic track doubling as a communique to veteran fans: this is the new Murder By Death, take it or leave it.

Frontman Adam Turla echoes the memory of Cash through his near-perfect replication of the Man in Black's deep, distinct voice. The rockabilly percussion, handled by Dagan Thogerson, replacing founding band mate Alex Schrodt, acts more like a pacemaker while the rhythmic guitar keeps tempo. As Turla sings, "I'm comin' home / I ain't comin' home for you / I'm comin' home / and there ain't nothin' you can do about it," the song seems to be attacking possible criticism the band might receive for any stylistic changes made over the past couple years.

As fantastic and energetic as the opening track is, from there the record starts its slow descent into mediocrity and machinated western appeal. Songs such as "Ball & Chain" and "Rumbrave" ache for a late '50s Tennessee bar to be played in and feature some of the most contrived lines on the record ("whiskey was for supper / we couldn't ask for better").

Murder By Death breaks the self-induced monotony with the 3-minute instrumental "Theme (For Ennio Morricone)."

Acting as a showcase for Sarah Balliet's cellist abilities, Murder By Death gradually builds and fleshes out the song with military-style drum rolls and horns.

Former keyboardist Vincent Edwards makes his first appearance since 2003's "Who Will Survive," and "What Will Be Left Of Them?" Consequently, the song takes after that record's sound, creating one of the rare bright spots on "Red of Tooth and Claw."

While many yearn for the musical styling of "Like The Exorcist," Murder By Death's progression over the years has been interesting and enjoyable, inadvertently increasing the band's shelf life. But when the eclectic tendencies disappear and are overwhelmed by a fascination (in this case, a western influence), all that is left is a mediocre imitation with no substance or creativity.

I'm not sure exactly what Murder By Death was trying to achieve with "Red of Tooth and Claw" – possibly a western revival in indie rock. Maybe Turla always wanted to be a whiskey-worn, weary American musician.

Whatever it was, it was certainly missed here.

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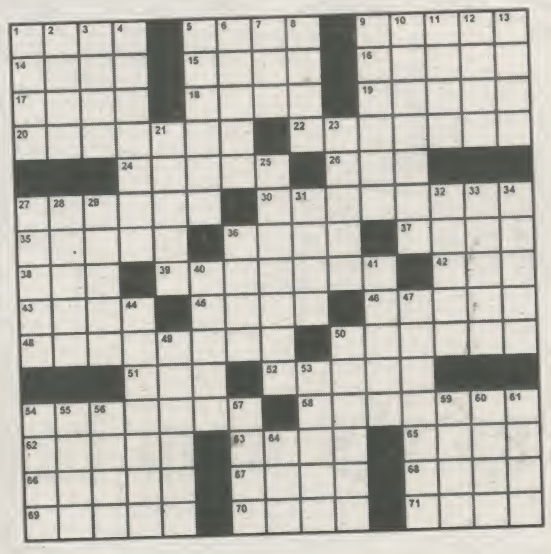

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19- Stare angrily
20- Subordinate type
22- Joke teller
24- New Zealand aboriginal
26- Gangster's gun
27- Leave
30- Arthropod having numerous legs
35- Gnu cousin
36- Lodge letters
37- Wander
38- Pitch
39- Orator
42- Electrically charged particle
43- Famous last words
45- Narrow path for walkers, cars or ships
46- Fertile area in a desert
48- Strike again
50- Assent
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52- Tall and thin
54- Red powdery condiment
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65- Moon of Jupiter
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67- Prepare for publication
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10- Premier player
11- Narrow strip of wood
12- Ripped
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27- Prevent
28- Overjoy
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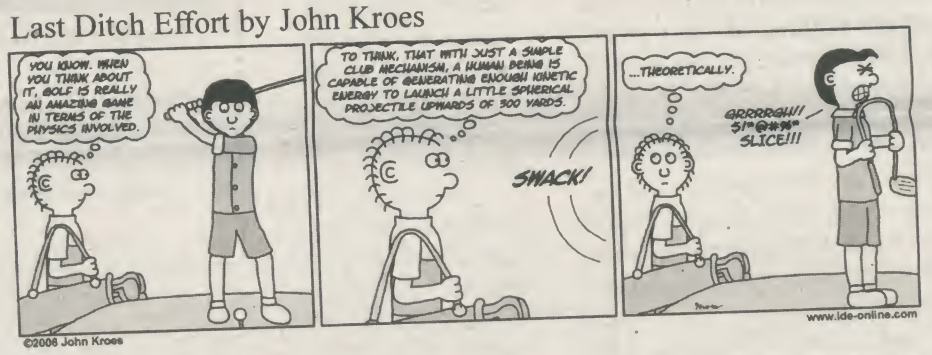

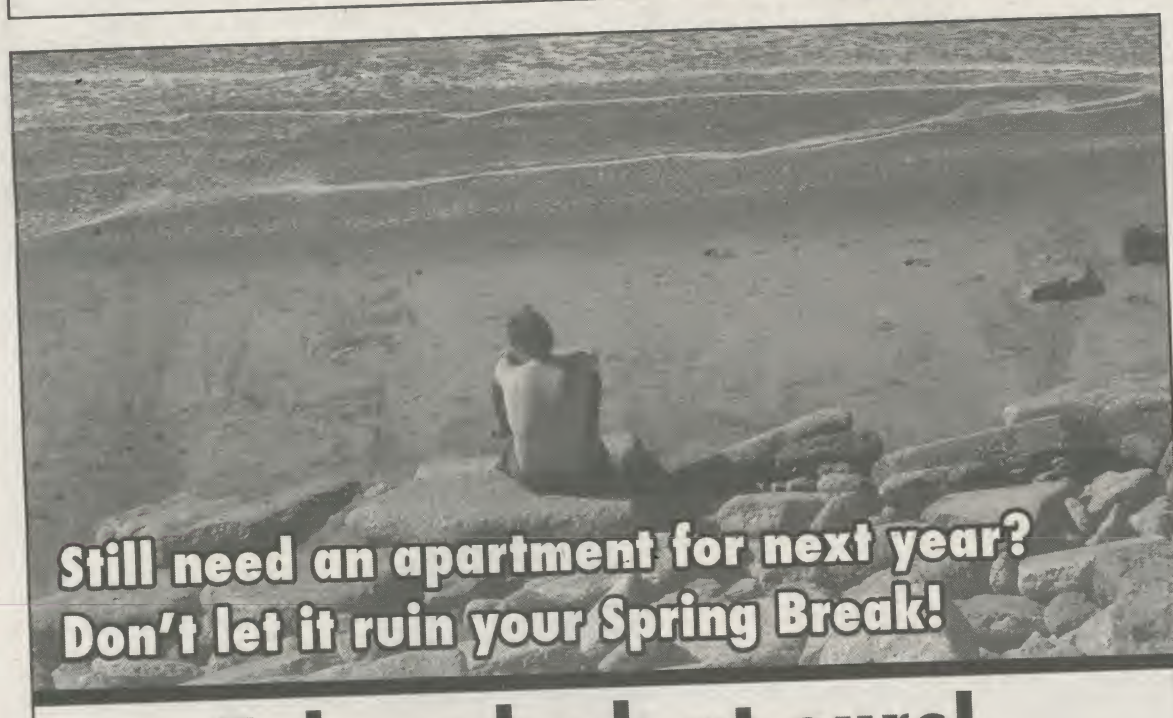

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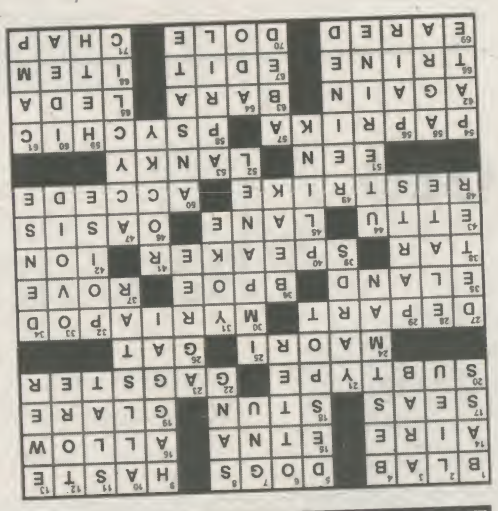

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"Faith is not knowing where you're going but going anyways." - JM

A good energetic Zeta is Lambda's boast "strength from 'Delta Pi'" our motto, to each through union; excellent character only, knowing no retreating steps.

When you die, if you get a choice between going to regular heaven or pie heaven, choose pie heaven. It might be a trick, but if not .... mmmmm, boy! - An insightful tidbit of knowledge from your friends at Theta Chi

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Renee: Paper Yoda rocks, and so do biscuit paintings!

Hi, Dayna.

HOW TO

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clean while in college

Give stress the boot, chase away the flu, beat the blues

Story and Page Design by Erin Wood

When March rolls around, most students' minds are focused on Spring Break. But the season also brings spring cleaning.

While picking up a sponge or plugging in the vacuum likely doesn't sound too appealing, cleaning your dorm, apartment or house is essential to healthier living, both physically and mentally.

Brian Tun, director of health promotion at the Peoria City/County Health Department said college students don't clean often enough, especially considering close living environments.

"Cleaning is always good for personal hygiene and reducing sickness," he said. "If you have a good, clean environment, that helps your mood, too."

With the flu still prominent on campus, Tun said now is the perfect time to disinfect your space and get rid of flu-causing germs.

Tun also said a clean and organized room can help raise grades.

"A clean space actually raises your motivation to study," Tun said.

While there are only a few months left of school, you can make your place spick-and-span before you hunker down to study for midterm and final exams.

A clean space also puts you in a better mood and fights depression, Tun said, and the actual act of cleaning helps eliminate stress.

All you need is some free time and a game plan. And you don't have to skip class to get your place satisfyingly spotless.

Make your bed

The first step might seem obvious, but making your bed can make all the difference. The bed is the focal point of a bedroom, especially in a small one. Beds often double as the couch in dorms, and your friends don't want to hang out on your scrambled sheets.

While you may forget about your sheets when you're doing laundry, strip them off next time and wash them. You'll feel better sleeping in a clean bed, and you're friends will appreciate their newly cleaned couch.

Disinfect

Disinfect your stuff. Buy some all-purpose surface cleaner and a roll of cheap paper towels. Tun said a bit of bleach mixed with a bucket of hot water will also do the trick.

"Wiping your area down is essential," he said. "When you live in a dorm or house with other college students, you have a very high risk of getting infections."

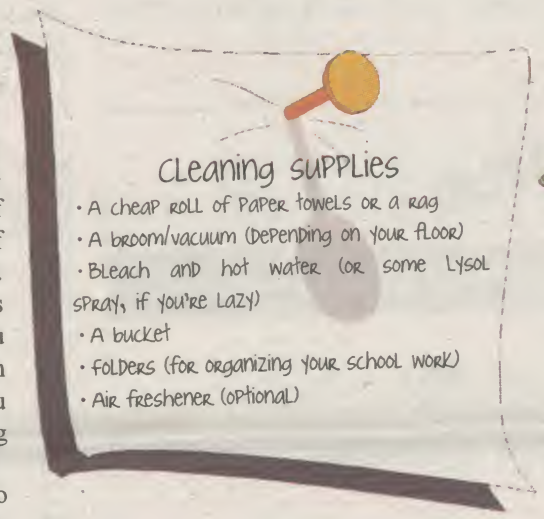
If you don't have time to wipe down everything, Tun said Lysol or other disinfectant spray is the next best option.

Start with the things that are touched most often, such as desktops, countertops, the microwave and the refrigerator. Don't forget doorknobs. While you're cleaning the refrigerator, throw out expired food and old leftovers while you're at it.

Move onto electronics, such as your computer and TV because they attract the most dust. But these just need dusting with a dry cloth because water and electricity obviously don't mix well.

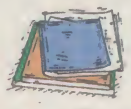
If you don't live in a dorm, wipe down your sinks and shower, too. And don't forget the toilet.

If you have some extra cash, splurge a little on some Clorox Disinfecting Wipes so you have a quick way to keep your apartment germfree for the rest of the year.



Cleaning supplies

- A cheap roll of paper towels or a rag
- A broom/vacuum (depending on your floor)
- Bleach and hot water (or some Lysol spray, if you're lazy)
- A bucket
- Folders (for organizing your school work)
- Air freshener (optional)



Organize

Assuming you go to class, you likely have a lot of papers, folders, notebooks, textbooks and the like. Getting this stuff organized will not only make your space cleaner, it will help you out in class, too.

Go through papers and figure out what you don't need for the rest of the semester. Trash them if you're sure you won't need them. Take a trip to Wal-Mart and buy a couple of folders. Organize your clutter and separate your classes into different folders if you don't already do that. While you're in the process of organizing papers, go through your desk, purse and wallet and throw out old homework sheets, receipts and mail if they're sticking around from last semester or before.

Clean the floors

Get out your vacuum and clean your carpet. If you don't have a vacuum, borrow one because this step is essential.

"Dirt and dust are all over your floor," Tun said. "Dirty floors lead to allergies and infections, so don't make it a once-a-year habit."

Reach under chairs, tables and dressers to get all the nooks and crannies.

If you have tile floors in a kitchen or bathroom, you'll need to mop. Vacuum or sweep first to get the big stuff. Then get an everyday mop or sponge and get out that same bucket of bleach and hot water. Scrub the floors, starting in the corner furthest from the door of the room. Don't forget to wring and rinse while you go, otherwise you're not really cleaning.

Take any rugs outside and shake them out. You can even vacuum them if you're feeling ambitious.

Top it off

Don't forget to wash your dishes and do your laundry on a regular basis. Put your dirty clothes in a hamper and organize your shoes. And don't forget to take out the trash.

Lastly, spray an air freshener to top off your clean place.

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BU student fatally hit by car

Friend not indicted for allegedly pushing Bradley junior into traffic

Witnesses and neighbors gather on University Street at the scene of the accident that killed Bradley student Robert Hurt on March 8. Hurt was allegedly pushed into oncoming traffic by childhood friend Brandon Gish, a Southern Illinois University Edwardsville student. *photo by Zach Neff*

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Robert Hurt

A Peoria County grand jury decided Wednesday not to indict the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville student who was charged with one felony count of reckless conduct for allegedly pushing a Bradley student into oncoming traffic.

Usually, a grand jury indicts a person after he has been charged, but Peoria County prosecutors may now have to prove in a preliminary hearing that they have enough evidence to go forward with the case.

Brandon Gish, 19, reportedly pushed Bradley junior Robert Hurt, a childhood friend, onto University Street near campus on March 8.

The two were walking with about five other people along the west side of University near its intersection with Russell Street. Gish and Hurt were playing around, and Gish allegedly pushed Hurt onto University.

Hurt was struck by the passenger side of a car traveling southbound on University, and he was pronounced dead hours later at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Gish was arrested and transported to Peoria County Jail, where he was booked on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

That charge was later dropped to the lesser charge of reckless conduct, and Gish was released from jail on $10,000 bond. He and Bradley junior Brooke Rumbold were also ticketed for underage drinking.

Toxicology tests showed Hurt's blood alcohol content at the time of his death was .197.

"I'm not going to deny that we were drinking," Rumbold said. "But honestly, it could have happened anyway. We were walking down the street like people do. Rob stumbled, but the same thing could have happened if alcohol wasn't involved."

Still, the incident has raised

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Task force breaks up hotel parties

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

Editor's note: The Scout rode with Illinois State Police officers on March 7 to witness firsthand the Operation Campus/TAP program. An account of the events are detailed in this story.

Operation Campus/TAP patrolled Peoria hotels throughout the weekend of March 7 in search of underage drinkers attending the IHSA basketball tournament.

Officers didn't have to look far – of the 11 tickets issued on March 7, officers issued seven to underage students consuming alcohol in the first hotel patrolled, the Holiday Inn City Centre.

"The door was open, and they were coming down the hall with two coolers," Tony Halsey, of the Illinois State Police said.

He also said the door being open with alcohol in sight was enough probable cause to enter the room.

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"The door was open, I can articulate that's all I need [to enter]," he said.

Once inside the room, police found a bathtub full of alcohol, totaling 11 cases of beer, along with eight open cans on the dresser and desk.

Most men in the room did not argue with the officers, but 20-year-old University of St. Francis student Troy Keltner was handcuffed and looking to spend the weekend in Peoria County Jail after arguing with Halsey. After Keltner's father arrived, police decided not to arrest him and instead wrote him the Peoria ordinance, which carries a $375 fine.

Twenty-year-old Blake Becke of Freeport, said he didn't feel

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College students have highest rate of alcohol deaths

BY SARAH RAIDBARD and LAUREN REES
of the Scout

More than 1,700 college students died from alcohol-related injuries in 2001, according to the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse.

Student deaths account for about one-third of all alcohol-related deaths while only about 3 percent of the United States population is college students, according to a data analysis performed by the Scout.

Alcohol-related deaths at colleges and universities have increased about 200 since 1998, as Bradley has witnessed two students' deaths related to alcohol this school year alone.

University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, housing over 40,000 students, has witnessed no student deaths related to alcohol, UIUC Police Lt. Roy Acree said.

Kerri Calvert, health promotion coordinator of Illinois State University, said the same of ISU, a university with an enrollment of over 20,000 students.

"The odds of it happening are pretty high," University Police Chief Dave Baer said. "The fact that it has happened doesn't deter it from happening again. The fact that it occurred twice in one year is unfortunate."

Baer said he thinks it's difficult

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WEEKEND **WEATHER** FORECAST

Today
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Saturday
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*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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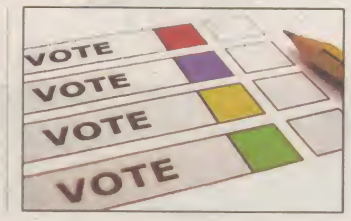

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Bradley gears up for student body elections.
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Bradley Briefs

• Applications are available for the editor-in-chief and business manager positions of the Scout, station manager and operations manager positions of the Edge and editor and business manager positions of Broadside. Applications can be picked up at Sisson Hall 115 and must be returned by April 9.

• Comedian Jo Koy will visit campus from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight in Lydia's Lounge.

• The Bradley Speech Team will perform "Night Before Nationals" tonight and Saturday in Neumiller Lecture Hall. A PG-rated show will be performed at 6:30 p.m. and a R-rated show will be performed at 8 p.m. Admission is $5.

• Brian Seyforth will host his tuba student recital from 7:30 to 9 p.m. tonight in Dingledine Music Center. Admission is free.

• Barbeque Kitten will perform from 5 to 6 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday in Global Communications Center 126. Admission is $2.

• The Bradley Chorale and Chamber Singers will perform from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students and $5 for the general public.

• Habitat for Humanity will host an ice cream social from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday outside Center Court. Sundaes are $2.

• Habitat for Humanity will host House of Oppression from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday on Olin Quad. Students can write stereotypes of the homeless on a house that will be torn down.

• Habitat for Humanity will host Habitat Olympics from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday on Olin Quad. Events include a relay race and tug of war. To sign up a team, e-mail dhancoop@bradley.edu.

• The Bradley High School Honor Choir will perform from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students and $5 for the general public.

Around the World

Western Illinois classes resume after written threat

Western Illinois University returned to its regular schedule on Thursday, a day after Macomb police found a note alluding to a campus shooting.

Police notified the university early Wednesday morning that a letter had been found in a drop-box located in an off-campus apartment complex. The note claimed there would be a shooting on Western's campus the same day.

The university issued emergency warnings via the Western Emergency Alert System and its Web page. the campus police called in additional officers from the state police, Macomb police and McDonough County Sheriff's Police to patrol campus.

Several events scheduled at the university Wednesday were postponed or moved, including the Western vs. Bradley tennis matches, which were moved to Bradley.

Info taken from www.pjstar.com.

University of Illinois, other colleges to raise tutition

The University of Illinois Board recently voted to raise tuition to $12,000 and room and board to over $8,000 bringing the total cost to over $20,000 at its Urbana-Champaign campus.

This is the first time a public university in Illinois will cost more than $20,000.

For students in journalism, engineering and fine arts programs the cost will be even greater.

UIUC is not the only state school to raise tuition, Northeastern, Western and Southern Illinois Universities, along with UIUC's other campuses in Chicago and Springfield, have also raised tuition.

Info taken from www.chicagotribune.com.

Afghanistan limits cell phone service

After recent Taliban attacks on telecom towers cell phone companies have cut service across southern Afghanistan during the nighttime hours.

That disruption in service has angered a quarter million customers who have no other telephone access.

The Taliban began attacking the towers after claiming the U.S. and NATO were tracking them via the signals from their cell phones. The 10 towers that have been attacked have caused about $2 million in damages.

The service disruption has the potential to stifle international investments in that country during a pivotal time.

Afghan citizens aren't the only ones asking for the service to be turned back on - even some Taliban fighters have requested for the disruptions to come to an end, A. Sangin, Afghanistan's telecommunications minister, told the Chicago Tribune.

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The Library Column

This weeks Did You Know?

The Library's electronic resources include access to over 25,000 full text journals.

Coming events:

The Bradley University island in Second Life will have its gala Grand Opening the week of March 30—April 5. Come look around and see what we've been up to. Check out Barbara's blog "Can We Talk" on the Library's home page for more details.

News

Cullom-Davis Library offered "Midnight Munchies" once again during fall finals week. This program was initiated in Fall 2005 and continues to grow in popularity. During finals week coffee and tea are served 24/7 and snacks are served at midnight in the library break room. Library staff members work year round to secure donations and organize volunteers. The Bradley Fellows have also become an important component contributing to the program's success. Food and drinks are entirely funded through donations from individuals, campus organizations and departments, and local businesses. The library is proud to provide this comforting service to our hard-working students during this stressful time of year! Anyone can help by donating food, money or time! Please contact Sharon Obery – sobery@bradley.edu – 677-2850.

Barbara's Thought of the Week:

We do not stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing.

Campus/TAP makes several visits this month

Task Force issues no tickets to Bradley students during March Madness

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Operation Campus/TAP issued a total of 26 citations for underage drinking and alcohol-related incidents to attendants at local hotels and apartment complexes during the first two weekends in March.

Though the state police program was created to reduce and deter underage drinking, police did not issue drinking tickets to Bradley students. The tickets were written to underage attendants at the IHSA Basketball Tournaments.

Illinois State Police Master Sergeant Fred Winterroth said the task force will keep returning to Peoria until underage drinkers learn from their mistakes.

"We go to where we have success and where we continually find underage drinkers," he said. "Until people stop breaking the law we will continue to go to places we know we can find violators, and we will keep coming back until they get the point."

Winterroth said the task force not only looks for places where parties might take place, but it also checks that alcohol establishments are not selling alcoholic beverages to minors.

Freshman public relations *major Shayna* Jensky said the Campus/TAP's visits don't stop her from going to parties on the weekends but it does affect where she goes.

"I haven't been caught yet and I have never been close to getting caught," she said. "I still go out to parties but if I know task force is coming I tend to stay away from parties that have gotten caught numerous times."

Sophomore early childhood education major Elana Dermer said the task force's visits are a greater risk than reward, and also affect her decisions to attend parties.

"I can't afford a fine nor do I want one," she said. "But I'm in college and I want to be able to have fun just as others have in the past and task force prevents that to some extent."

Though no tickets were issued on Bradley's campus, Winterroth said he thinks Campus/TAP does make a difference.

"Students will post signs around when they know we are coming, and we find fewer people drinking," he said. "When they know we are coming, students go some place else or hide it. It's still breaking the law and unsafe for students to do."

Jensky said she respects what the task force is trying to do but its visits will not stop minors from drinking at parties.

"I think [students] are learning how to avoid task force," she said. "They won't stop drinking. Students are just getting sneakier with drinking."

Dermer said she understands the task force's need to visit campus but said she thinks its visits should be more limited.

"I don't disagree with it but [they] should come one to two times a semester, not every weekend," she said. "I feel that students are being more cautious but not learning what task force hopes to preach. Although I can't think of any, I feel that there are better ways that [task force] could preach less drinking."

Eight cases of beer rest inside a bathtub at the Holiday Inn City Centre. Seven minors were ticketed for illegal consumption of alcohol by Illinois State Police during the IHSA Basketball Tournament in this hotel room.

photos by Pat Oldendorf

Two minors dump out alcohol after being ticketed for drinking underage March 7 at the Holiday Inn City Centre.

Students begin campaigns for officer positions

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Campaigning began Monday for student body officer positions, which will be decided by the April 7-8 election.

Two tickets are in the running, as well as three independent candidates.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric is up for re-election as a graduate student, alongside Ben Koch for vice president, Sharika House for secretary and Owen Irwin for treasurer.

"I think that new perspective can still be obtained if I am president again," Ticaric said. "I will have new senators, new executive members, new ideas and a new student body."

On the other ticket, Erica Hammock is running for president, Maggie Hammar for secretary and Jake Schmitt for treasurer.

Luke Soltis is independently seeking to become vice president, Lisa Beltrame for secretary and Jessica Fabiszak for treasurer.

House is the only candidate not currently serving on Student Senate.

Ticaric is the only student body officer in the run. Koch, Irwin and Hammar are committee chairpersons, and all other candidates are senators.

Last year's voter turnout was high at about 20 percent, Election Subcommittee chairwoman Hannah Thurwanger said.

She said she hopes for the turnout to be equally as high this year.

Voting will begin April 7 at 9 a.m. and end April 8 at 5 p.m.

Need help choosing a candidate?
Attend the debate at 9 p.m. April 2 in the U-Hall lounge.

Voting begins April 7 at 9 a.m. and ends April 8 at 5 p.m.

Log on to www.busenate.com and cast your vote electronically or fill out a ballot in the Michel Student Center.

Students may vote online at www.busenate.com or in the Michel Student Center.

Thurwanger said the online voting has helped gain a higher voter turnout.

"It's more accurate, quicker and convenient," she said.

Thurwanger said her committee will be hanging posters and advertising not only for the election, but for the 9 p.m. April 2 debate in the U-Hall lounge.

She said it's an important event that not many students have attended in the past.

Hammock said she agrees the debate is extremely important.

She said she's running for president because there's a lot she'd like to see changed on campus.

Hammock said she would like to see better academic advisement as well as changes made to the library.

"There's currently attempts to better the library but no execution," she said. "It's something every student would benefit from."

Bradley completes switch to B-Mail

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

B-Mail has replaced WebMail as the e-mail provider for Bradley, and those who put off the switch were forced to do so during Spring Break.

WebMail now only exists so students and faculty can retrieve saved messages, but this feature is for a limited time. After May graduation, WebMail will go away completely.

Flyers informing students about the switch were posted in dorms and around campus at the end of fall semester. Those who were not signed up for B-Mail, Bradley's version of Goodle Mail, at Spring Break were forced to switch to the new server.

Sophomore Spanish education major Kristy Morrison only made the switch when she realized she was no longer receiving e-mails.

"About two weeks before Spring Break, my Hall Director told me that he didn't think I was getting his e-mails," said the Assistant Resident Adviser in Williams Hall. "I knew I was going to have to switch eventually, but I didn't want to go through the hassle of it."

Though WebMail still exists, students must be careful because messages sent to "bradley.edu" and "hilltop.bradley.edu" addresses are no longer forwarded to B-Mail. Students won't get those messages unless they check WebMail. All students now have "mail.bradley.edu" addresses.

Students were first informed in Spring 2007 that Bradley would soon be trying out a new e-mail system allowing students to keep their Bradley e-mail addresses after graduation.

"I switched to B-Mail right away because I didn't really like WebMail," said Curtis Starkey, a sophomore finance and economics major. "I love G-Mail because it has really good spam filters and the ability to chat, so I figured B-Mail would be the same."

New features expand storage and lifetime usage, and students can communicate through instant messages.

However, students still had to switch their addresses and stored messages to the new system by hand.

"The real reason I hadn't switched was because I didn't want to go through the process of switching my address book," Morrison said.

B-Mail also keeps track of all messages between two addresses in one window.

"That is one feature I don't like because I feel like I respond to something and then lose the original message," Morrison added.

It also gives students the ability to send messages to groups of people and keep track of multiple responses.

Speech team wins state, prepares for nationals

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

The Bradley Speech Team poses in front of a bus before heading to a tournament. The team recently won the state championship and will soon compete in the national tournament. *Photo courtesy of Dan Smith*

March Madness is well underway, but one Bradley team has already won the gold.

Just before Spring Break, the Speech Team took first place at the state competition, beating the other teams with a landslide victory. Between Bradley and the second place team, there was more than a 200-point difference.

For Bradley, the victory at the state competition comes as no surprise. According to the team's Web site, it has won more than 30 state titles, with at least 14 consecutive wins at state.

With this year's state title already in its grasp, the speech team is gearing up for the national competitions, which will take place in early and mid April.

Unlike other sports, speech tournaments are organized differently. Throughout the year, students compete for individual titles which qualify them for placement in the National Forensics Association and the American Forensics Association.

While the state titles look good on their record sheets and help the team attract members from across the country, they have no effect on individuals' participation in the national competitions.

Freshman secondary education major CJ Plunkett said the state titles are more eye candy than anything.

"Seeing the list of titles, both national and state, as an incoming freshman makes people look at the team as a powerful force on campus," Plunkett said. "They point out our achievements and people just want to be a part of that."

However, it is the national titles that make the team as prestigious as it is. With more than 30 combined team titles from both national competitions, the speech team has earned a ranking among speech team greats.

"In high school, I competed at the Bradley high school tournament all four years so I knew what the team on campus was all about," Plunkett said. "I knew that they were good at what they did and when choosing a school, it definitely became a determining factor."

Coach Dan Smith said the team's history is what makes it so appealing and notable when it comes to competing.

"Our tradition is our edge," said Smith. "We know what it takes to succeed, and where we have made mistakes in the past. Most importantly, as we approach a new era of the team and the university's commitment to it, we can only get better."

So while they may be celebrating their most recent victory, the team members know they still have a long way to go before they can rest easy.

Plunkett said members of the speech team practice consistently every day in preparation to compete in the weekly tournaments throughout the year.

"The amount of practice we put in each week shows in the end product," Plunkett said. "Practice is the only way to become consistent. To consistently win, we have to consistently practice."

In preparing for the tournaments, Smith looks at the different way his team gets ready for competitions in comparison to other teams.

"Well, I wouldn't put the team up against the soccer or basketball teams in a physical stamina competition, but I'd take that chance in a test of mental strength and determination," Smith said. "Forensics is unique in that team success is built on individual success. Thus, when team members win their individual events at tournaments, those victories translate into points that help the team win as well. To that degree, we have the best of both worlds in terms of individual versus team competition."

This continued success, while looking great on paper, comes with its own problems.

"Excellence breeds excellence," said Smith. "The tradition of success we have here is indeed a burden on us, but also serves as an inspiration and a road map of how to excel."

To top off their preparation, the team members will offer a two-night performance in which they showcase pieces being taken to nationals in an event called "Night Before Nationals."

This year's "Night Before Nationals" will take place tonight and tomorrow night at 6:30 and 8 p.m. in Neumiller lecture hall for a $5 admission charge to help support the costs for nationals. The later show is rated R for content of the pieces.

Smith said despite what happens at the national tournaments, the feeling he gets from watching the students grow is indescribable.

"I feel extraordinarily blessed for the 14 years I have had here at Bradley. I have seen teams win and lose, excel and underachieve, but most importantly I have been able to watch students *blossom into capable, credible,* cogent communicators," Smith said. "And in the grand scheme of things, it's both the skills and the memories you take from this team that I think are most important. I'm sure most of the individual trophies are gathering dust in basements and attics, but the intangible benefits are seen every day."

New plan outlines campus emergency protocol

Student affairs creates phone chain list to inform campus community of emergencies

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Student Affairs' recent release of a document titled "Communication Protocols for 'Campus Event'" details the chain of phone calls to be used in the event of campus emergencies.

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky called the plan a "working document subject to modification."

The one-page plan is a result of many discussions on who should be called first in case of emergency, what his or her responsibility is and who to call next.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said the protocol is short for simplicity and faster reaction time.

The document is divided into three parts depending on the situation's nature.

First is matters involving students/human life safety, second is matters involving facilities/human life safety and third is other matters involving loss of life/accident/incidents not calling for immediate response.

According to the protocol, if the problem causes immediate danger, the dispatcher triggers ForeWarn text messaging and Web alert and contacts the public relations director to activate additional ForeWarn communications.

The police phone Galsky, who, in cooperation with President Joanne Glasser, determines the situation's level of emergency.

He phones staff needed to respond to the specific situation, provost and PRD.

The PRD phones the assistant vice president and vice president of advancement as appropriate.

The police phone the vice president of Business Affairs, the business manager and others as necessary.

"The whole point of it is to get the right people involved as soon as possible so the right decisions can be made," Galsky said.

Galsky said Bradley officials used the protocol about 10 times and it works.

"It doesn't have to be a campus emergency that makes CNN headlines," he said.

He said he's used it in situations ranging from missing students to the recent death of junior mechanical engineering major Rob Hurt.

In the case of Hurt, Galsky said he knew students would need counseling so he notified counselors.

The second part of the document entails what would happen if there was an emergency in one of the campus facilities.

Galsky said a couple weeks ago, the Cullom-Davis Library's fire alarm went off twice in one day. He wasn't involved because he doesn't deal with facility issues, but he said the problem was addressed and taken care of using the protocol, which instructs the facility to immediately notify police, building occupants and those needed to fix the problem.

"It was a false alarm, but it might not have been," he said. "This system gets used a lot more than someone who isn't involved would think."

Galsky said Bradley always had a crisis management plan and team. He said the document adds specificity to those plans.

"It's very clear who calls who under what circumstances," he said.

In addition to the specified protocol, Galsky has taken other steps in campus security.

"Because of the increased priority in safety and security of this campus and the times we live in ... I've initiated an on-call system within the division of Student Affairs," he said.

When Galsky is in town, he's on call in case of emergency. If he's out of town, he appoints someone from his safety and security advisory committee to respond to emergencies if needed.

Student Affairs recently released the Students in Distress Pamphlet, and in the last couple of months, faculty and staff reported eight cases of students they were concerned about.

Galsky said officials are testing loud speakers for emergency announcements. There is a speaker on Bradley Hall and another will be added on Student Apartment Complex to get the messages out from opposite sides of campus.

Additionally, Bradley officials have talked with outside organizations such as OSF St. Francis Medical Center and the American Red Cross, who will assist in case of a wide-scale emergency.

"We have made a great, great deal of progress in this area within the last 10 months," Galsky said.

Parents' Weekend offers events, entertainment

BY EDGAR ORTIZ
for the Scout

Parents' Weekend begins next Friday with a variety of events giving students the opportunity to spend time with their families.

Activities Council Adviser Michelle Whited said Parents' Weekend is an exciting time.

"It's a great time for parents because they get to see their children and hopefully the weather will be nice by then," she said.

Whited said spring attendance is about half of the attendance in the fall.

"Parents are so busy at home during the spring, so we expect less attendance this spring than last fall," she said.

Freshman international relations major Veronica Quintero said it's a great opportunity for parents to see what their kids are up to.

"Parents get to see how their kids live, how well-rounded they are and they also get to meet their friends," she said.

Whited said the parents who come are usually those of both lower and upperclassmen, but the majority of parents are those of freshmen students.

"Since for freshmen it's their first time away from home, I think parents have more desire to come and check how they are doing," she said.

There will be a variety of activities for students and parents to take part in, but Whited said two of the top favorites are the musical improvisation ensemble and the faux designer purse sale.

"The musical comedy is something different and it's a lot of fun," she said. "Also, the purse design sale because you get to design your own purse which would be a lot of fun, especially for girls."

Although many parents may not be able to make it, Quintero is already planning her parent's weekend.

"My mom is coming from Chicago, and I can't wait to see her," she said. "We are probably going to some of the events planned, and going out for dinner and shopping."

Sophomore electrical engineering major Jim Kirchhoff said he hasn't planned what he will do with his parents.

"I will probably just show them around my fraternity and maybe force them to take me out for a free dinner," he said. "We might as well just check out the musical improvisation ensemble."

The musical ensemble will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Michel Student Center Ballroom.

For sophomore electrical engineering major Patrick Ellis, Parents' Weekend will be a regular weekend.

"I don't think my parents will be able to make it," he said. "To tell you the truth, I actually forgot that Parents' Weekend was coming up."

Other activities include Bradley Men's Baseball vs. Creighton at 6 p.m. April 5 at O'Brien Field and a Student Piano Recital at 7:30 p.m. the same day at the Dingeldine Music Center.

For a more complete list of scheduled activities and local hotels, visit www.bradley.edu/ccd/parentsweekend/#events.

Parents' Weekend Events

Friday

Bradley Men's Baseball vs. Creighton, 6:00 p.m., O'Brien Field
ACBU Movie: National Treasure, 8:00 p.m., Marty Theatre

Saturday

Chi Omega Golf Tournament, 8:00 a.m., Weaverridge Golf Course
Habitat for Humanity 5k Race, 8:00 a.m., Haussler Hall
Kappa Delta Pancake Breakfast, 10:00 a.m., 1514 Fredonia Ave.
Parents' Lunch Buffet, 11:30 a.m., Williams Cafeteria
Dance Marathon Purse Sale, 12:00 p.m., U-Hall Lounge
Bradley Men's Tennis vs. Creighton, 1:00 p.m., Markin Tennis Courts
Bradley Men's Baseball vs. Creighton, 2:00 p.m., O'Brien Field
ACBU Presents: Baby Wants Candy, 8:00 p.m., Michel Student Center Ballroom

Sunday

Parents' Weekend Brunch, 10:00 a.m., Geisert Cafeteria
Hillel House Bagel Brunch, 12:00 p.m., 702 N. Duryea
Bradley Men's Tennis vs. Drake, 1:00 p.m., Markin Tennis Courts

Alumni Dining Room accepts student meal plans for lunch

BY ANNABELLE VANG
for the Scout

Meal plans are now accepted for lunch in the Alumni Dining Room.

The cafeteria, located in the Michel Student Center, is open from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and for Sunday dinner buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. when class is in session.

Director of Food Services Ron Gibson said Bradley has decided to accept meal plans in the dining room at the request of the Association of Residence Halls and Student Senate, which Gibson meets with at least once a week to discuss student concerns.

A student survey earlier this year showed that students wanted expanded cafeteria hours, more food options and more places to use their meal plans.

"I have to give Jordan [Ticaric, student body president] full credit for pursuing this expansion," Gibson said.

The weekday lunches in the Alumni Dining Room include daily specials of entrees and side dishes, a la carte items, a salad bar, a dessert bar and a sandwich bar. The Sunday night dinner is set up as an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Gibson said the menu will vary from week to week for dinner, but it will always include salad, a drink and an entree. The buffet will be offered for the rest of the year, and if attendance is high, it may also be offered next year.

While accepting meal plans and adding a Sunday dinner buffet in the dining room have answered some students' requests, some students are still unsatisfied.

"It'd be great if cafeterias were open on the weekends," said freshman AEP major Anne Leuck. "I think we pay enough tuition to be able to have open cafeterias here."

Freshman nursing major Carrie Burns said she spent a lot of money on food last semester.

"Other schools have cafeterias open on weekends," she said. "We're the only college I know that doesn't have theirs open for students."

Williams Hall is open Saturday morning and Geisert Hall is open Sunday for brunch, but freshman elementary education major Amanda Long said the cafeterias are open too early.

"On the weekends I like to sleep in and relax," she said.

Gibson said the cafeterias aren't open on weekends because attendance is low.

BU promotes bipartisanship

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Practicing ethical bipartisan leadership produces strong results at the local, state and federal level, Brad McMillan said.

The Executive Director for the Institute of Principled Leadership and Public Service addressed Student Senate on Monday, stressing the strengths of bipartisan leadership and Bradley's program to promote it.

"What we're trying to do at Bradley is something that's unique," he said. "We've seen too much fighting [among political parties] in the last 10 years, and it just creates a mess. We need to stop that."

The institute's logo is a purple animal that looks like a combination of an elephant and a donkey. It represents a merging of the two parties, McMillan said.

In order to promote stronger leadership, the group is picking a topic to study in-depth each semester, as well as creating classes to educate students on the effects of bipartisan leadership.

"We hope that bipartisan leadership can eventually become a major, but it takes a while," McMillan said. "Right now the classes are fitting under the leadership minor."

McMillan said the major will be modeled after a program at Richmond University, where a student has to pick an additional area of study and can only graduate with the degree as a double-major.

This semester, the institute chose public health care as its main area of study.

The group is teaming up with Divided We Fail, a group dedicated to ensuring affordable, quality health care and long-term financial security to American citizens.

The two groups will host an event at 7 p.m. April 28 in the Michel Student Center ballroom to educate students about health care.

"I know health care might sound boring," McMillan said. "But it's really a great issue and we're really doing some exciting things."

McMillan said he hopes the group can take buses to Washington, D.C., next year and petition better health care to the White House.

Another cause the bipartisan group recently worked on was protecting the Illinois River.

"We have a great opportunity to do something at Bradley that isn't being done anywhere else," McMillan said of the program. "We're creating this niche of bipartisan cooperation and we really believe it's going to make things better.

Clothing drive collects business suits

BY NAFIA KHAN
for the Scout

Ladies: Recycle those old business suits you no longer wear and help shape a fellow female's future.

Bradley's Women in Business is hosting a clothing drive. Throughout next week, it is collecting women's professional suits and separates.

The drive benefits Peoria Dress for Success, a local non-for-profit group presenting disadvantaged women with career suits and valuable job counseling.

Women in Business Programming Chair Tiffany Woloshyn said the group tries to do at least one major philanthropy every year. She said this is the first time the group has hosted the clothing drive.

"This was the best fundraiser we could find this time," Woloshyn said.

Women in Business came up with the idea after learning about the Susan B. Anthony Project, where people are asked to donate several items for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

"We thought the idea could also work well in the business region for women," said Woloshyn.

She said she thinks the group has been around for at least 15 years. She said Women in Business has 60 members, 10 of which are assigned to committees.

"The clothing drive is another way for the girls who want to get involved to do so," she said.

Women in Business Treasurer Lauren Peterson said she thinks the clothing drive will also get the word about Women in Business.

"It's a great way to get our name out there," she said.

The women's professional clothing drive is striving for something bigger, too.

"The ultimate goal is to help less fortunate people to succeed," said Woloshyn.

The group is also asking for jewelry, handbags and money.

Students can bring donations to the Michel Student Center lobby. Women in Business members will have a table set up from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day next week to take contributions.

Editorial

When will we learn from examples?

Most college students – not just those at Bradley – know about responsible drinking and the dangers of alcohol.

Since middle school, we've been taught not to drink underage, how to drink responsibly once we're 21 and how to be intelligent about our choices. However, these messages often go in one ear and out the other. Too many college students think they're invincible. That may partly be because they don't see firsthand the dangers of reckless drinking.

But Bradley students have had more than enough real-life examples this year to illustrate what excessive drinking can lead to.

The untimely and tragic death of soccer player Danny Dahlquist in August should have been the first and only proof of what immaturity mixed with alcohol can produce. Dahlquist was killed in a prank gone awry that wasn't intended to end like it did.

Danny Dahlquist

His roommates and teammates shoved Roman candles under his door for a laugh early one morning after the group had been drinking in an off-campus house. The men responsible, three Bradley students and an Illinois Central College student, are serving six months in jail and have to live with the fact that their friend is dead because of their foolish behavior.

Bradley students – and not just the ones in jail – should have learned from that incident. But it must not have been enough evidence because it happened again.

Robert Hurt

Junior Robert Hurt was killed March 8 after his 19-year-old friend, Brandon Gish, allegedly pushed him into traffic near campus. Gish, a student at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and a Bradley student were both ticketed for illegal consumption of alcohol. Preliminary toxicology tests showed Hurt's blood alcohol content at the time of his death was .197, more than twice the legal limit. Dahlquist's blood-alcohol content at the time of his death was .155.

They are similar incidents. Students were drinking far past the legal limit of drunkenness and playing around before poor judgment and irresponsibility led to untimely deaths.

A student killed on any campus, not just our own, should make the warnings about alcohol real. It should make us take a step back and realize things like this can happen on our campus, to our friends or to us. We saw firsthand – twice – what happens when drinking gets out of control.

How many more examples do we need? How many more Bradley students have to die before we get the message? We should be done with real-life lessons about the dangers of alcohol. Enough is enough.

Opinions from other Campuses

School should question military on campus

It might only weigh four ounces, but the Department of Defense is promising big benefits from "The Bat" – a robotic, bat-like spy plane that would gather information in combat zones.

The project is a collaborative effort between several researchers across the country, and for $10 million, The University of Michigan is developing the plane's software and sensor package. While the project's appeal as a James Bond-like gadget might be entrancing, people shouldn't be taken in – our campus isn't the right place for designing war tools.

Like a real bat, the spy plane will use radar technology to steer itself through combat areas that may be too dangerous for soldiers. The Bat's "brain" will use cameras and microphones and transmit information back to soldiers. It also will be able to scavenge energy sources like solar power and water to recharge its batteries.

The plane could save lives by making combat safer for our soldiers, which is a noble goal. But it's the implications for the university that make this project troubling, not the project itself. The Bat may not be a controversial project, but maybe it should be.

Only in recent decades has the connection between academia and the military become so explicit. Increasingly, private contractors like Halliburton and Raytheon aggressively recruit our most talented students. They also donate heavily to the university.

And now more than ever, universities are being recruited to develop military technology, often designing small parts for larger projects. The university has been a key player in military research, receiving $49 million from the Department of Defense in the 2007 fiscal year.

Computerized warfare technology like this one raise important ethical questions. On one hand, it saves lives. On the other hand, it makes war easier to sell, promising faster, more efficient wars with lower body counts - at least for our side. Consider America's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The United States has technology hundreds of times more advanced than the Taliban or Iraqi insurgents. Yet our flashy weapons haven't brought America victories in these wars. In the case of Iraq, it has protected Americans, keeping our death toll to just 4,003, but it has contributed to the millions of Iraqi deaths frequently ignored in the discussion of the war.

The university is enmeshed in this dilemma when it doesn't need to be. Instead of working on projects with broad social benefits, talented researchers are working on well-funded military projects like The Bat.

While many of the technologies developed in these projects can be applied to the advancement of society, they can be developed without specifically being funneled through the military first. The broad benefits should be the main point of research, and the university must be vocal in pointing this out.

The military is not inherently evil. However, it does not need to have its hand in every aspect of our society.

The university should be minimizing its role in war and questioning even the most minimal influences the military has here. America already has a bloated military-industrial complex. It doesn't need a bloated military-industrial-academic complex too.

This editorial reflects the opinion of the editorial board of the Michigan Daily at the University of Michigan.

Virginia Tech families offered money

The aftermath of one of the darkest moments in American history is starting to get ugly. The State of Virginia has offered a settlement of $100,000 each for the 32 families of students killed in last year's shooting at Virginia Tech, in exchange for each family giving up its right to sue for wrongful death.

According to MSNBC, family members are upset about the week-long deadline for a decision and the lack of accountability in the event of a settlement. One consultant even labeled the offer as "hush money."

Of course, the death of a young family member is a terrible thing. But this does not seem like a power play by the state to dodge responsibility. Rather, Virginia is simply hedging its bets and hoping to avoid an incredibly expensive situation that might result from even a few successful lawsuits.

Ultimately, while Virginia Tech may not have been completely prepared, the shootings were not the school's fault. While school officials should offer their apologies to the families, they should not be held liable in a suit or step down from their positions, as some family members have asked. Unless you live in a bubble, you're always going to be at risk of situations like this. It is unreasonable to honestly expect the school to have prevented this shooting.

Neither the settlement offer nor the winnings from a lawsuit are going to bring victims back. A better solution for the $3.2 million is to put it toward better security and safer campuses into the future.

That's not to say that the state is completely in the right either. The deadline of one week is dismissive of the situation. This is not an easy decision for the families, and a little more time could have been afforded to them. Also, it is understandable that some people see this offer as a little disingenuous. Instead, the school should have directed more money toward its $3.5 million public purpose fund for charitable causes or other preventative measures.

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A trail mix of trivial information

Supportive readership, I have a confession. I wrote three different columns that could have potentially appeared in this space. Sadly, I didn't want any of them to print.

For one reason or another they didn't appeal to me, which left me bankrupt on column ideas, and when that happens, I historically resort to talking about things without relevance. It's a cop-out of sorts, but what is a column if not the columnist talking about himself and things he likes or dislikes? This is simply more sporadic.

Ryan North is potentially the funniest Canadian man you've never heard of. He writes the words for the under-the-radar comic series "Dinosaur Comics," which can be found at www.qwantz.com. North essentially took clip-art dinosaurs and arranged them accordingly so it looks as though they're friends and possibly conversing amongst themselves.

The characters in "Dinosaur Comics" talk about everything from crazy parties to philosophy. It's smart, random and funny, *which is all* a good comic strip needs.

So, I like mixed martial arts. You likely wouldn't guess such a thing given my non-hulking frame and friendly demeanor. But sometimes, nice guys like blood sports.

On that note, the Ultimate Fighting Championship is set to air another season of "The Ultimate Fighter" featuring two teams of cage fighters all aiming for the same prize – a lucrative contract with the UFC.

If there was ever a time to give barbarianism another try, tune in as ultra-charismatic Quinton Jackson and equally endearing Forrest Griffin will coach the two teams this season.

One of my original columns had to do with the torture device/networking Web site known as Facebook. I had a list of grievances that would make Martin Luther proud.

But Luther started Protestantism after complaining about the Catholic Church. I would still be on Facebook – which would essentially kill my crusade against it. So instead, I'll quietly express some concern with the site.

You don't need to document the event every time you leave your room. I'm happy you went to the game/restaurant/airport/quad, but it's annoying to have visual evidence of it. It makes me feel as though I'm unintentionally stalking everyone I know.

Never quote yourself in your profile. Whatever you said wasn't that funny. It's even less funny when it's in type.

Lastly, stop adding applications. If I need to write something on your wall, I don't want to look for hours to find it.

On a cheerful note, spring weather is finally here, and it's amazing to see the campus come alive again.

During the winter, the campus seems like it's home to maybe 200 people. When the sun is out, there are clearly more than that, and I can't wait to enjoy the outdoors.

Talking about the weather usually signals the end of small-talk and coincidentally, it also means the end of this potpourri of editorial tidbits.

I sincerely hope this column goes unnoticed and if not, maybe you read about something you didn't know about, and you found it less tedious than it actually is. Or if not, there's always next time.

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Political mud slinging can be proactive

Every four years it happens. Presidential candidates sling mud recklessly at each other, just hoping something will stick.

It's the same thing every time around, too.

Maybe the allegations are different, but the purpose behind them is always the same – to damage credibility.

Most recently are the issues with the pastor of Sen. Barack Obama's church, Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

For those of you who haven't turned on your TV in the last two weeks, here's a recap.

Wright is the pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ on the south side of Chicago.

A few weeks ago ABC News spliced a few of his video taped sermons. In these sermons Wright talks about his disapproval of America's treatment of blacks, Native Americans and Japanese. He said, "Not God bless America, God damn America."

This country has come a long way in the last 40 years. The problem with Wright's sermons is that he is preaching them as if we were still in the 1950s. Not to say there isn't racism in this country, but not in the sense that Wright makes it seem.

An issue people have brought up in defense of Wright is that all of these are clips and are not the entire sermon. I mean, anything anyone says can be taken out of context and made to sound worse, or differently, than was intended.

Assuming Wright's sermons were actually meant the way they are being portrayed, I can understand where he's coming from. Wright, like many black adults, was around before the Civil Rights Act. He saw first hand the mistreatment of blacks by whites.

We've all heard the stories and can only imagine how terrible many black people were treated in those days. Because of the horrible treatment, I can understand that despite it being several decades ago, it is something that many people will never get over.

The reverend also brings up racism in today's world.

The United States' drug policy is inherently racist. There are far more blacks than whites in prison. It has been proven time and time again that black people receive harsher punishments from the court system than whites for the same crimes.

So in all honesty, he isn't that far off base.

White people can continue to be offended by these sermons, and I get that. But maybe instead of demanding that Obama sever all ties with him, we should start to look at the issues being addressed in the sermons.

Rather than letting this turn into a political mud slinging, we need to fix broken, racist and unjust policies in this country.

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Victims shouldn't be blamed for rape

When I want to go to a party, I think carefully about what I'll wear.

I'm not the type of girl to go out in a short skirt, low top and high heels, but I'll incorporate one of these pieces into my party attire from time to time.

And I like to think that when I go to a party wearing something that makes me feel good, it's for me and me alone. I don't think the way I dress or act is an invitation for someone to force sex on me.

But right-wing pundit Heather Mac Donald apparently disagrees.

The Los Angeles Times ran an op-ed piece by Mac Donald at the end of February, in which she denounces a rape problem on college campuses, even going so far as to say women could be to blame for their attire, drink selections and actions at parties.

Between a fifth and a quarter of college women will be victims of rape or attempted rape by the end of their years as students, a statistic reported by institutions such as Harvard University, New York University and Penn State.

But Mac Donald believes this "rape hype" reported by colleges across the country is the result of a "booze-fueled hookup culture."

Mac Donald said in her piece that as a result of students in the '60s demanding more fraternization, a "Pandora's box of boorish, promiscuous behavior" has opened, and this behavior is only getting worse through the years.

Mac Donald does recognize that college women drink, both before and during parties. And I agree – students drink. We've seen enough of Campus/TAP to know this is true.

But Mac Donald also states women's drinking at college is goal-oriented – to "free the drinker from responsibility" and to be used as an excuse to do things a woman normally wouldn't. Mac Donald holds that female students share responsibility of engaging in unwanted sex.

I find this completely unacceptable.

An adult woman is able to choose whether or not she wants to drink and how she wants to dress and act while drinking.

While picking out my outfit before a night out, I don't stop and think to myself, "Hmm, could this outfit get me raped?"

I don't think it's fair to ask women to live their lives in fear of getting raped, and placing some of the blame on women's clothing choices and social life seems to be doing just that.

I talked about this with my boyfriend, and he said while he doesn't think the way a girl dresses should be to blame for her getting raped, the choices she makes while partying could lead to an unwanted sexual encounter.

He said when girls can't control themselves and drink to get wasted, they are responsible for what they do – and what other people do to them.

I disagreed with him. Women should take control of themselves and avoid drinking themselves into a stupor, but if a girl is passed out on the couch at a party, I don't think her sleeping body says "I clearly want to get laid tonight, regardless of if I wake up or not."

Mac Donald may not feel *as though rape is a problem* on college campuses, but I do.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, college women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted than non-college students. But 60 percent of sexual assaults go unreported, making it difficult to really see the problem at hand, according to RAINN.

I don't understand how Mac Donald can say there's no huge problem of rapes occurring on college campuses with statistics like this – every 21 hours there is another rape on an American college campus, according to Crisis Connection, Inc.

And according to Crisis Connection, "men are more likely than women to assume that a woman who drinks alcohol on a date is a willing sex partner." And of these men, these stupid men, 40 percent of them think it's acceptable to force sex on an intoxicated woman.

Really?

Perhaps Mac Donald doesn't think rape is a problem for college women. But placing the blame on young women's preferences in drink and dress is unacceptable. The statistics can't be disputed.

There's a problem.

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Soot shown to warm atmosphere

BY MELANIE KUCERA
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UNIVERSITY WIRE - Soot just got a little bit darker. Caused by diesel fuel and biofuel exhaust, soot has been shown to warm the atmosphere three to four times greater than previous reports have shown.

The research, published in the Sunday online edition of the Nature Geoscience journal, was collected by UI Professor Greg Carmichael, a co-director of the Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research, and V. Ramanathan, an atmospheric scientist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California-San Diego.

The two have worked specifically on research with black carbon for about the past five years.

Soot is a form of black carbon, which absorbs sunlight and in turn causes more heat in the air -- thus contributing to global climate change.

"Black carbon has the dubious honor of being the second culprit [of global climate change]," Ramanathan said, noting that carbon dioxide is known as the "major culprit or villain."

Carmichael noted that black carbon's "beauty" is that it not only warms the atmosphere but also worsens health conditions.

"By reducing black carbon, we will improve our health and reduce the warming," he said.

The UI professor also said another positive about attacking black carbon is that action can be taken in the near future -- reducing something such as carbon dioxide, on the other hand, will take decades.

Initiatives are already beginning.

Black smoke from diesel trucks has been outlawed, so diesel engines built after Jan. 1, 2007, must have sophisticated control devices, said Charles Stanier, a UI assistant professor of biochemical engineering.

Ramanathan, who is originally from India, is trying to get people to cook using solar power. He said that hundreds of thousands in India have died because of the effects of black carbon -- which include deaths from heart attacks and lung problems.

The leading method by which Americans produce black carbon is through transportation. Construction work is another big contributor, Carmichael said.

Their data were collected by NASA satellites, aircraft and ground stations, Ramanathan said.

The two noted though they did not discover black carbon's significance, they did find how much more important it is to global warming.

The most recent data released about black carbon came from the International Panel on Climate Change in 2007, which received the Nobel Peace Prize. Ramanathan and Carmichael said the panel's data found that the effect of black carbon on the atmosphere to be about one-third less strong than what they had found.

Though the researchers' findings can be looked at as a success, Ramanathan had a slight different outlook.

"I am worried that there is one more major problem we have to deal with and combat," he said.

Police Reports

At about noon March 15 an officer met with two residents of Delta Upsilon at a 1318 Fredonia Ave. residence. The victims said a first floor southeast window was broken and it looked like someone gained entrance to the house. A DU sign was taken from the fireplace and was found on the floor. There was nothing found missing and there are no suspects or witnesses at this time. Damages were estimated at about $100.

At about 5 p.m. March 19 an unknown person reported a damaged vehicle on the second floor of the parking deck at 814 Duryea Ave.

An officer found the vehicle at the described location. The vehicle, a gray Ford ZX2, had its front windshield broken with a hole near the driver's side. The driver door was unlocked. The control panel of the vehicle was missing and a tire iron was wedged between the driver seat and the trunk release button.

Damage to the roof near the passenger side indicated the suspect may have tried to pry the windshield off. Damage to the passenger side rear fender near the trunk indicated the suspect may have attempted to pry the trunk open. Footprints on the hood of the vehicle led the officer to believe the suspect kicked the windshield in. Damages were estimated at about $1,400. There are no suspects at this time.

At about 8:30 p.m. March 24 an officer was dispatched to 1708 Ayres Ave. The victim said he was driving near his home and saw four black males. One black male threw a rock at the car, creating a dent and chipping the paint on the driver's side door. The area was searched and no suspects were found.

All information taken from university police reports.

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further questions and concerns about student alcohol abuse.

University President Joanne Glasser said in a statement issued shortly after the incident that the committee working to address the misuse of alcohol on campus is remaining steadfast in its efforts.

The committee formed in January, just days after several basketball players were ticketed for alcohol violations and a few months after sophomore Danny Dahlquist died in what has been called an alcohol-related prank.

Both Hurt's and Dahlquist's deaths have been deemed accidents, and both families have expressed their forgiveness of the men involved in the respective incidents.

Hurt's friends also said they aren't angered at Gish for Hurt's death. Rather, they are worried about how he is coping.

"We know Brandon," Rumbold said. "It's not even an issue of whether or not we have bad feelings toward him. This could have happened with any of us."

Rumbold said trying to sum up Hurt in a few words was a difficult task. She recalled that the first time she met him, he walked to her room in Williams Hall and introduced himself in nothing but a shower skirt.

"When I think of Rob, I'll picture him standing there with that goofy smile," she said. "He was always up for anything. We had a lot of fun together. He was always in a good mood, and when he would get mad, he'd be over it in five minutes."

Hurt was passionate about golf, Rumbold said. He also loved to run, watch the Miami Dolphins and play Madden NFL games on his Xbox.

"When I think about Bradley, I'll think about Rob," said roommate Dan Cluskey. "I knew him since the beginning. He was a really great guy."

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the tickets were fair because they weren't causing any trouble.

He also said the ticket he received that night was his "fifth drinking ticket, so it doesn't really matter."

The men had to dispose of all the alcohol after parents refused to take possession of it.

Halsey said if the task force didn't write the city tickets all seven men would have been issued a state ticket with a fine of $75. Those who receive that ticket must appear in court, and under a new law passed in January would also have their licenses suspended for three months.

After leaving the Holiday Inn, state police were contacted by the East Peoria Police about a party going on in an apartment complex.

State police responded to the Tall Oaks Apartment Complex and found a party with several minors. Two of those minors ran from police and hid in ditches behind the building, only to be found by the officers minutes later. The minors at that party received the state-issued tickets and will have to appear in court.

Along with the state police task force, the Illinois Liquor Commission was also in the area.

The liquor commission sent several underage women into establishments with liquor licenses. Once inside, the women tried to purchase alcohol either without proper identification or with false identification.

The liquor commission focused mainly on convenience stores but *hit restaurants, gas stations and bars as well. Only six establishments were not in compliance.*

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to gauge the number of deaths because of alcohol-related incidents as there are many factors involved. For instance, a student may have died because of an alcohol-related incident somewhere off campus or in the community.

Acree said UIUC police understand college students drink, but he said many students make alcohol their No. 1 priority.

And while Acree said there have been no student alcohol-related deaths in the past year, he remembers occasions when students have died.

"Usually, we'll have one or two a year, like a traffic accident," he said. "Or someone becomes so intoxicated that they aren't thinking correctly and do something silly."

Acree said UIUC police also present responsible drinking programs to organizations at the school, but drinking is still a major issue.

"One of the biggest issues is Unofficial Weekend, an entire event focused around alcohol and how much alcohol someone can drink in a 24-hour period," he said.

While there may not have been any reported alcohol-related deaths at surrounding universities such as UIUC and ISU, alcohol abuse still remains an issue.

Dean of Students at Drake University Sentwali Bakari said about 12 Drake students are hospitalized each year because of alcohol consumption.

"Drake is experiencing the same concerns as Bradley," he said. "Each weekend I cross my fingers hoping we don't have one of those catastrophic accidents."

The university stresses the importance of responsible alcohol consumption, Bakari said. The university hosts programs during freshmen orientations and welcome weeks to educate students.

Resident advisers also help students adjust to college life and teach them responsibilities of alcohol consumption.

Calvert said ISU implemented policies to punish underage irresponsible drinkers, much like Bradley's rules.

"If a student violates the ISU Code of Conduct, they would go through a discipline process," she said.

If a student is caught, Calvert said first-time offenders would be referred to an alcohol education department, fined or required to take an alcohol assessment online.

But Calvert said ISU doesn't plan many proactive, preventative alcohol programs.

"ISU students don't come out to those presentations," she said. "We do post flyers and information sheets on the passive end."

Calvert said not a huge portion of students drink heavily at ISU.

"Twenty-five percent of our students say they don't drink at all," she said.

ISU saw 300 students hospitalized because of alcohol consumption in fall 2008, Calvert said.

"We've had a few close calls to deaths, but no deaths related to alcohol," she said.

JuicyCampus gossip Web site under scrutiny

BY DAVID HALL
of the Daily Skiff (Texas Christian U.)

UNIVERSITY WIRE - The New Jersey attorney general is investigating JuicyCampus.com for what it calls "unconscionable commercial practices," according to a statement from her office.

The college gossip Web site allows users to anonymously post comments on message boards geared toward specific supported colleges.

According to the statement, New Jersey is "investigating whether JuicyCampus.com is violating the state's Consumer Fraud Act through unconscionable commercial practices and misrepresentations to users."

A subpoena requests that Lime Blue of Reno, Nev., which owns JuicyCampus, reveal how the site chooses the colleges it features, how the users' school affiliations are identified and how parental-consent forms are implemented.

The attorney general's office didn't return calls seeking more details about the subpoena.

The statement said JuicyCampus contains "uncomplimentary references to the physical characteristics, race, ethnicity and implied sexual experiences of students."

It also said though JuicyCampus warns against posting offensive content, the site doesn't have tools to track such matters.

The office also subpoenaed JuicyCampus' most recent advertising provider, AdBrite, requesting the details of the business relationship between the two, according to the statement. Requested materials include how JuicyCampus represented itself to AdBrite, including the types of ads requested by JuicyCampus.

Philip Kaplan, the founder of AdBrite, said in an e-mail that AdBrite removed its program from JuicyCampus three weeks ago, well before the subpoena was issued.

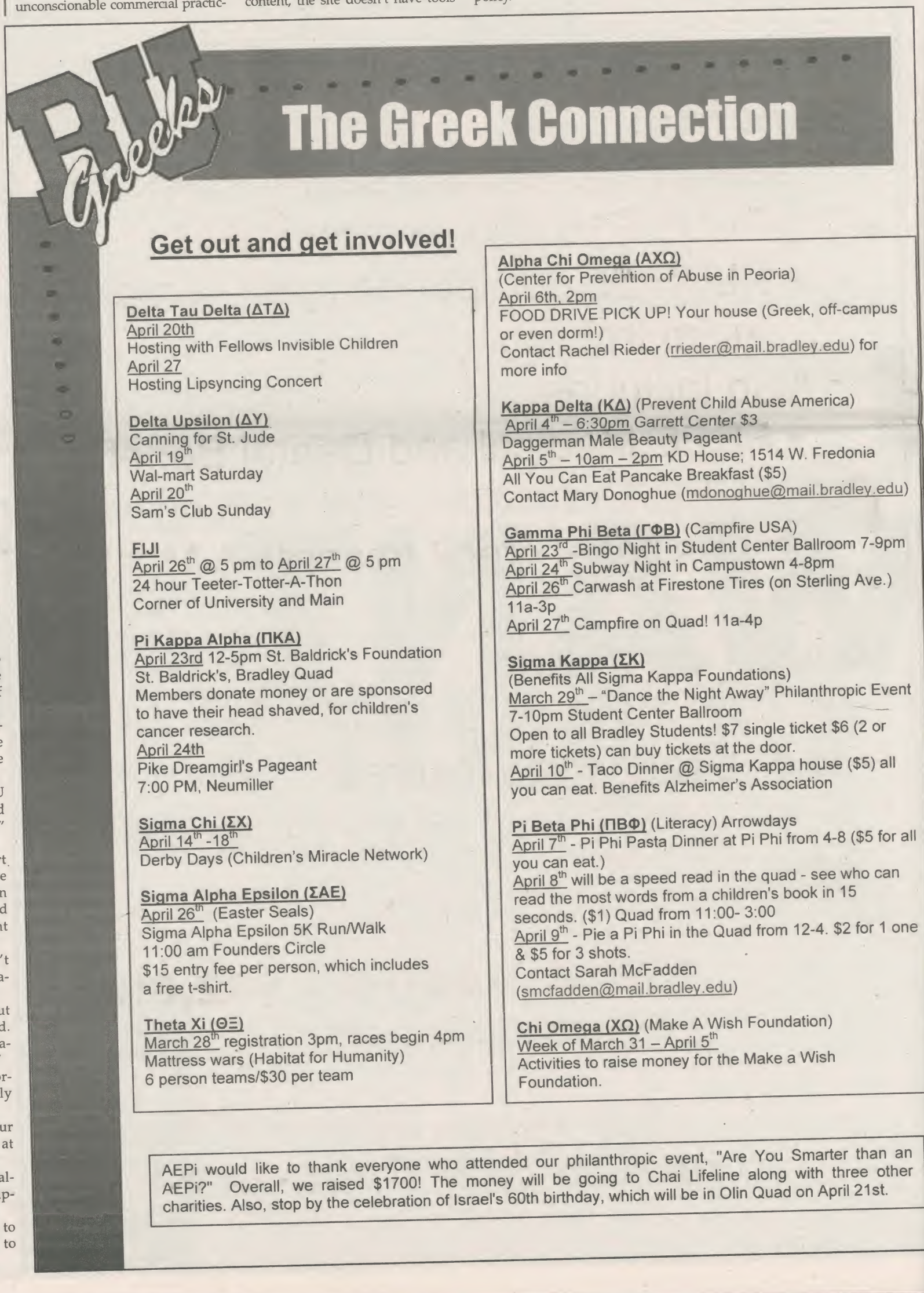
He wrote that JuicyCampus had violated AdBrite's acceptable-use policy.

AdBrite agreed to cooperate fully with the investigation, New Jersey Attorney General Anne Milgram told the Associated Press.

JuicyCampus founder Matt Ivester said in an earlier interview with the Skiff on Feb. 28 that AdBrite knew what it was getting into with its partnership with JuicyCampus.

"They're completely aware of the content," Ivester said. "We don't foresee any future issues."

Google provided ads for JuicyCampus before AdBrite and was also subpoenaed. Like AdBrite, Google pulled its advertising application, AdSense, from JuicyCampus, citing the site's content.



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BASEBALL

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Purple Aces' pitchers weren't the only ones struggling.

Staff ace Rob Scahill didn't turn in one of his usual strong performances, giving up six runs over just three innings of work.

"His last two outings have been a little shaky," Kalmer said. "He had five or six days rest coming into Evansville and did not pitch well. I don't know why. He says he feels fine, but his location wasn't very good."

After allowing Evansville to come back and win the first contest, Bradley returned the favor in the second game of the series.

The Braves rallied from a 6-4 deficit to win 9-6 on Saturday afternoon.

Brewer helped the Braves complete a ninth-inning rally, blasting a three-run homer to cap a four run inning and give his team the lead.

Brewer ended the game going 3-for-5 with three RBIs while sophomore shortstop Matt Fritz also drove in three runs for the Braves.

Bradley continued its hot-hitting in the series finale, as five Braves turned in multi-hit performances to help earn the 11-6 victory.

Brewer had another solid game, going 3-for-6 with three RBIs and three runs scored and junior first baseman Grant Escue added three hits and three RBIs of his own.

Senior Lendsey Thomson worked a scoreless inning in relief to earn the win in the game and junior closer Kori Jensen pitched the final four frames to notch his fourth save of the season.

After taking the weekend series from Evansville, Bradley was back in action Tuesday afternoon for a doubleheader against Northern Illinois.

Brewer again led the Braves with his bat in the first game of the twinbill, going 2-for-3 and swatting a three-run homer in the fifth inning.

Junior designated hitter Adam Kimble also had a strong showing at the plate, going 2-for-3 and driving in the winning run with a single in the top of the sixth.

Senior Chris Wright worked five solid innings to get the win for the Braves, who downed the Huskies 5-4.

Northern Illinois then snapped Bradley's three-game winning streak in the night cap of Tuesday's doubleheader, as the Braves wasted another early lead and fell 11-6.

Bradley plated the game's first five runs in the first inning but gave up five runs in the bottom of the frame to help Northern Illinois right back into the game.

The Huskies didn't let up on offense from there, pounding junior Tyler Thornton for 10 runs on 11 hits over just four innings of work.

Bradley, on the other hand, was shut down offensively after the first, scoring just one more run on a solo home run by junior first baseman Jim Clayton.

The Braves return to action this afternoon when they open a three-game series against Missouri Valley Conference rival Indiana State.

Bradley will be playing its first home games of the season, after opening the season with 19 straight road games.

"I think getting back home will be good for us," Kalmer said. "We have a stretch of home games now and it's easier to play at home. You're in familiar surroundings and traveling takes a lot out of you."

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rally his troops, and it worked.

The Braves came out of the huddle looking like a new team.

Crouch and Ruffin hit consecutive 3-pointers to cut the lead to eight and the Braves were off and running from there.

The baskets sparked a 17-3 Bradley run, capped off by a trey from Warren to even the score 66-66 and send the already loud crowd into a frenzy.

Les said he thought the crowd energized his team.

"I thought we fed off our crowd," he said. "I don't know what the number was but that might have been one of the loudest it's been here in Carver."

The Braves then took the lead moments later on a layup by Salley.

By the time the Braves' run ended, they had outscored the Bobcats 30-10 over the game's final 9 minutes.

Les said he was please with the way his team responded in the second half after digging themselves an early hole.

"This is a competitive group," he said. "They felt like they didn't put their best foot forward in the first 20 minutes and they really responded."

Les said part of the problem for the Braves in the first period stemmed from defensive struggles.

"I wasn't overly pleased with our defense in the first half," he said. "But there were some times we did some good things defensively and they just knocked down shots and there were some deep shots."

Bradley trailed 42-29 heading into halftime, and Les let his team know he wasn't happy with their first-half performance.

"He got into us at halftime," Warren said. "That's what we deserved because we came out lackadaisical and really didn't put the effort that we're known for playing with. We didn't bring that in the first half."

Warren was a big part of the Braves' turnaround in the second half, scoring 16 of his team-high 22 points during the period.

Bradley also got strong second-half performances from Crouch and Ruffin, both of whom struggled early in the game.

"There was lid on the basket for a little bit," Crouch said. "We got a little run going and it was like a ball rolling down a hill. Once we got it going, we felt pretty good."

Crouch finished the game with 15 points and five assists, while Ruffin added 13 points and dished out six assists.

Junior Theron Wilson goes up for a layup in the second quarter of Monday night's game. Wilson scored 10 points to help Bradley beat Ohio in the second round of the CBI. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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Men's tennis continues to struggle

Three losses extend Braves losing streak to five straight matches

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The men's tennis team couldn't shake off the rust over Spring Break as it lost both of its matches.

The Braves had almost a month off since their last match against Illinois-Chicago before they played Nicholls State.

"We had a long break, and I tried to get the team to focus on point play in practice," Coach Jacek Wolicki said.

The Colonels didn't have any sympathy for them as they beat Bradley 7-0.

The goose egg marked the Braves' second shutout in a row and the fifth in the spring.

"We're not finding a way to win and they are," he said.

Michel Macara-chvili

Richard Robertson

The bright spot of the match came when junior Michel Macara-chvili and sophomore Richard Robertson paired up to win the No. 3 doubles match 8-6. The duo improved to 5-7 on the season together in doubles play.

The win was too little too late as freshman Milos Romic and junior Evgeny Samoylov lost the No. 1 doubles match 8-6.

Freshmen duo of Vuk Bolic and Wilder Sampson lost in the same fashion at No. 2 doubles, 8-6.

Samoylov started off the singles matches by being swept in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

Samoylov's loss in straight sets set the tone for the rest of the Braves.

Romic dropped his eighth straight match in No. 2 singles, 6-1, 6-1.

Macara-chvili competed in No. 3 singles but came up short as he lost 6-0, 6-0.

Bolic was then swept in the No. 4 singles match 6-3, 6-4, followed by Sampson also being swept in his No. 5 singles match 6-1, 6-0.

Robertson put the most pressure on his opponent but could not avoid the sweep either as he lost 7-5, 6-2.

"We really just need to start making better decisions on the court," Wolicki said.

As students were enjoying their last days to sleep, the men's tennis team woke up early the following morning to compete against Southeastern Louisiana last Friday.

The morning influenced Bolic to a victory but couldn't help the rest of the team as Bradley dropped its fourth match in a row, 6-1.

The Lions served up the Braves in doubles matches.

Samolyov and Romic lost the No.1 match 8-3, which was followed by Macara-chvili and Robertson losing the second match 8-6. SLU then finished off the doubles matches by shutting out Sampson and Bolic 8-0.

Samoylov moved up in singles to the No. 1 slot but couldn't capitalize on his opportunity, losing 6-2, 6-2.

Romic won his first set 6-3, but couldn't win one out of the next two as he lost 7-5 and 10-8 in the following sets to give the nod to SLU.

"He wasn't outplayed but he simply lost in the tiebreaker," said Wolocki.

Marcara-chivili fell at No. 3 singles 6-2, 6-2.

Bolic was the lone highlight of the match winning his No. 4 singles match in straight sets 6-4, 6-1, giving Bolic his second win of the season.

Sampson and Robertson were both swept in their singles matches ending the whole match with final score of 6-1 in SLU's favor.

"Overall we need to be better as a team which involves the individuals getting better," Wolicki said.

Bradley competed again on Wednesday against Western Illinois, falling 4-0 and extending its losing streak to five straight matches.

The Braves will return to action on Saturday when they face off against Valparaiso.

Erais takes first at William and Mary Invitational

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

A thin layer of frost on the green at the par-72 course at Ford's Colony Country Club was not enough to ice junior Bari Erais and the rest of the Braves on Sunday in Virginia.

Erais led the Braves to a third-place finish out of 20 teams in the William and Mary Invitational.

Erais finished the first day ahead of everyone in the tournament by matching her career-best final score of 70. "Having more practice really helped," Erais said.

She also said during the tournament in Arizona she made the decision to switch drivers and since then she has noticed a significant improvement.

Bari Erais

She said everything else was going well for her too, including her putting and using the irons.

At the conclusion of Day 1, Bradley shot a combined 308 after 18 holes, putting the team in second place.

Freshman Caitlin Deeken also recorded a personal best with a round of just 4 over par at 76.

Seniors Rikki Sobel and Whitney Cox finished their days in a tie for 36th place after shooting opening rounds of 81.

The Braves had to wait to hit the tees as a layer of frost caused the second day to start an hour late.

Going into the final day, Erais' game plan was simple. She said she just had to post a good enough score so everyone else would have to try to catch up.

Her game plan was right as she shot a final round of 76 that held up against the massive field of players.

"It's nice to have the feeling of winning before conference play starts," she said.

Erais finished with a total of 146, four shots ahead of the second-place finishers.

The tournament marked the second time Erais has finished in the medal placing.

It was the 15th career top-10 finish for Erias, as she ties the Bradley record held by Kelly Dillon.

"My own score would help the team," she said. "All I could do is help my own individual game and hope that it is good enough to help."

Cox and Deeken finished in a tie for 30th place with a score of 162.

The Braves shot a higher team total score on the final day, however, which made them slip behind three shots of the tournament leaders, Marshall and James Madison, putting them in third place.

Erais' efforts also earned her a pair of awards. She was named Missouri Valley Conference Golfer of the Week, and also earned Bradley's Scholar-Athlete of the Week honors.

Erais said her game plan is to start limiting some of the small errors she's been making and to keep trying to play consistently.

The Braves play this weekend at the Saluki Invitational at Carbondale.

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ERICA CLARNO	46
AMY CARBONNEAU	45
STEPHANIE RAMSEY	38
ADAM UNDERWOOD	37
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JAMES STEGNER	30
EMILY THOMPSON	29
CHELSEY HOSHAUER	29
ROSE FREEMAN	29

Softball drops two to open conference play

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The softball team opened conference play this weekend, dropping a doubleheader to Creighton last Friday in its home opener.

Bradley was shutout by the Bluejays in the first game, losing 2-0, and was unable to rebound in the second game and fell 5-2.

The Braves had a tough match-up, seeing last year's Missouri Valley Conference pitcher of the year sophomore Tara Oltman in both games. She pitched a complete game shutout in the opener and came in to pitch the final three and one-third innings in the second game.

Bradley coach Buddy Foster said he thought the players performed well, but they could have been more aggressive at the plate and attacked earlier in counts.

"It was just one of those weekends where we hit the ball hard and it just didn't fall for us," he said.

Sophomore Amanda Clack found holes in the defense, as she went 3-for-6 in the series.

Clack said she treated the home and conference opener like any other game.

"It is more pressure in conference because that's what you're playing for – to get the highest seed in conference and compete in the tournament," she said. "But you can't think of it like that. You just have to think of it as another game and go out there and do your best."

The Braves got a strong pitching performance from ace junior pitcher Ashley Birdsong in the first game, but it wasn't enough to hold down Creighton.

Birdsong went all the way in the first game, giving up just two runs and came on in relief to close the second game, but gave up four runs over two innings.

Members of the softball team gather on the mound for a conference during a game last weekend at Laura Bradley Park.

photo courtesy of Bradley University

Coach Foster said the team needs to make adjustments now that scouting reports have come out on players.

He said he stands by his decision to use Birdsong in both games.

"We had a one-run lead," he said. "I'm going to go to her every time. It just didn't work out this time."

Bradley got behind early in the first game when Birdsong gave up the only two runs of the game on a long ball to preseason all-conference selection TJ Eadus.

Birdsong went on to pitch well the rest of the game, striking out seven batters and surrendering just six hits, but the Braves' offense wasn't there and they lost the game.

The Braves were down early again in Game Two but rebounded to take a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning.

The Bluejays then answered back with a four-run sixth inning, including a three-run homer off Birdsong, who was tabbed with her second loss of the day.

The series was scheduled for three games but the third was canceled because of poor weather conditions.

Bradley put its losing streak to an end on Wednesday when they came from behind to defeat Loyola.

With the game tied 4-4, freshman Jess Boeger drew a leadoff walk in the seventh inning.

Sophomore Jacqueline Vitale then singled to advance Boeger to second.

Sophomore Lauren Meister was up next and singled to center to put the Braves up 5-4.

Birdsong was able to hold Loyola scoreless in the bottom of the seventh and held on for the win.

Meister went 2-for-4 in the game and recorded three RBIs.

Birdsong recorded her eighth win of the season with the victory.

Bradley will travel to Terre Haute, Ind., this weekend to take on Indiana State.

Tennis beats WIU, 4-2

BY DRU TATE
of The Scout

An unexpected change in plans to move the women's tennis match to Bradley's home courts gave the team the advantage it needed to top Western Illinois on Wednesday.

The match, which was scheduled to be played at WIU, was shifted to Peoria after a threat of violence forced the school to shut down its campus.

Coach Scott Petersen said Bradley had to scramble to find personnel to host the event.

"We had to scrape together refs and a trainer," he said. "We normally have two for us, but today we had to split with the men so we only had one."

The lack of officiating didn't matter to the Braves, as they started off the match with juniors Erin Krubeck and Kim Braun winning their No. 3 doubles match first in a tiebreaker, 9-7.

Freshman Nicole Miller and sophomore Emily Regenold then won the No. 2 match, 8-5.

Because Bradley won the firs to matches, the other doubles match didn't need to be finished. Bradley was already guaranteed the point, giving the team a 1-0 lead.

Regenold followed up her doubles victory with a straight set victory in singles, 6-4, 7-6.

Sophomore Jessica Buterbaugh and Miller also picked up singles wins for the Braves.

The three singles wins combined with doubles point was enough to secure the 4-2 victory for the Braves.

Bradley begins conference play today, facing off against Illinois State.

The Braves will then play again Sunday against Indiana State.

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Wrestlemania worth watching

Assistant Sports Editor

BY ALEX MAYSTER

The month of March is like heaven for sports fans.

There's March Madness and opening day for baseball is upon us. Life is good.

The one event that often gets overlooked this time of year is possibly the greatest night in sports entertainment – Wrestlemania.

This is the Super Bowl of wrestling. Fans of the sport wait for Wrestlemania all year long, with all the feuds and storylines leading up to the one night when they can sit back and see all the biggest superstars of the sport in action.

The matches are incredible this year, featuring a triple threat match for the WWE championship, the Undertaker putting his undefeated Wrestlemania streak on the line, WBC Welterweight Champion Floyd Mayweather facing a 400-pound man and Snoop Dogg involved in a Playboy Bunny match.

What more can you ask for?

I know most people got turned off to wrestling at some point between elementary school and high school, but it is back now and almost as good as it was before.

Everyone loved Stone Cold and the Rock, but the new guys like John Cena and Randy Orton are just as good.

Not to mention the holdovers from the old days. Undertaker is still wrestling after what seems like 100 years. Ric Flair has a match at Wrestlemania, which he must win, or he will be forced to retire. Triple H is still one of the best in the business.

Everyone knows it's not real, but that's no excuse not to watch. Many college students sit around and watch soap operas or "reality shows" that are not anywhere close to reality.

WWE is like a soap opera for guys. Some people say they don't want to see guys in tights wrestling each other, but at least it's action. I can honestly say I feel manlier watching wrestling than sitting back and watching an episode of Tila Tequila.

These guys are some of the best athletes on the planet, you can tell how physically fit they are by looking at them. A lot of them are former college athletes, some of them even had pro careers.

Whenever it is brought up how extraordinarily athletic these wrestlers are, people immediately begin to think of steroids.

It is a problem, but that goes for most sports in today's world. The WWE has steroid prevention plans and tests just like the other major sports do.

Chris Benoit is immediately brought up in this conversation for his action when he killed his family and then took his own life. No one knows for sure the reasoning behind what he did but most relate it to "roid rage."

This could happen in any sport and wrestling shouldn't be put on another level from other sports. Athletes in those other sports should realize what happened and learn from it.

Going back to the excitement that will be upon us Sunday night, the main event features two real comeback stories.

Triple H missed over half a year with a torn quadriceps muscle, and Cena had to surrender the title due to a pectoral injury.

These are legitimate real life injuries, not written into the story line. These wrestlers really work hard and prepare themselves to get back into the ring.

When it is all said and done, it may be scripted who won the match. The guys that work the hardest and put in the most time and effort to perfect their style are the ones that get the opportunity to wrestle in these big matches at Wrestlemania.

Sports fans have no problem watching movies where they see a team rally to win a championship and overcome near impossible odds. Wrestling is no different than watching a fictional character like Rocky knock out Apollo Creed.

Not to mention the enjoyment of watching the show. Who doesn't want to see 5-foot-7 Mayweather battle the Big Show? Or eight men battling to climb a ladder to grab a briefcase for a chance to win a title shot?

Wrestlemania is the only stage where you can find two former Playboy centerfolds teaming up in a wrestling match.

All of this packed into one show seems like a good way to spend this Sunday night to me.

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One-on-One

How many saves will Kerry Wood have this year?

Six

The Chicago Cubs named right-hander Kerry Wood as their closer this week, but he won't hold the position for long.

Not that he'll be ineffective. Wood still has electric stuff, it's just that he's as fragile as your grandmother's fine china dishes.

Wood has dealt with right shoulder problems for much of the past four seasons. He pitched in just four games in 2006 and missed the first four months of last season before appearing in 22 games.

There basically isn't a part of Wood's right arm that he hasn't injured at some point.

So what can you expect from the high-talented, oft-injured pitcher this season?

I'd say he has about six saves in him before his right arm falls off completely.

If Wood couldn't stay healthy during the prime of his career, there's simply no chance he'll go uninjured this year.

The man is 30 years old now. That's the age when players' skill levels begin to decline and their injury risk begins to rise.

That doesn't sound like a formula for success when you're talking about a man whose body breaks down more often than a 1989 Geo Metro.

Wood may have the talent to be a shut-down closer, but it won't do the Cubs much good when he spends most of the season on the disabled list.

- Adam Mettrick

Twenty-five

Forget about Fukudome for a second, Cubs fans, and realize this – Kerry Wood is the next John Smoltz.

Wood, like Smoltz a half decade ago, has had consistent arm problems as a starter and Lou Pinella finally wised up and moved him to the closer role.

Injuries may still hamper him but not before he gets at least 25 saves this year.

Wood will get hurt this year, but since he is pitching significantly less innings than he would as a starter, it's going to take him longer to realize that he needs another surgery.

The closer role is also going to let Wood focus on blowing fastballs by the batters and occasionally throwing in a curve ball or two. Since the batters will only see him once he doesn't have to have a strategic game plan to carry him through seven innings.

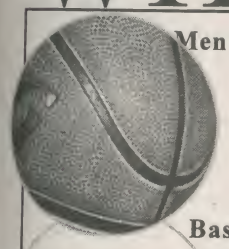
All he needs is to get three outs and his job is done.

Not to mention the fact that having Jon Lieber, Carlos Marmol and Bob Howry as his set-up men doesn't hurt too much either.

With those high quality pitcher behind him, Wood will feel less pressure to perform which should lead to strong results.

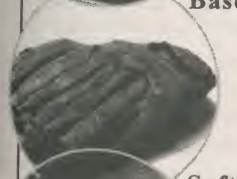
- Dru Tate

WHO'S ON DECK



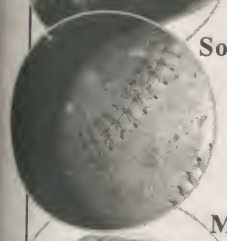
Men's Basketball

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
at 7 p.m.	at 7 p.m.	7 p.m.
CBI Finals	*CBI Finals*	*CBI Finals*
vs. Tulsa	*vs. Tulsa*	*vs. Tulsa*
at Tulsa, Okla.	*at Carver Arena*	*at Tulsa, Okla.*



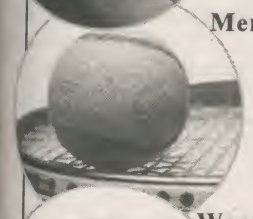
Baseball

Today	Saturday	Sunday
at 4 p.m.	at 2 p.m.	1 p.m.
vs. Indiana State	*vs. Austin Peay*	*vs. Indiana State*
at O'Brien Field	*at O'Brien Field*	*at O'Brien Field*



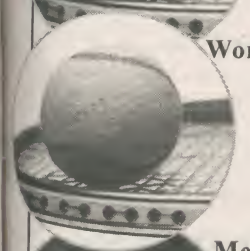
Softball

Saturday	Sunday	Wednesday
at 11 a.m.	at 11 a.m.	2 p.m.
vs. Indiana State (DH)	*vs. Indiana State*	*vs. Northern Iowa (DH)*
at Terre Haute, Ind.	*at Terre Haute, Ind.*	*at Laura Bradley Park*



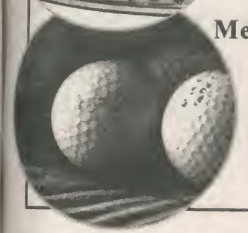
Men's Tennis

Saturday	Sunday
at 1 p.m.	at 1 p.m.
vs. Valparaiso	*vs. Illinois State*
at Valparaiso, Ind.	*at Normal*



Women's Tennis

Today	Sunday	Wednesday
at 3 p.m.	at 9 a.m.	2 p.m.
vs. Illinois State	*vs. Indiana State*	*vs. Xavier*
at Normal	*at Terre Haute, Ind.*	*at Cincinnati*



Men's Golf

Monday	Tuesday
at TBA	at TBA
Branson Creek Invitational	*Branson Creek Invitational*
at Hollister, Mo.	*at Hollister, Mo.*

Sport SHORTS

Cubs make decisions on pitching staff

The Chicago Cubs announced decisions on their pitching staff on Monday, naming Kerry Wood their closer and adding Ryan Dempster and Jason Marquis to their rotation.

Wood is new to the closer role as he spent most of his career as a starter. He pitched out of the bullpen last year after suffering injuries throughout most of his career.

Dempster and Marquis won spots in the rotation after a three-way battle for the final two spots. Jon Lieber, the third man, will pitch out of the bullpen this season.

Dempster, who came into the league as a starting pitcher, is making the switch back to starting after serving as the Cubs' 'closer last season.

Chris Webber retires

The comeback of Warriors' forward Chris Webber was not long lasting, as Webber announced he would call it quits and retire from the game.

Webber returned to the Warriors, the team that drafted him this season. He played in just nine games with the Warriors over a two-month span.

He is considered by many to be one of the top forwards in the game, and will be remembered not only as a Warrior, but as a Wizard, King, 76er and Piston.

Webber may be most famous for being a member of the Fab Five at Michigan in his college days.

Erais earns first-place win at William and Mary Invite
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Bradley beats Virginia, heads to CBI finals

Sophomore guard Andrew Warren attempts to score over two Ohio defenders on Monday night. Warren scored a game-high of 22 points, helping the Braves defeat the Bobcats 79-73.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

Braves climb out of 14-point hole for second straight game to down Cavaliers 96-85

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Apparently 14-point deficits don't bother the men's basketball team.

The Braves rallied from that margin for the second straight game to beat Virginia 96-85 on Wednesday night and advance to the finals of the College Basketball Invitational.

"I told the guys we had them right where we wanted them when we were down 14," coach Jim Les told Fox College Sports.

Senior guard Jeremy Crouch led the way for Bradley with 27 points on 9-of-18 shooting, including five 3-pointers.

Bradley also received strong performances from junior forward Theron Wilson and senior forward Matt Salley.

Wilson finished with 17 points and eight rebounds, while Salley turned in a double-double, scoring 11 points and pulling down 10 boards

Freshman guard Jeff Jones was the top scorer for Virginia, dropping in 26 on 9-of-14 shooting, but it wasn't enough to keep his team in the game.

The Braves (20-15) fell behind early, missing on their first eight 3-point attempts.

Bradley's struggles from long-range allowe the Cavaliers (17-16) to build a 30-16 lead midway though the first half, but the team didn't panic.

Having already climbed out of a 14-point hole in the tournament quarterfinals against Ohio, the Braves knew exactly what to do.

Bradley responded with a 15-0 run over the next 3 minutes to take a 31-30 lead.

The teams battled back and forth over the final minutes of the half and went into the break tied at 42-42.

They continued trading baskets to start the second half, and the score remained tied at 55-55 at the 12:36 mark.

The Braves then went on another large run, outscoring the Cavaliers 25-8 over the next 9 minutes to build a game-high 17-point lead at 80-63 and never looked back from there.

Crouch played a large part in the surge for Bradley, making three of his five 3-pointers during the run.

All five starters scored in double digits for the Braves, as senior guard Daniel Ruffin chipped in 11 points and eight assists, while sophomore guard Andrew Warren added 11 points of his own.

The Braves now advance to the tournament championship series, which uses a best-of-three format.

Bradley will travel to Tulsa, Okla., on Monday to face off against the Golden Hurricane in the first game of the series.

Bradley 79, Ohio 73

Bradley advanced to the semifinals in thrilling fashion Monday night at Carver Arena.

Trailing by 14 with less than 10 minutes left in the game, it looked as though the Braves season might be nearing an end.

But Bradley rallied behind a small but raucous crowd, going on a late run to steal the game from Ohio's (20-13) grasp and win 79-73.

Hampered by poor outside shooting and shaky defense for most of the game, the Braves found themselves trailing the Bobcats 63-49 with 9:10 remaining in the contest.

Bradley wasn't down and out yet though.

Coach Jim Les called a time out to

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Brewer's hot bat leads Braves to series win over EU

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The baseball team completed its long stretch of road games to open the season with mixed results last week.

The Braves (9-10) took two of three in a weekend series against Evansville, then split a doubleheader at Northern Illinois on Tuesday.

Coach Dewey Kalmer said his team has been improving after struggling early on.

"We're playing better as of late," he said. "Our hitting was not very good to start the season. We've hit better the last seven or eight games."

Junior centerfielder Dan Brewer proved to be the offensive star of the week for Bradley, going 11-for-20 with two home runs, nine RBIs and eight runs over the five games.

Kalmer said Brewer's bat has come to life over the past several games.

"He's been hot the last two weeks, but he struggled mightily in the early games," he said. "I think he was loading up too much. He felt he had to hit every ball 500 feet, but he's swung the bat well the last two weeks which has been a big help."

The Braves opened the conference season on a sour note last Friday, squandering a 7-0 lead to the Purple Aces and losing 9-8.

Bradley broke out to a large lead by taking advantage of some wild pitching by Evansville (2-17) and batting around the order in the first inning. The Braves plated seven runs in the first frame despite collecting only two hits.

Bradley didn't need to get hits to score though, as Evansville pitchers issued five walks and hit a batter in the inning.

Unfortunately for the Braves, the

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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BASEBALL	MVC	OVERALL
WICHITA STATE	3-0	16-3
MISSOURI STATE	2-1	15-6
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	2-1	12-8
BRADLEY	2-1	9-10
CREIGHTON	1-2	13-6
INDIANA STATE	1-2	5-13
EVANSVILLE	1-2	2-17
NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	10-8
ILLINOIS STATE	0-3	9-10

SOFTBALL	MVC	OVERALL
CREIGHTON	2-0	22-10
WICHITA STATE	5-2	23-12
EVANSVILLE	2-1	14-8
DRAKE	3-2	14-5
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	3-3	12-13
MISSOURI STATE	3-4	15-14
BRADLEY	2-3	10-9
ILLINOIS STATE	1-2	11-12
INDIANA STATE	1-3	8-13-1
NORTHERN IOWA	0-3	11-13

On the Record

"We sent him to Utopia and we're left here with the carnage, and I don't know why he's not happy."

– Pat Riley on trading Shaquille O'neal

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Beer pong will become varsity sport.
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Pregnancy epidemic breaks out on campus

BY MRS. PAYTON
of the Sprout

The Health Center recently released its 2007 health statistics, reporting an astounding 92 percent of Bradley students pregnant during the calendar year.

The report lists all health issues seen by the Health Center in 2007. Of the 4,000 students who visited the center last year, 3,680 students, both male and female, were reported pregnant.

Health Center staff member Prudence Clearwater said she usually sees about 10 pregnant students a day.

"Kids just come in, complaining about earaches and sore throats, not even realizing that they're pregnant," she said.

Clearwater said she thinks students don't notice the first signs of pregnancy.

"When you feel sick and tired, when you have a stomachache or a bad cough or a headache or allergies – that's pregnancy," she said. "Those are the warning signs. Why don't kids notice these signs?"

Health Center Manager Amy Reynolds said she has the center staff examine for pregnancy first to avoid treating other, incorrect illnesses.

"Oftentimes we try to bypass the strep test or regular exam or whatever else the student thinks is the problem because it's usually a sign of pregnancy," she said. "We try to avoid going through an entire physical exam."

Reynolds said she has no explanation for the physical impossibility of males being pregnant.

"It's something we haven't figured out yet with modern medicine, but I do know it happens here, at Bradley, to male students," she said. "A young man will come in with a sore ankle that he thinks he twisted while playing basketball and little does he know that he's pregnant."

Senior engineering major D.J. Bollins said he discovered his pregnancy after suffering from a sore neck.

"I was wrestling with my fra-

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Glasser horsing around

Above: University President Joanne Glasser celebrates as her horse catches up to the leader in the Kentucky Derby last year. Below: Glasser (No. 8) crouches on her horse in an attempt to catch up to the competition. Glasser's job as a jockey came to light when students saw her leaving campus on a horse. *Photos by Mr. Ed.*

Bradley president's former job as pro jockey in Kentucky comes to light

BY CLEMENS
of the Sprout

Joanne Glasser

Joanne Glasser may have a reputable resume, but she's kept one job a secret.

The first female president of Bradley owned up to her previous title as the president of Eastern Kentucky University, but Glasser kept her other Kentucky profession on the down low until several students recently spotted her leaving campus on a horse.

"I was hoping no one would see me, but the new lights on Bradley Avenue gave me away," she said. "I wasn't planning on ever riding to campus, but finding a parking spot is impossible, and horses don't need parking permits."

Glasser, who stands just 5 feet tall, came clean and said she used to be a horse jockey. Though not ashamed of racing, Glasser said she didn't put it on her resume when she applied to Bradley because it was an irrelevant hobby.

"I didn't think anyone would put it together," she said. "Yes, I'm the right build for a horse jockey, and I lived in Kentucky, but I didn't expect anyone to figure it out. However, I should have known leaving campus on a horse would raise suspicion."

Glasser said she started riding horses during her childhood, and by the mid-1960s she knew she had to follow her passion. However, Glasser's family didn't agree with her choice to race horses, so she created aliases for herself.

In 1969, Glasser, disguised as Diane Crump, was the first woman jockey to ride in a thoroughbred race in North America. She again made sports history as the first woman to ride in the Kentucky Derby in 1970. Glasser had success as a racer, but she left the profession in the 1980s.

"I was getting too old to be a jockey," she said. "All the people I was riding with had

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Facebook named eighth deadly sin

BY SETH WEINER
of the Sprout

For Cindy Penderton, logging on to Facebook is a part of her daily routine.

"It's the first thing I do when I get out of bed in the morning," the sophomore philosophy major said. "You never know who's going to write on your wall next. And I can't resist applications that invite me to find out which 'Grey's Anatomy' character I am."

However, college students like Penderton may now want to curb their usage of the 'Book (as it is referred to on many campuses like Bradley).

The Catholic Church announced a list of new sins earlier this month and named Facebook as a concern among teens and young adults. The Church cited the Web site's implicit promotion of promiscuity, alcohol abuse and "all-around godlessness" as issues that led it to make Facebooking a sin.

According to Vatican officials, however, the Church wants Facebook users to understand its concern for their safety.

"Facebook makes it easy for trusted adults to prey on naive teens, something the Catholic Church would never condone or allow," says Cardinal Michael Ferritoni, citing stories of sexual predators using Facebook to lure victims.

Penderton, a lifelong Catholic, says she doesn't know how to respond to the Church placing Facebook on its list of sins.

"Since I've come to college, I haven't gone to church as much as I should," Penderton said. "But I still feel an obligation to obey the rules of Catholicism. I like to think I've always been a good Catholic, but is using Facebook just as bad as using birth control? This seems like they are going a little too far."

Rev. Joseph Arturo of the Peoria Catholic Church says students may soon recognize this as a blessing.

"Without Facebook, they will be forced to talk over the phone or even – radical idea, here – face to face," Arturo said. "I think emphasizing real human to human communication is a positive. I hope that students will look back on the first decade of the 20th century and say, 'That was when we learned how to communicate as human beings, as people

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
110 / 108
Sunny with a chance of beach.

Saturday
80 / -5
Wizard of Oz likely.

Sunday
5,000 / 2,675
Rainbow.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Students muscle up to help build new rec center

BY BABY GAP
of the Sprout

Bradley will bid farewell to another one of its historic buildings when Haussler Hall officially closes its doors to students later next week.

According to the powers that be, the closing of Haussler will be used as a motivating factor for students and staff to help out with the construction of the new rec center, which is a whopping two years behind its scheduled completion.

That would mean the next time a Bradley student will lift a weight not purchased in the '60s would be 2010. The administration hopes students and staff will find that unacceptable and find the inspiration and strength to change their fortunes.

As early as next Monday, officials will start handing out hard hats and work gloves so students can be well equipped when they hit the job site of their future rec center. All you need is a Bradley ID and a small payment of $5 before you'll be outfitted for your new workout regimen.

The rec center job site is host to as many options for lifting as Haussler. Junior porn star major Daniel Unitas said he can hardly wait for a change of scenery.

"Haussler only has so many options for lifting," he said. "Building the rec center will open up all new doors of getting my swell on."

Most other students said they agree.

"Lifting beams and playing catch with bricks is the new bench press," sophomore steroid development major Steve Nukem said.

Students will be pleased to find out that any number of industrial materials can be used to lift, throw and bend so that they can feel the burn while making progress on campus.

Students will get to do more than just lift.

They'll also be putting up mirrors and windows, which appealed especially to senior narcissism major Pete K. Alverson.

"As much as I love watching veins bulge as my bros and I pump iron, the best part of going to the gym is seeing yours truly in the mirror again and again," he said. "While putting up windows, I can go for hours without losing sight of myself."

Without any resistance, administration has met few roadblocks in using students to do the work normally done by trained professionals.

Minus any unseen accidents, the center may get done by next year after all. Students will be bigger, stronger and ready to use the building they built themselves.

Even if you're not one for exercise, the rec center has activities for you. Grab a paintbrush and a mop and furnish the innards.

Students will soon strap on their hard hats and help build Lydia's Rec Center because construction is running behind and students are eager for more exercise options. *Photos by Bob the Builder*

You can also clean the pool, stock the vending machines and scrub the bathroom floors.

Rarely does a community project come along that unites students as much as the building of the new rec center, which will tentatively be referred to as Lydia's Rec Center. The creative moniker will be the crown atop the kingly achievement.

Students can reinvent how they exercise and play parts in one of Bradley's biggest undertakings to date.

Ticaric runs for U.S. president

BY PO!
of the Sprout

Jordan Ticaric

It's politics season.

More candidates than just Barack, Hillary and McCain are running too.

The Bradley community went into shock on Tuesday when both incumbent Student Body President Jordan Ticaric announced a bid for a second term and former student, school board president and current state representative Aaron Schock also threw his hat into the ring.

Schock will be returning to Bradley to get his masters degree in archery.

Schock said because he graduated from Bradley early he is entitled to this opportunity.

"I only went to Bradley for two years and I always wanted to be class president," he said. "I always felt as though there was something missing in my life. Being the youngest school board president in history wasn't enough, I think this is exactly what has been missing. It should fill the void."

Schock said he thinks he is perfectly capable to serve as both a congressman, should he be elected, and student body president.

"Uh, that's what they make phones for," he said.

When asked if he felt President Ticaric was doing a good job Schock said she was mediocre at best, but with all the good publicity from the Scout the student body is misled.

"Jordan's alright, but I mean what has she done other than the U-Hall cafeteria?'" he said. "And just look how that turned out."

Schock said one of his main goals is to petition the Illinois government to allow conceal and carry on college campuses, including Bradley's.

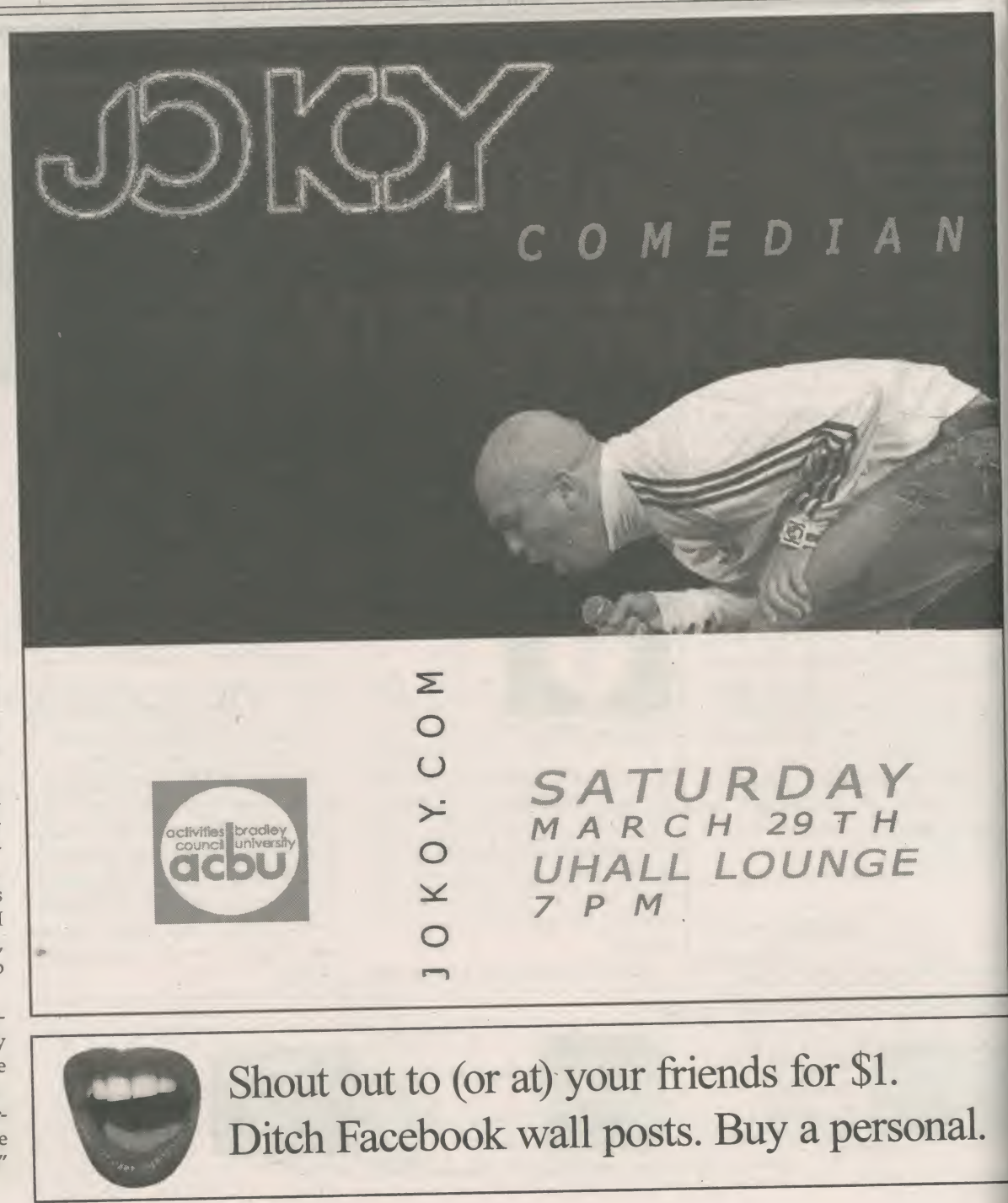
"Students need to be able to protect themselves," he said. "The emergency towers, campus police, Peoria police, county police, student patrol, common sense and the many other safety tools around campus are simply not as effective as a gun. Nothing says I'm protected like a Glock. It certainly wouldn't create more problems than it would solve."

Current President Ticaric said she never really thought about conceal and carry on campus and just wants to continue working miracles like the U-Hall cafeteria renovation.

"I really don't think all that much about conceal and carry on campus," she said. "I just want to continue working with Joanne ... er ... President Glasser ... to make this campus the best one in the world! I mean I worked on the U-Hall lounge, and it's amazing. I just want to keep doing those kinds of things."

Ticaric said she doesn't understand why Schock could possibly want to come back to Bradley to be president.

"The man is obviously an overachiever, why in the world does he want to take this away from me?" yelled Ticaric.



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Alan Galsky grilled on important campus issues

BY HEBREW HAMMER
of the Sprout

Alan Glasky

Alan Galsky, the associate provost for student affairs, seems to be one of the busiest men on campus. He knows everyone who's anyone and his Rolodex is full of important people's names and numbers.

How he manages to have time to shake the hands of everyone he sees every day is beyond us.

The Sprout managed to track Galsky down in between his many meetings with student leaders to ask him a few questions about how he does all he does.

Sprout: The Sprout has noticed you seem to always be running around in a hurry. Where are you going and why do you have to get there so fast?

Galsky: You know, I have asked myself that question a million times. Where do I have to go? Where am I going right now? Do I have to be somewhere? The answer is simply I don't really know. I get lost a lot. Sometimes in my office. Sometimes I just pace around my office for hours. Usually when this happens, my secretary will knock on my door and tell me I have a meeting or an appointment or something. By that point, I'm usually late, out of breath and covered in sweat from the pacing. Then I take care of business, if you know what I mean.

S: No. I don't know what you mean.

G: You know. I do what I do. I am the associate provost for student affairs. I do a lot of things. I am in charge of the Student Advisory Committee meeting every Wednesday. I usually attend the meeting and introduce myself at the meeting. Um ... what else do I do? Did I mention SAC?

S: Yes.

G: Don't forget about it. The members of the committee help make very important decisions on campus.

S: Have you made any changes or advancements at the university since becoming associate provost for student affairs?

G: I always ask myself, 'how can I facilitate effective student affairs at Bradley University?,' 'what kind of initiative can I take to make sure all Bradley students experience all the university has to offer?' and 'what in addition to what's already being done would I like to do?' The answer is broccoli.

S: What do you think is the one greatest thing about Bradley?

G: The answer is obvious: student leaders. They are the foundation of this university. They never sleep, shower, eat or relax. All they do is lead the student body. Who can cure cancer? Who can feed the hungry? Who can end the War in Iraq? Who can dress up in a clown suit and perform the Hokey Pokey at my granddaughter's bat-mitzvah? The answer is student leaders.

S: What do you think needs to be improved about Bradley?

G: Nothing. Absolutely nothing. The university is proud of its student body and has top-notch administration and staff. Just a year ago, one of our very own student leaders moved to Washington, D.C. She can't find a job and is living out of her car, but Bradley student leaders are going places.

S: What are your summer plans?

G: I ask myself, 'what can I do to relax this summer?' 'what kinds of things will help me prepare for next year?' and 'where can I go to get the best tan?' The answer is underwater basketweaving.

Police Reports

-At about 5 p.m. March 15 an officer on patrol approached 6457 Duryea Ave. after noticing suspicious activity through the windows of the home. The officer saw a male attempting to give a lighted cigar to his pet cat.The cat was sitting in a large leather armchair, wearing a monocle and top hat. The two were drinking brandy from snifters. The officer entered the home and issued the male resident a ticket. Illinois law prohibits citizens from attempting to give lighted cigars to any domesticated animal kept as a pet. The cat was issued a ticket for underage drinking.

-At about 3 p.m. March 16 an officer on patrol noticed a young boy, age 7, playing basketball in his driveway at 4575 Cooper St. The officer stopped and asked the boy why he thought he could shoot hoops in his driveway when Peoria law prohibits basketball hoops from being installed in driveways. The boy responded he normally played basketball with friends on Sunday afternoons. The officer told the boy he was becoming hostile and he issued the boy a ticket for the basketball hoop unlawfully installed in the driveway. The boy began to cry and the officer took him into custody. He was taken to Peoria County Jail.

-At about 8 a.m. March 22 an officer was dispatched to Sisson Hall on a noise complaint. The officer went to 100 Sisson and found Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky playing a radio loudly and dancing in his office. The officer asked Galsky to turn the music down and he refused. He was taken into custody.

-At about 8 p.m. March 24 an officer noticed a young woman at CVS Pharmacy in Campustown looking suspicious. The officer said the woman was walking slowly, had bloodshot eyes and kept sniffling. The officer suspected the woman was under the influence of alcohol or another drug, so he approached her and questioned her. The officer said the woman seemed unresponsive and unable to answer his questions because of long bouts of coughing and sneezing, so he administered a PBT. The woman blew a .001 and admitted to taking an over-the-counter cough syrup earlier in the day for her cold. She said she'd been to the Health Center and was at CVS to pick up a prescription. The officer issued the woman a ticket for underage consumption of a substance and confiscated her doctor-issued prescription.

Photo Poll

Who should win the presidency in November?

"McCain because I love wrinkly old men."
Anna Nicole Smith

"Stephen Colbert ... he is America."
Jon Stewart

"I'm not voting. None of the candidates have enough experience."
Hillary Clinton

"Hillary!!! Love her! She's zexy!!!"
Perez Hilton

"Obama used to smoke weed, right? Yeah. I'm going with him."
Lindsay Lohan

"Rooody Roooriani!"
Scooby Doo

"What's voting? Can I eat it or fart on it?"
Larry the Cable Guy

"Voting is a sin! It won't save your soul. It will send you to hell."
Shirley Phelps-Roper, spokeswoman for Westboro Baptist Church

"Waaaaahhhhhhh."
Chewbacca

Compiled by Megan Loos

Editorial

Packing heat brings a safer environment

Recent campus shootings have sparked debates about college students' rights to conceal and carry guns.

Twelve states have proposed legislation that would allow students to have concealed weapons at public universities.

Utah is the first state to enact this legislation, and we couldn't be happier.

As students, we feel it is our right to carry weapons wherever we go – be it dorms, classrooms or the quad. And we can only hope the Utah legislation will spread to Illinois.

Guns are the only fail-safe way students can protect themselves in emergencies.

Sure, students aren't trained police officers, but how difficult can it be to accurately shoot a gun? There's even a new Facebook application called Gunman, and its purpose is to compare your accuracy with your friends.

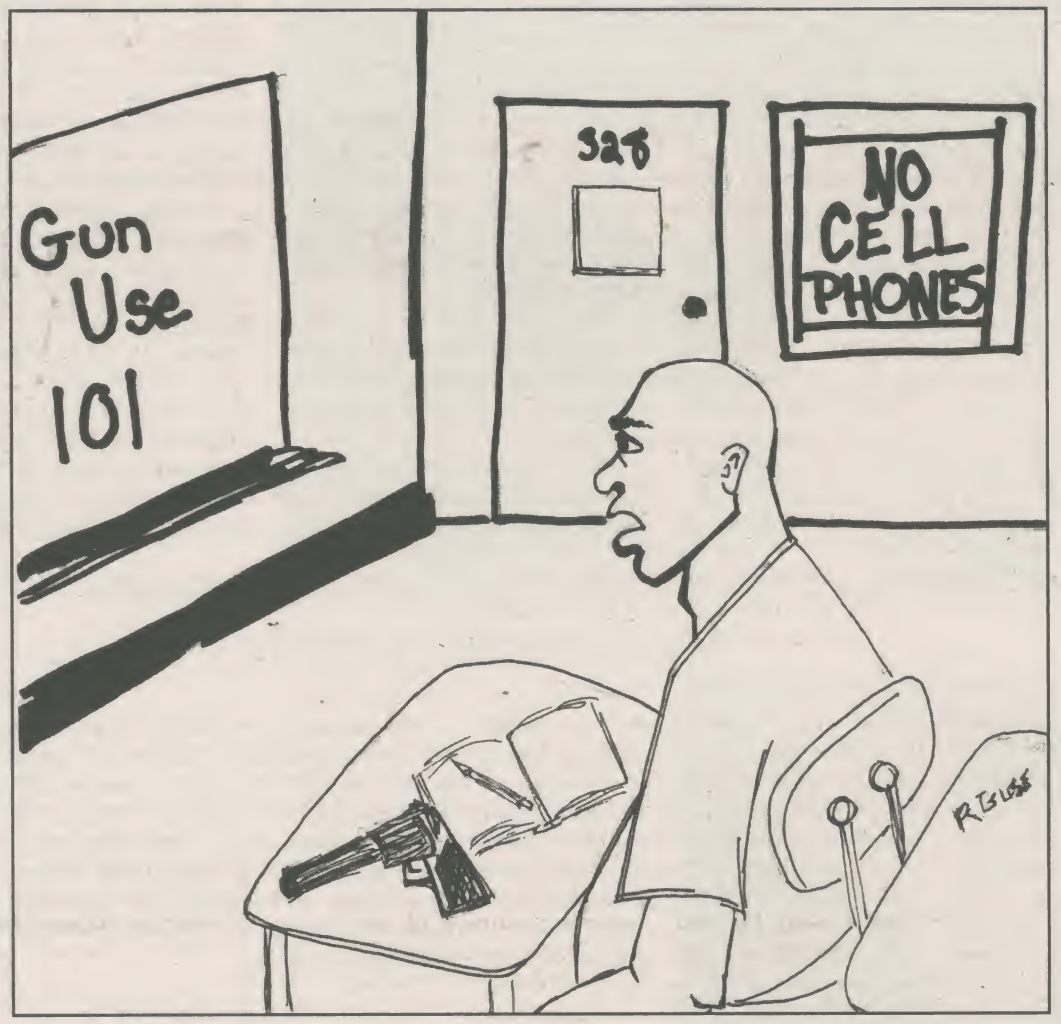
Plus, the cops are never there when you need them. They never respond in time to emergencies. Those lights and sirens are mainly for parades.

Although Utah law allows students to carry concealed weapons on the campuses of public universities, private universities are able to make their own decisions. This shouldn't be allowed. Private universities should be subject to the same rules as public ones.

Students attending private universities should be able to protect themselves in the same manner as students at public universities.

Not only do conceal and carry laws make sense for protection purposes, the right to bear arms is guaranteed to us in the Constitution.

Think about it this way – if we got in a war with ISU, they would have guns and we wouldn't. How fair is that? The War on 74 would be less of a war and more of a slaughter.



Guns belong in the classroom – they help students learn by instilling peace of mind that nothing else can.

College students are also known to be the calmest and most rational age group. They never make rash or alcohol-induced decisions that could affect another person's life.

We're sure every single student who decided to carry a firearm would only use it when absolutely necessary and never for fun or in a moment of intense anger.

Student body presidential candidate Aaron Schock supports a conceal and carry policy that we also back. He has the right idea about protecting students on campus.

If students think emergency text messages, police, word of mouth, PA system announcements, e-mail alerts and other warnings the university implements will save them, they should think again.

Letters to the Editor

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Campus/TAP information is unfair advantage

Dear Scout staff,

I think it's really shady and lame that you always write about the task force and support them and stuff. Like I think it's lame that you know when task force is here and you don't even tell other people about it. Like my friend one time got a ticket for drinking and I later heard that you all knew task force was here and we were pissed because if we knew too he wouldn't have had to pay $400 or whatever. So I think that if you guys know you should tell everyone because it's really not fair that you guys all know and we don't.

Sincerely,
Underage drinker

Greeks overlooked as large part of campus

Dear Scout staff,

Why don't you ever write about greeks? How come athletes and stuff get all the attention? Haven't you heard that Sig Nu is about to be kicked off campus and a bunch of other frats are on probation and stuff? I think you need to cover more greek stuff like philanthropies and stuff, because greeks are pretty huge here and I think it's unfair to not cover stuff about their philanthropies and stuff. I think like about 80 percent of this campus is greek so you should cover more stuff so you appeal to all students.

Sincerely,
A concerned greek student

Bradley 2008
Sprout Staff

Beer pong added as sport, students with powerful livers recruited

BY BUD WIESER
of the Sprout

A new sport is coming to the Hilltop.

Director of Athletics Ken Kavanagh announced Tuesday that Bradley will expand its athletic department to include both men's and women's beer pong teams, beginning with the 2008-09 season.

The addition of the two teams increases the number of Div. I athletic squads sponsored by the school to 15.

"We're extremely excited to welcome these two new programs into the Bradley athletics family," Kavanagh said, "Beer pong is rapidly growing in popularity around the world, and we're proud to say we now offer such a prestigious sport here."

Kavanagh said he thinks the new sport is the perfect fit for Bradley.

"So many of our students already play beer pong recreationally," he said. "I think it's going to be a huge hit with both our student body and the community."

Kavanagh said both teams will offer full scholarships to their student athletes. NCAA regulations allow up to 10 scholarship players for beer pong teams.

Both squads are expected to draw large crowds rivaling those of men's basketball. The teams will play their home games at Carver Arena in downtown Peoria.

Along with the announcement of the new teams, Bradley also named Frank "The Tank" Ricard as coach of both squads.

Ricard, whose life story was portrayed in the 2003 film "Old School," is considered one of the nation's elite beer pong coaches.

"This is awesome. I freaking love beer pong," a clearly intoxicated Ricard said. "Wait, what just happened? I blacked out there for a second."

Ricard said he plans to turn Bradley into a powerhouse that competes for national titles each season. He said he will achieve success through hard work and a rigorous training regimen including keg stands, beer bongs and drinking games.

Several of the top beer pong recruits in the country have already committed to play for Bradley next season, but Ricard said he also plans to tap into the large alcoholic population on campus.

Men's basketball players Theron Wilson and Tyrone Cole-Scott have both expressed interested in playing.

The two juniors, who were both arrested on charges of underage drinking earlier this year, said they think their drinking experience will be an asset to the team.

Ricard said he will have an open tryout during finals week for any students interested in playing, though he warned that it will be hard work.

"Beer pong is no joke. It takes long hours and complete dedication," he said. "You have to be willing to drink extreme amounts of alcohol and push your body to the limit. It's not a sport for people with weak livers."

Sam Adams, a freshman advertising major, said he and several members of his fraternity plan to attend the tryouts.

"We're already training," he said. "There are some great beer pong players on this campus, but I think I'm good enough to make the team."

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Bradley genius fills out perfect bracket

BY CHRIS P. BACON
of the Sprout

A Bradley student has filled out the perfect NCAA tournament bracket.

Junior math major Brock Lee is believed to be the only person left in the world to have successfully picked all 16 of the remaining teams in the tournament.

"I just had a feeling that this was the year I'd fill out the perfect bracket," he said. "So far, so good."

Lee, who filled out more than 8.5 quintillion total brackets, said he has been attempting to successfully predict the tournament's results since he was in high school.

"It's always kind of been my dream," he said. "I've been doing it for a quite while now, but the problem was I just never filled enough out."

Lee said he began filling out brackets a few moments after the tournament field was announced on March 16 and spent the majority of his Spring Break making his picks.

"I didn't finish until about three hours before tip-off of the first game," he said. "I was awake for four straight days, but it was worth it because now I can say I have the perfect bracket. Nobody else can say that."

According to www.mathforum.org, there are exactly 9,223,372,036,854,775,808 possible bracket combinations.

Lee said he considered filling out a bracket for each potential scenario, but decided to stop short of the 9 quintillion mark.

"If I filled out all those brackets, I'd be guaranteed to win before the tournament even started. Where's the fun in that?" he said. "I wanted the element of chance to be involved. Besides, everyone knows the 16 seeds won't win the whole thing anyway."

With the Sweet 16 round beginning play Thursday night, Lee is now assured of finishing with a perfect bracket, having picked all of the 32,768 remaining possibilities.

It's unclear as to whether anyone has ever successfully predicted the outcome of every tournament game before, but Lee is believed to be the first.

"It feels great," he said. "I'm proud to say I'm the first person to ever do it."

Lee has received plenty of national attention for his efforts, and many have expressed admiration for his achievement.

"That's a pretty impressive accomplishment," said North Carolina coach Roy Williams, whose top-seed Tar Heels are one of the remaining teams.

Unfortunately for Lee, the feat did not make him rich. Yahoo! Sports, which had offered a $5 million prize to anyone filling out a perfect bracket, is refusing to give Lee the prize money.

"He didn't even enter our contest," said Yahoo! spokesperson Jenny Tull. "He doesn't have any type of claim to the money."

Lee, however, disagrees.

"For some reason they said I could only enter one bracket," he said. "But that's stupid. How am I supposed to pick a perfect bracket when I can only enter once?"

Lee said he is seeking legal counsel on the matter, but for now, plans to enjoy his success.

"The money really isn't important anyway," he said. "I'm happy just knowing I'm the only person to ever fill out a perfect bracket."

GLASSER
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retired, so I knew it was time to move on."

Glasser went on to be the first female president of the Academy for Equine Sciences Charter School in New Hampshire, which sparked a new passion. She said she realized being head of a school was a job she enjoyed almost as much as being a jockey.

So becoming EKU's president was a perfect match. Glasser got the best of both worlds. She was leading a university, and she was also able to ride on the side. Though she had retired from racing nearly two decades before, she said she missed it and began racing in the Kentucky Derby again. But she still rode under fabricated names.

"I wasn't afraid of what my family thought anymore," she said. "I was afraid EKU would find out that the money coming in for the capital campaign was actually from my jockey winnings. I didn't want to have to explain that."

But Glasser's helmet fell off during the Kentucky Derby in 2006, exposing her distinctive coiffed-bun hairdo.

"I left EKU out of embarrassment," Glasser said. "They didn't make me resign, but I didn't think anyone would take me seriously after that."

The opening for Bradley's presidency was a perfect chance for Glasser to leave Kentucky. However, she didn't want to leave horses behind all together, so she joined the Equestrian Club at the Activities Fair in August.

"I'm still pushing for the Bradley mascot to be a horse," she said. "Unfortunately, I think everyone is going to say 'nay' to that idea."

Crossword

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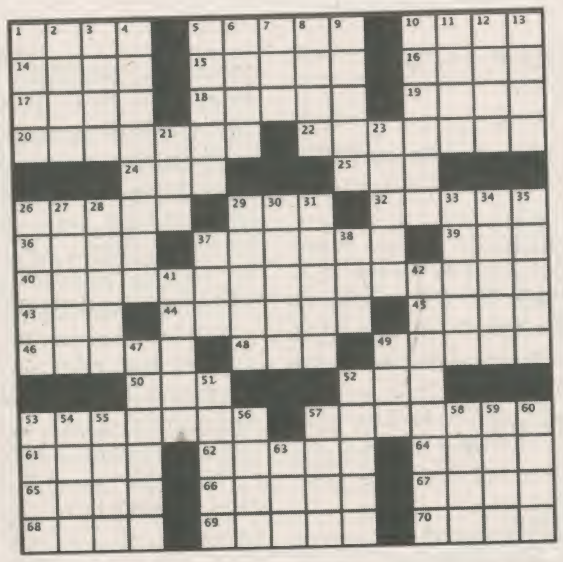

Across
1- Double
5- Taxes, e.g.
10- Swindle
14- Impulse to act
15- Worship
16- Very small quantity
17- Painter Chagall
18- Visible exhalation
19- At any time
20- Phonograph record
22- Paramount
24- Pot used to contain the ashes of a dead person
25- Mutilate, spoil
26- Transport
29- P.m.
32- Tortilla topped with cheese
36- It's blown among the reeds
37- Was merciful to
39- Thigh
40- Make urban
43- "Xanadu" band
44- 3.26 light years
45- Small secluded valley
46- Curt
48- Abbreviation of the name Edward
49- Negates; 50- SASE, e.g.
52- ___ Brooks, filmaker responsible for "Blazing Saddles"
53- Winged horse
57- Emily Dickinson, e.g.
61- Close with force
62- Ogles
64- Civil disturbance
65- Bristle
66- Mexican money
67- Language of Pakistan
68- Revenuers, for short
69- Restless
70- Intend

Down
1- Let fall in a mass
2- Orsk's river
3- Pearl Mosque city
4- Academic teacher
5- Lustrous black
6- Purim month
7- Summit
8- Greek god of love
9- Watery animal fluid
10- Mountain range
11- Bay
12- Up and ___!
13- Female horse
21- Attempt, a score in rugby
23- White-and-black bearlike mammal
26- Celestial body
27- White poplar tree
28- Chopper topper
29- To the left, at sea
30- Wrong
31- Reliable
33- Penetrating cold
34- Filbert
35- Portents
37- Mineral spring
38- And so on
41- Goes into business
42- Monetary unit of Bhutan
47- Sailor
49- Word used to precede a woman's maiden name
51- Mea ___
52- Like rocks in a stream
53- Attention-getter
54- K-6
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56- Observed
57- Career golfers
58- The Emerald Isle
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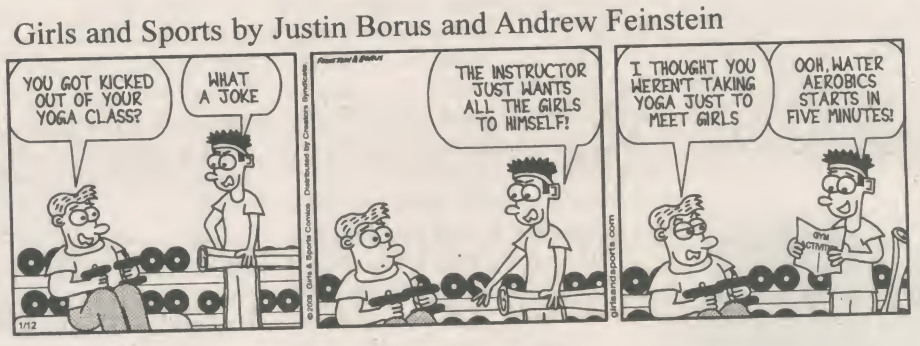

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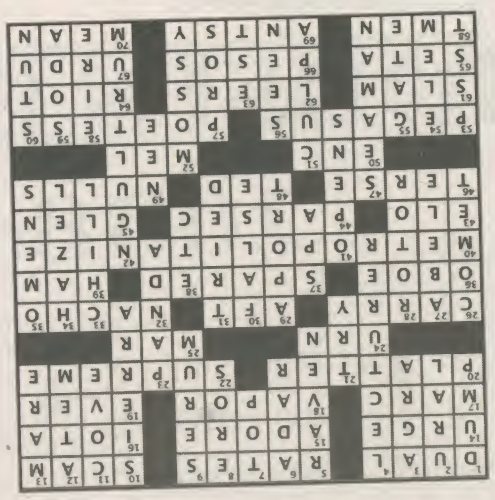

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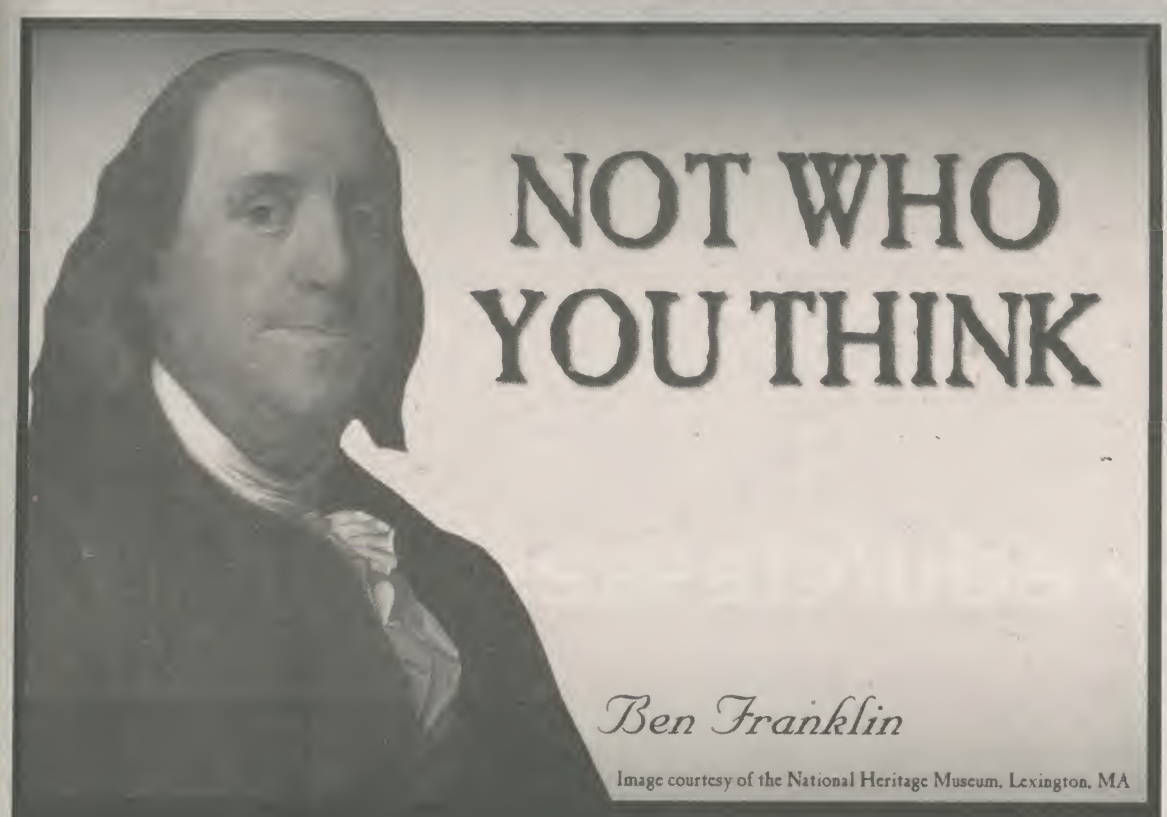

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If you're feelin' down this week, cheer up! Because just think, out of all those thousands of sperm, you were the fastest. A motivational thought from your friends at Theta Chi.

If you saw two guys named Flippy and Hambone, which one would you think liked dolphins the most? I'd say Flippy, wouldn't you? You would be wrong. It was Hambone. An important life fact from your friends as Theta Chi.

Come support Bradley men's club volleyball this Saturday at Haussler Hall at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 12:30 p.m.

Vickles, I vote we go shopping soon in the Flying Focus!

Happy belated birthday to Alyssa and Anne!

Amanda, I'm excited to be class buddies next year!

I love The Fools on the Hill. Love, Lauren

Woody, buy us some food.

PREGNANT

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ternity brothers and I hurt my neck, so I went into the Health Center," he said. "I thought it was just a regular old injury but I found out I was actually pregnant. I have a healthy, happy baby boy now."

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again.'"

Facebook wasn't the only casualty on the Catholic Church's list of new sins. The Church warns against eating chicken strips, fried chicken and any chicken entree that serves the meat in a fried or breaded manner.

"God intended meat to be baked, broiled or even sauteed," Ferritoni said. "Aside from the health issue, fried and breaded chicken is simply an abjuration in His eyes. And don't even think about the honey mustard sauce."

Ferritoni suggests Jesus-tested, God-approved dishes such as steamed cabbage, oysters or fish filets. Perch, tilapia, catfish – Ferritoni says you can't go wrong.

Chicken strips are a favorite of Bradley students such as Dave Rembrandt, a junior elementary education major who eats at least two meals a day at the Michel Student Center.

"What could possibly be wrong with chicken strips?" he said. "They're inexpensive, they're convenient and if I might say so, they taste pretty good. "

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Pope Benedict XVI waves goodbye to Facebook, which the Catholic Church recently named as a sin. *photo by the Hebrew Hammer*

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Robertson Memorial Field House, built from two World War II hangars about 60 years ago, has been not only a Bradley icon but also a central Illinois landmark. It is known today as the home court of Bradley women's basketball and volleyball, but the field house has also welcomed countless guests, including famous comedians and musicians to national politicians and the country's best sports teams.

It was named after former athletic director A.J. Robertson, who coached Bradley baseball, basketball and football and orchestrated Bradley's move into the Missouri Valley Conference in the late 1940s.

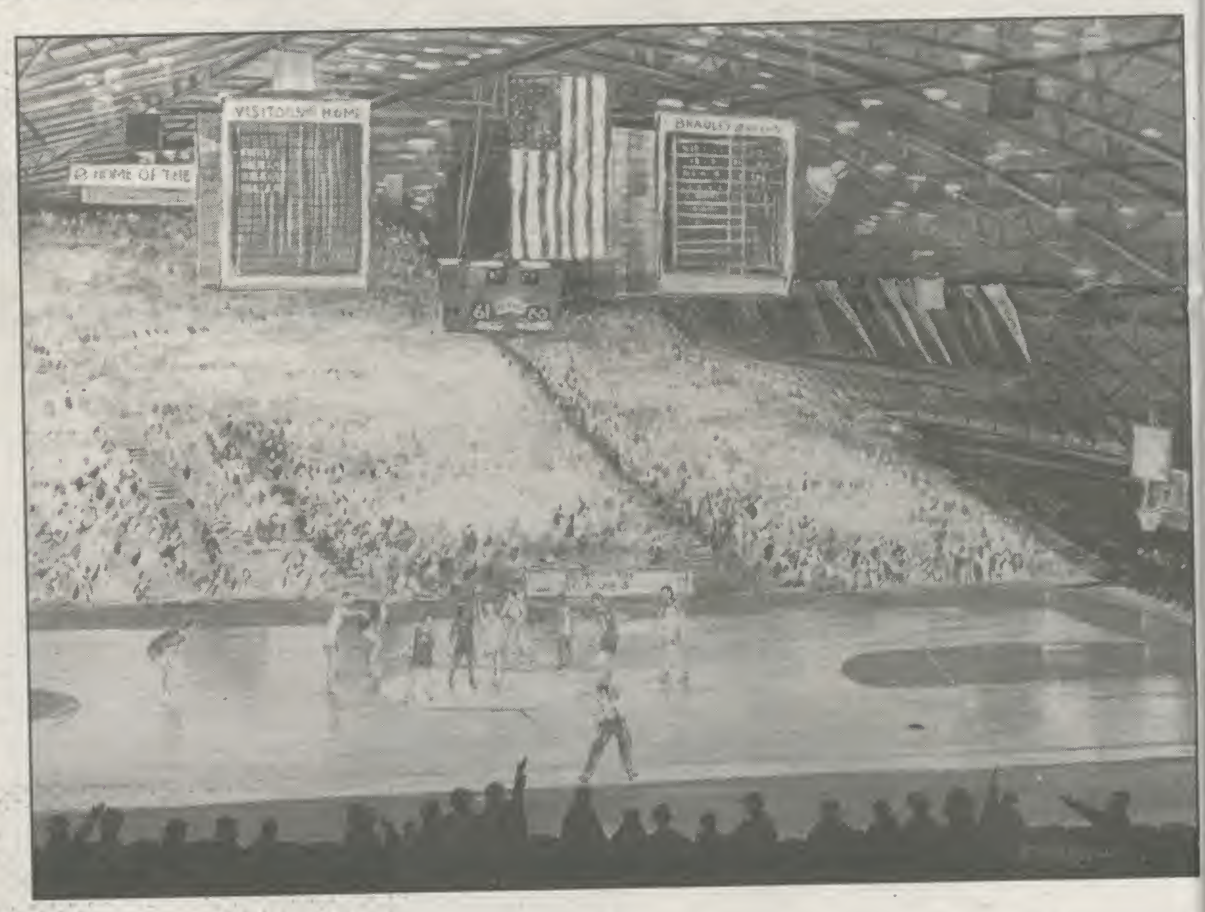
The field house's well-known raised floor gave audiences a better view of games than coaches had.

"That was probably the original home-court advantage," former basketball great Chet Walker once said.

From concerts and ice shows to political rallies and circuses, the field house has seen it all. Though it's scheduled for demolition later this month, the thunderous cheering for the Braves that once filled its walls won't be forgotten.

"Most buildings that we humans design serve mere utilitarian purposes. A few others are graced enough to express pure beauty. Rarer, still, however, are those notable buildings that achieve beauty throughout their very utility, as is the case with Bradley University's own Robertson Memorial Field House."

-Painter Jack Kimmerling



1940

1946 – Bradley purchases a World War II hangar for about $10,000.

1947 – Track and baseball teams practice in and around the field house.

1948 – A.J. 'Robbie' Robertson dies

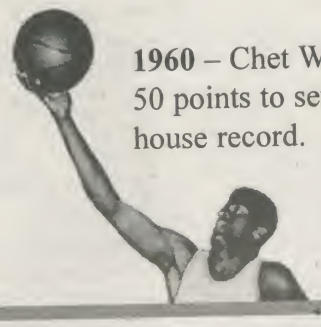
1949 – University President David. B Owen announces a five-year ticket plan to raise money to complete the field house. Fans buy bleacher seats to men's basketball home games for $125 for five years or theater seats for $175 for five years. Bradley raises $370,000 and spends more than $500,000 for the construction of a second hangar. Architect Richard Doyle devises the plan to make the two hangars usable, and the new building is named Robertson Memorial Field House. About 8,300 fans fit in new arena.

1950

1950 – The fire marshal orders aisles to be widened, and basketball capacity is reduced to 7,800.

1952 – Dwight D. Eisenhower makes a campaign stop.

Bradley unveils plan to install a planetarium in the field house.



1960 – Chet Walker scores 50 points to set the field house record.

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Fans, family bid final farewell

Above: James Robertson, great-grandson of former Bradley coach and athletic director A.J. Robertson, shoots the final basket at Robertson Memorial Field House as onlookers gather to bid the building farewell. *photo by Duane Zehr* **Below: Community members take home sections of the field house bleachers, which Bradley sold as keepsakes. The field house is scheduled for demolition later this month.** *photo by Sam Lemanski*

Crowd gathers for last basket at field house

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

The now-defunct Robertson Memorial Field House played host to its final event last week as students and faculty gathered on the court to witness the last basket ever scored there.

"Look and see how unique this place was, because in its day it was the greatest basketball facility ever built," said David Snell, "the Voice of the Braves" on WMBD radio.

The event was also meant to honor former three-sport Bradley coach A.J. "Robbie" Robertson, the man who dreamed of building a place like the field house but died before it was constructed.

Joe Stowell, who joined Bradley basketball in 1946 and went on to coach both the men's and women's teams, said Robertson was a humble, respected man.

"Robbie was to basketball what Lydia Moss Bradley is to Bradley," he said.

During the event, University President Joanne Glasser pre-

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Gish's felony charge dropped

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Charges were dropped this week against the student who allegedly pushed friend Robert Hurt into oncoming traffic.

Brandon Gish, a Southern Illinois University Edwardsville student, is no longer charged with reckless conduct, Peoria County State's Attorney Kevin Lyons' office announced Wednesday.

Last week, a grand jury failed to indict Gish of the felony charge. If Lyons hadn't dropped charges against Gish this week, he would have had to prove in a preliminary hearing there was enough evidence to go forward with the case.

But that won't happen, as Lyons

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U-Hall lounge to have food next year

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

The University Hall lounge will not only be a place to study and listen to music. Beginning fall 2008, it will also have dinner on the weekends.

The menu will vary every day, but burgers and sandwiches will always be available, Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said.

Food will be served from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"It will be something quick and easy to get, so it won't distract from studying or performances that will be going on,"

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
52 / 35
Mostly cloudy.

Saturday
61 / 41
Mostly sunny.

Sunday
65 / 42
Partly cloudy.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Braves split first two games in CBI.
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Bradley Briefs

• The Department of Music will host an opera workshop from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students and $5 for the general public.

• The Smith Career Center will host a graphic design forum from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Global Communications Center 104. Students can seek advice and network with professionals in their fields of study.

• There will be a test of the emergency speakers on Bradley Hall and Student Apartment Complex at 10:50 a.m. Monday.

• The Smith Career Center will host a minority networking reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday in Lydia's Lounge. The event will allow students from diverse backgrounds to meet and receive advice about careers from professionals.

• Habitat for Humanity will host a 5K race from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday beginning at Haussler Hall. Registration begins at 8 a.m. For more information, e-mail dhoncoop@bradley.edu.

• Baby Want Candy will be performed from 8 to 9 p.m. Saturday in the Michel Student Center ballroom. The musical, featuring a full band, is $1 for students and $1.50 for faculty.

• The Activities Council will host Kayla Williams' lecture "Young, Female and in the Army" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Marty Theater. Admission is free.

• The Black Student Alliance is hosting the Heritage Ball at 7 p.m. Friday in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

• The Newman Center will host a college day with Bishop Daniel Jenky April 12. The evening begins with a 5:30 p.m. mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary the Immaculate in downtown Peoria, followed by a free dinner and dancing at the Holiday Inn City Centre. Transportation is available for students at 5 p.m. from Newman, and the dress code is business casual. To make a reservation, contact Ron Haaker today at (309) 674-0208 or e-mail him at ron@bradleynewman.org. Spots are limited.

Around the World

Woman sentenced for killing autistic daughter

A Morton woman was sentenced Tuesday to 36 years in prison for suffocating her autistic daughter.

Karen McCarron apologized for killing 3-year-old Katherine McCarron in May 2006 and said she doesn't deserve forgiveness from all the people she hurt.

She was found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder, one count of obstructing justice and one count of concealment of a homicidal death for the killing.

On the night of the murder, McCarron drove the child to her mother's empty house in Morton and killed the child by wrapping a garbage bag around her neck. She then placed her back in her bed to claim later she found the child dead.

Information taken from www.pjstar.com

EPA asked to comply with gas emissions ruling

The Environmental Protection Agency will return to court after 18 states demanded it follow a Supreme Court ruling reprimanding the Bush administration for not taking action against global warming.

The states claim the EPA has done nothing to uphold a ruling requiring it to decide whether to regulate green house gas emissions from cars, according to a petition filed Wednesday.

The ruling, made in April 2007, dictated that the EPA has the authority under the Clean Air Act to regulate emissions from new cars and trucks. It is also stated the EPA's reasons for not regulating them weren't adequate.

The petition requests that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit require the EPA to act within 60 days.

Information taken from www.nytimes.com

Zimbabwe ruling power may lose control of parliament

A new opposition party may take control of Zimbabwe after President Robert Mugabe's ruling ZANU-PF party's possible loss of power within the lower house of parliament.

The party Movement for Democratic Change may secure a majority of seats in Zimbabwe's lower house of parliament, which consists of 210 seats.

The news came after the MDC claimed its leader had won the presidential elections. The country's information minister regarded the claim as false, and claims circulated regarding a runoff to determine the next president.

MDC said Morgan Tsvangirai won the election. MDC Secretary-General Tendai Biti then called for President Robert Mugabe to step down. Mugabe has been in power for 28 years, ever since the nation's independence.

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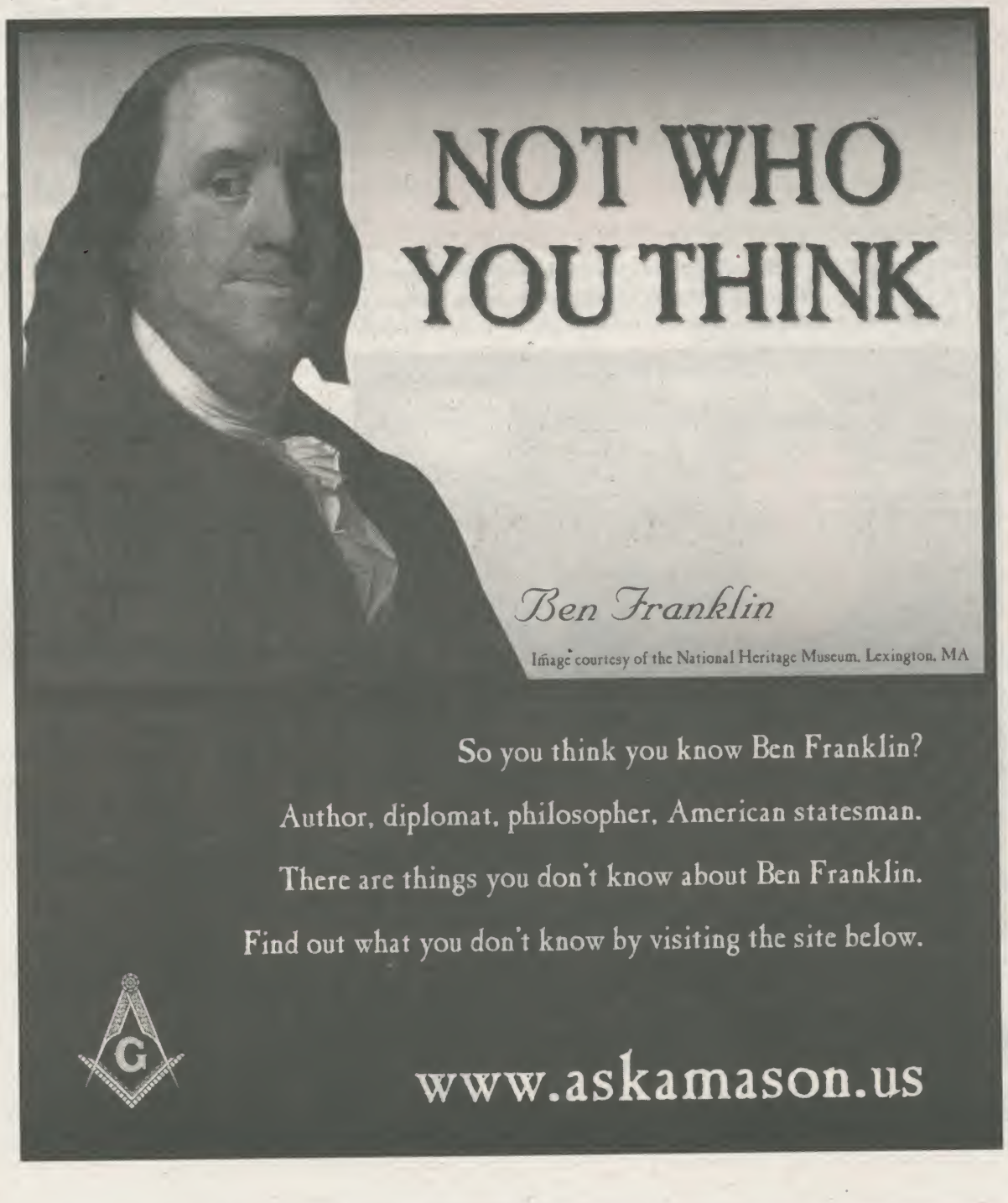

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Parking deck error not to delay construction

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Work continues on the university's 15-year plan with the upcoming construction of a new athletic arena, but an error with the new parking deck could cause an issue, Ron Doerzaph said.

The Facilities Management Director said the contractors who were laying out the parking deck used wrong information, and the deck was built too close to Main Street. The structure must be 25 feet from the street, according to Peoria regulations, but it's currently between two to nine feet too close to the street because the road curves.

"It's a sad circumstance," Doerzaph said. "The closest point to the road should have been 25 feet back, so the rest would be farther behind."

Doerzaph said the deck's contractors have two options to rectify the problem.

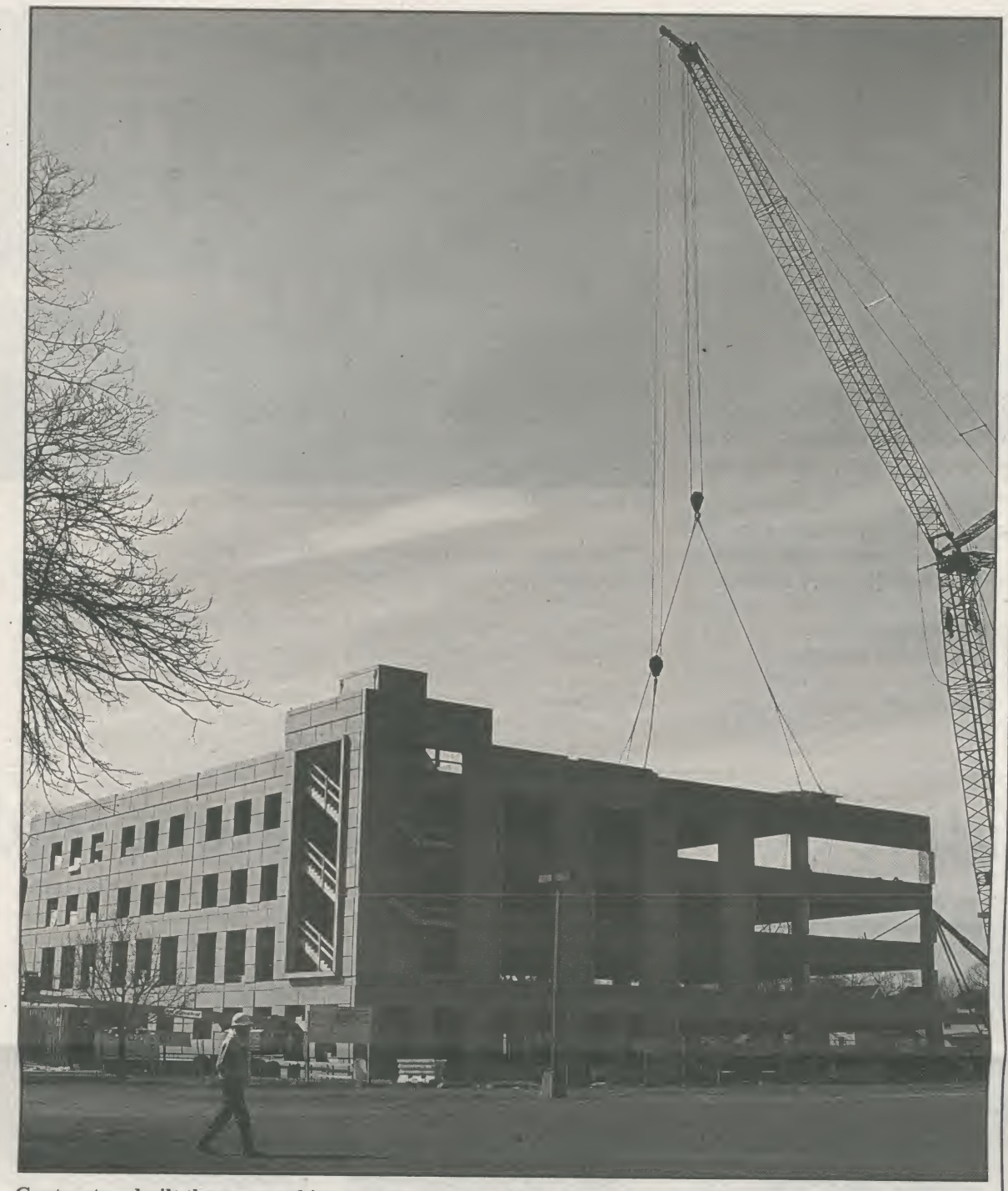
First, he said the contractors have approached the city of Peoria to obtain a variation of the requirement, allowing them to leave the parking deck as it is, even though it's too close to the street.

"It was [the contractors'] mistake," Doerzaph said. "They are just saying, 'Look, it happened. There aren't too many alternatives.'"

The other choice, if the variance is denied, would be to shorten the deck. This construction would be *at no cost* to Bradley.

Doerzaph said the contractors are proceeding with the deck and it will be ready for use by fall "no matter which way they go."

Williams Brothers is the construction's main contractor group, but the company sub-contracted a surveying company to create plans for the parking deck.



Contractors built the new parking deck too close to Main Street by city of Peoria regulations. They will ask the city to allow the building to remain as it is despite the error. *photo by Megan Loos*

Junior public relations major Lauren Hamilton said she thinks Peoria will grant the variance because Bradley is a major part of the Peoria community.

"Everyday, community members drive by campus and see how crowded it is and see that we need another parking deck," she said.

Besides the parking deck and the Markin Family Student Recreation Center, an athletic arena will be built in the current location of the Robertson Memorial Field House, on which demolition will start within the month.

Doerzaph said the arena will house all athletic groups and offices. The building will be the home court for the women's basketball and volleyball teams, and it will include a men's basketball practice facility.

The new arena has no official name yet, and it's scheduled to open in about two years.

Hamilton said she's looking forward to a new sports arena because the field house, while historical, had some problems.

"Hopefully the new arena will be cooler temperature-wise," she said. "That's my biggest issue with the field house – it's so hot in the gym part but so cold everywhere else."

Hamilton also said she hopes the arena will be a better facility for more than just sports.

"When we have big-name speakers come, like Jean Kilbourne, that person needs to be in the field house," she said. "People shouldn't be sitting on the floor in a crowded room for Jean Kilbourne … Basically it needs to be more of an all-campus amenity instead of just an athletic amenity."

Group promotes more walkable Main Street

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Three neighborhood residents are calling for improvements to Main Street to make it more pedestrian-friendly.

The three residents formed The Campaign for a Walkable West Bluff to promote New Urbanism, which includes making streets safer for those walking, group member Lisa Ferolo said.

The group encourages the city to refurbish storefronts, decrease traffic speeds and aesthetically improve Main Street.

"Main Street has all the components that could make it such a great place for the community and the city," Ferolo said.

The group aims to bring citizen voices together so it can bring concrete ideas to the city, she said.

"We're very much focused on getting people excited about the possibilities," she said. "There is a lot of support in the community, but we think if we can get everybody together … we're going to have a lot more impact."

The group met most recently a couple weeks ago, and 32 people attended. The group has met three times, and Ferolo said membership is expanding.

She said Bradley staff attended the meeting and encouraged students to get involved with the campaign so they can express what they want out of Main Street.

"I think Bradley students and faculty and staff are a big part of this community, and the West Bluff community in the particular," Ferolo said. "They are all stakeholders … and I think they all have visions of Main Street too."

Most meeting attendees were homeowners, but some were business owners as well.

Steve Spain, owner of The Costume Trunk located on Main Street, attended the meeting and said he fully supports the campaign efforts.

"This particular campaign was neat because it was coming from the neighborhood people," he said.

He said he thinks the campaign is more credible because it wasn't created by business owners.

Spain said he always thought the city needed a more pedestrian-friendly Main Street.

"I think that should be one of our nicest, most pleasant walks … not one of the most aggravating," he said.

Spain said he thinks the city should bring back diagonal parking on Main Street and lower the speed limit, as long as it doesn't negatively affect traffic in surrounding neighborhoods.

The Campaign for a Walkable West Bluff's Walkable Audit, during which members will evaluate the infrastructure conditions of Main Street and create more concrete goals, will take place 9 a.m. April 19.

Ferolo invited students and staff to attend.

The next regular meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. April 29 in Bradley Hall 142.

Ferolo said if enough students are interested in the cause, she will meet with them outside community meetings to share ideas.

Students can reach Ferolo at lferolo@mma90.com.

Transfer students may need dean's approval

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Transfer students made need proof of standings at their previous universities before being admitted to Bradley.

The form that is expected to be approved and in use by next fall would have to be signed by transfer students' university personnel, including the dean of students or vice president for student affairs.

The form asks if the student is in good standing and eligible to return to the school. It also asks if the student was involved in disciplinary action.

Executive Director for Living and Leadership Nathan Thomas, who helped write the form, said the idea is a joint effort between the Safety and Security Committee and the Enrollment Management Office.

Thomas said the reason for the dean recommendation form is two-fold, starting with safety and security.

"As a part of everything that's happened on college campuses, we're trying to look and say 'What else could we be doing?'" he said.

Thomas said the second reason for the form's draft is because of *similar success at other schools.*

"We're not the only school looking at these types of letters or the only school to implement them either," he said. "Schools that we consider our peers are sending them."

These schools include University of Evansville and University of Miami.

Thomas said the administration office currently asks both incoming freshmen and transfer students if they have criminal records, but the new dean's recommendation letter would "go to the next step."

"If they've been at a university or college already, do they have things we need to be aware of on their records?" he said.

A draft of the letter was sent to administrative officials last week, Thomas said.

"It's being passed up through the chains of administration," he said. "We could see this letter being sent out as early as this fall's transfer class."

Junior marketing major Lyndsey Smith transferred to Bradley at the start of her sophomore year.

She said she thinks a recommendation letter to discover if transfer students are in good standing would be a good idea.

"I don't think standards should be lowered for transfer students," she said.

Smith said she doesn't think students should be allowed to transfer to Bradley if they didn't do well at their previous schools.

"I know someone who left a school because they weren't in good standing and came here, to our school," she said. "And now that person has to leave here as well."

Senate candidates debate about issues, operations

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Student body officer candidates gathered in Lydia's Lounge on Wednesday night for the electoral debate.

It was structured more as individual questions and answers than a conversation between candidates.

Treasurer candidate Owen Irwin said he wants to expand the role of treasurer to lobby the administration with students' financial concerns.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric is the only incumbent and said she's already built rapport with administrators.

"Something I can bring [to the presidency] that's unique is I'm rerunning," she said. "I know what the position entails. You won't have any lag time."

Ticaric's opponent Erica Hammock said she brings diverse perspectives to the position, and she would actively seek out diverse opinions among students.

In addition to speaking about themselves, candidates addressed Senate operations.

Almost every candidate agreed communication is a significant weakness of Senate, and the topic continually came up throughout the event.

"The student body doesn't see what Senate does and doesn't know the power and influence they have in the administration," secretary candidate Maggie Hammar said. "[Senate] needs to communicate it to the student body."

Current Student Body Secretary Todd Moore asked the secretary candidates how they plan to reach out to students and get them involved.

Secretary candidate Lisa Beltrame said she would put Senate information on MyBU so students could easily access it.

Hammar said she'd make sure the information students receive is concrete and accurate.

"One of the big things is when information spreads, we get very different stories, and I think that's a big problem," she said.

At a debate Wednesday night, student body officer candidates discuss campus issues. *photo by Dan Panno*

Ticaric said she doesn't feel communication is Senate's biggest weakness.

"The people who care on campus find out what's going on," she said. "It's getting the people who are communicated to, but maybe don't care [that is a problem]."

Moore said receiving students' attention and interest is difficult.

"It's easier said than done," he said. "It's a hardship you have to face when you're thrown into the position."

Moore said he wished students participated more in the debate.

"I wish there was more of a turnout," he said. "It really allows you to get a feel for what the candidates are thinking and where they stand on Senate as a whole and the position they are running for as well."

He said he thought most attendees had their minds made up before they came – some even had promotional items.

Ten candidates compete for student body offices

Student body elections will take place Monday and Tuesday. Students may vote online at www.busenate.com or in the Michel Student Center on either day. Ten students are vying for the four executive positions. The candidates sat down with the Scout to discuss campus issues. The candidates are listed in alphabetical order for each position.

Name: **Erica Hammock**
Position: President
Year: Junior
Major: Political science, history

Erica Hammock is a senator representing St. James Apartment Complex. She served as a senator for one semester last year.

Hammock said she thinks change needs to happen quicker on campus, and she wants to focus on renovating the Cullom-Davis Library and fixing flooding on campus sidewalks. She said she'll bring new ideas and a new perspective to the student body president position. She also said she has a good relationship with other campus organizations, such as the Association of Residence Halls and Help, Empower and Teach.

Name: **Jordan Ticaric**
Position: President
Year: Senior (plans to be a Bradley graduate student in the fall)
Major: Advertising

Jordan Ticaric is the student body president and is seeking re-election for that position.

She served as student body secretary her sophomore year and was a senator her freshman year.

Ticaric said she has just "hit the tip of the iceberg" as student body president and wants to finish next year what she started this year. She said she will continue to listen to students and "take the job as it comes" rather than create a definite plan that locks her to a specific agenda.

Name: **Ben Koch**
Position: Vice president
Year: Sophomore
Major: English, secondary education, Spanish
Ticket: Jordan Ticaric

Ben Koch is the chairman of Senate's Diversity Affairs Committee. He served as a senator his freshman year.

Koch said he is passionate about Student Senate and sees the potential difference he can make for the student body. Koch said it's a great time to be a Bradley student because of the renovations on campus.

Continued growth at Bradley is one of Koch's major focuses. He said he wants to "make the good things great and the not-so-good things better."

Name: **Luke Soltis**
Position: Vice President
Year: Sophomore
Major: Mechanical engineering
Ticket: Independent

Luke Soltis is a senator representing the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils.

Soltis said he enjoys being a campus leader and wants to emphasize campus safety. He also said he hopes to encourage more campus-wide involvement and promote student diversity.

He said to achieve his plans, he could "figure out common goals" within Senate and prioritize them.

Name: **Lisa Beltrame**
Position: Secretary
Year: Freshman
Major: Political science, economics
Ticket: Independent

Lisa Beltrame is a senator for University Hall.

Beltrame said she believes it's important to "spread the word" about campus events to the student body, especially to off-campus students. She said she hopes to do so by publicizing events better through verbal communication and campus-wide e-mails.

She said she brings new ideas to Senate, and she realizes only a small percentage of students know what happens in Senate meetings, so publicizing information would help.

Name: **Maggie Hammar**
Position: Secretary
Year: Junior
Major: Chemistry, physics
Ticket: Erica Hammock

Maggie Hammar is the chairwoman for Senate's Campus Affairs Committee. She served as a senator second semester her freshman year and all of her sophomore year.

Hammar said students aren't aware of many activities and events on campus, and they also don't know about many services Bradley offers. Hammar said she wants to send out campus-wide e-mails and revamp the MyBU Web site to display information to make it easily accessible to students.

She also said the university as a whole can improve with minor changes.

Name: **Sharika House**
Position: Secretary
Year: Junior
Major: Biochemistry
Ticket: Jordan Ticaric

Sharika House has not served on Senate before. However, she said she has learned leadership skills and how to address students' needs from being a resident adviser.

House said she is passionate about being student body secretary and hopes to increase communication about campus events and news to the student body. She wants to see Bradley improve and hopes to "take it to the next level."

Name: **Jessica Fabiszak**
Position: Treasurer
Year: Freshman
Major: Political science, economics
Ticket: Independent

Jessica Fabiszak is a senator representing Geisert Hall.

She said the diversity of groups of which she's a member have helped her understand the student body.

Fabiszak said she wants to be a "support system for other student body officers" and won't only concentrate on managing Senate's budget. She said she hopes to have monthly meetings with other organizations to get campus-wide opinions.

Name: **Owen Irwin**
Position: Treasurer
Year: Sophomore
Major: Economics, German
Ticket: Jordan Ticaric

Owen Irwin is the chairman of Senate's Academic Affairs Committee. He served as a senator his freshman year.

Irwin said he hopes to make student body treasurer a more visible position on campus. Rather than focusing solely on the budget, Irwin said he wants to give more back to students by focusing on the issues they care about most such as tuition, scholarships and financial aid.

Irwin said his working relationships with Bradley administrators will help him to address students' financial issues.

Name: **Jake Schmitt**
Position: Treasurer
Year: Junior
Major: Management and administration
Ticket: Erica Hammock

Jake Schmitt is a senator representing the Student Apartment Complex.

Schmitt said he thinks student body treasurer can have more power, and he said Senate should have a say in how the university spends students' money. He said another problem he would address is communication between students and faculty.

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Campus lighting enters phase two

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Campus' multi-million dollar lighting project is entering its second of three phases ahead of schedule and under budget.

The project has been underway for about a year, and its goal is to provide better lighting outdoors on campus, Director of Facilities Management Ron Doerzaph said.

It not only increases the amount of light poles from 200 to 500, but it also includes brighter and more energy-efficient lights, he said.

The first phase installed 80 poles between Bradley and Fredonia Avenues and on Bradley Avenue.

The only parts incomplete on these streets are the removal of some old poles and leveling the dirt the construction left behind.

These haven't been completed because of bad weather, but Doerzaph said he hopes to finish them next week and then immediately begin laying seed for grass.

While workers have been waiting for drier weather to "tie up the loose ends from phase one," they have begun laying the foundations for the second phase of the project, he said.

The second phase will install lights from Elmwood Avenue to the S-curve on University Street. Doerzaph said he hopes to be done with this phase by the beginning of fall semester.

The final phase will light up Elmwood to Glenwood Avenues. Light poles will gradually be erected as the Markin Family Student Recreation Center, parking deck and new arena are built in the area.

The project was originally estimated to take three or four years, but Doerzaph now predicts it will be done in a little over two years.

"We're pleased with the way things are going," he said. "I'm hoping we'll be done by the end of next year or the first quarter of fall of 2009."

Although a final cost for the project hasn't been projected, Doerzaph said he thinks it will be less than its original $4 million estimation.

Doerzaph said the lights installed in phase one are working well.

"Everybody likes them," he said. "They're more efficient, easier to maintain and look a lot nicer."

Doerzaph said those involved with the project will be hard at work all summer in hopes to stay ahead or become further ahead of schedule.

He said the projected completion time includes room for error if the project was to somehow fall behind.

Deford shares insight about life as sports writer

BY EMILY HEISE
of the Scout

Author and sports journalist Frank Deford visited campus on Wednesday night to speak about his career and the history of sports writing.

"Sports writing is the only form of literature where the worst of the genre can be the best of the whole," Deford said. "If it's bad, it's sports writing."

From the beginning of his career, Deford fought "tooth and nail" with editors supporting the optimistic elements of sports journalism and shrugging off attacks that sports writers should be embarrassed of their work.

"My first editor convinced me that it's not the subject that determines a good writer, it is only about how well they write about the subject," he said.

Deford said sports writing is the best form of journalism because it is a fun subject and the audience wants to read it.

"Sports is more fun than sex to most men," he said. "It's corrupt, dramatic, has a climax. Someone wins and another loses, and it's filled with young, attractive men and women."

Deford said the only drawback to sports writing is interviewing in locker rooms after events.

"Nothing in life prepares you for talking to someone naked when you are not," he said.

Deford said entertainment and political journalism is moving towards elements of sports writing by relating events to playoffs and eliminations.

"It's all about who's hot, who's cold and who has the most momentum," he said. "Momentum is the No. 1 concept for sports writing."

Deford said sports writers are passionate, honest, inquisitive and not afraid to criticize.

"Sports has more edge than the rest of the paper," he said. "As a writer you are not supposed to root for a team, but I'm not a fan of objectivity. If I didn't secretly root, I wouldn't care, and I wouldn't write a good article."

Though he said Americans are "quote crazy," most sports writers have to write more than just the facts to stay in the business. Sports writers are not gullible since they refuse to take officials seriously

"We know better," he said. "But we always suffer challenges from others criticizing 'How do you know if you're never played the game?'"

Deford said it's important for sports journalists never to forget they are first and foremost writers.

"Don't concentrate on being just sports," he said. "The more you learn about the whole world and its stuff out there, the more you become a better writer."

He also said the Internet was reducing the amount of storytelling and focusing more on statistics and feature stories.

Deford said future sports journalists should choose a sport with the fewest competitors.

"Football is a terrible sport to write about because you can't see emotion with the face mask," he said. "Baseball is the best sport because it's an oral game played as a united team."

Sports journalist Frank Deford speaks Wednesday night about his career to an audience of students and Peorians. *photo by Megan Loos*

Deford also said coaches make excellent sources because they are adults and, unlike star athletes, have struggled and experienced failures. He also said they are better talkers because they have learned to be strong and silent.

"Sports has seduced me and it can work its wild on others," he said. "If we can remember the moves of Michael Jordan then remember the words of Gershwin ... it's all art and is unifying."

Deford was the 32nd speaker of the Robison Lecture series.

Week-long event combats college body image issues

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

Last week, Bradley took a step back from the mirror long enough to learn to appreciate something that goes under the radar much too often.

Bradley's Body Image Week, a combined effort of the Body Project and Help, Empower and Teach brought the issue of self-image to the forefront through activities.

Junior health science major Stacey Charmoy, a Body Project member, said body image is one thing college students seem to be most confused about.

"With this week, we hope that college students can learn to celebrate the individual and being healthy," Charmoy said.

By dedicating a whole week to the way people view their own bodies, Charmoy said she hoped students would be able to learn that they are not alone in their struggles with body matters.

"It is a really big leap to bring awareness to body image and eating disorders," Charmoy said. "We want to really embrace being healthy, not that you have to look like unrealistic supermodels that are airbrushed."

At Thursday's Celebrate Your Body activity fair in the Alumni Dining Room, students were able to learn how they can make the best of the body they have.

Students could test their body image IQs, learn about the Body Project and about the realistic expectations students should hold for themselves.

The Body Project, according to its Web site, has been going since 2007, bringing in speakers to talk about the importance of healthy body image and maintaining a realistic image for themselves.

Jean Kilbourne, a nationally renowned author and speaker came to campus in March to talk about truth in advertising and its demeaning portrayal of women.

This is just the beginning to what Charmoy said she hopes will be an ongoing project on campus.

"We have been working on organizing the Body Image Week for a few months and are working together to complete more activities," Charmoy said.

She said bringing the message of positive body image to campus is important with the pressure of society weighing down on college students everywhere.

"Body image is a problem in general, with what the media portrays to be ideal and what is physically possible to attain are two very different things," Charmoy said. "It is important that everyone find out what is healthy for them and be confident with who they are."

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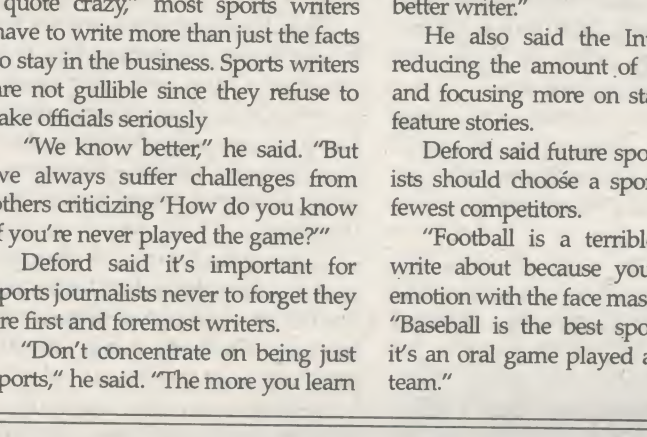

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Editorial

The Scout endorses Ticaric, Koch, Irwin

Student body elections are approaching, and 10 students are vying for the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. For the first time in several years, at least two students are running for each office, and no one is running uncontested. That says a great deal about this year's elections. All students up for office are enthusiastic about their campaigns and about Student Senate. It's no doubt all of them possess the skills and motivation it takes to be a campus leader.

Two tickets have emerged this year. One ticket is comprised of Jordan Ticaric, Ben Koch, Sharika House and Owen Irwin. The other ticket includes Erica Hammock, Maggie Hammar and Jake Schmitt.

The three students running independently are Lisa Beltrame, Jessica Fabiszak and Luke Soltis.

The Scout editorial board interviewed all the candidates individually and asked them about their experience, why they are running for their respective positions and their plans for campus. We also took considered the candidate debate on Wednesday night.

Taking into account each candidate's interview and debate responses, we endorsed the students whom we believe will best serve the student body.

These endorsements reflect only the independent opinion of the Scout editorial board.

President – Jordan Ticaric

Ticaric has what no other candidate has – experience in the job for which she is running. As student body president, Ticaric has proven this year that she walks the walk and talks the talk. She's accessible and visible on campus, and she isn't afraid to ask administration for what students want.

Jordan Ticaric

She pushed for renovations in the University Hall cafeteria. When that project was approved, she pushed for more funding for the space and ended up getting about three times the original budget. But she didn't rest there. The lounge has been open for a couple of months, and Ticaric is now working toward getting a late-night food service set up in the space.

U-Hall is just one example of Ticaric's ongoing determination to make sure projects not only get done, but get done right.

She summed it up best when she said she's only hit the tip of the iceberg as president and that she needs another year to finish what she started.

Why fix something that isn't broken? Ticaric clearly has proven she's capable of filling the position. She's confident, motivated and experienced.

Her opponent Erica Hammock also has leadership experience, both on Senate and in other organizations. Hammock said she would bring a new perspective to student body president and focus on different issues than Ticaric has this year.

However, Hammock didn't seem confident that she'd make a better president than Ticaric. While she gave specific examples of issues she wants to tackle on campus, such as library renovations, Hammock didn't have many other definitive or self-assured responses.

Though experienced and capable, Hammock doesn't appear to be ready to take on the role of student body president.

Ticaric is eager to pick up where she left off, and she has plenty left to give the student body.

Vice President – Ben Koch

Though running on Ticaric's ticket was a smart move on Koch's part, he's not just along for the ride. Koch is passionate about Student Senate and about making a difference on campus. He said he sees the potential Senate has to affect the student body, and he wants to be responsible for reaching that potential.

Ben Koch

Koch knows Bradley isn't perfect. He's clearly thought about areas that need improvement, such as campus safety and risk management, and he's thought about possible solutions and steps to take to fix the issues.

And it's clear he doesn't plan to follow the president's footsteps, though he is personable and easy to get along with. Koch is motivated and enthusiastic about making vice president a more important and responsive position.

He's had experience in leadership on campus, both on Senate and other organizations, and he isn't afraid of being proactive about learning what students want.

Koch's opponent Luke Soltis also knows how to serve students, as he is the representative of the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils on Senate.

Soltis was confident in his responses, but what he said didn't have much meaning. It seems as though Soltis has no real plan or priorities. He didn't have solutions for the couple of issues he touched on, such as student apathy, and one of the few definitive plans he had was to sit down with the new executive board and "figure out common goals," which is a step in the right direction, but not enough foundation for a campaign.

Soltis likely makes an OK senator, but he's not ready for a position such as student body vice president.

Koch is confident, down to earth and focused, and it's clear vice president would be his top priority.

Secretary – No endorsement

The three women running for secretary are personable and intelligent, and each had similar responses to questions about campus communication and student awareness. However, none of them stood out from the rest.

Lisa Beltrame, Maggie Hammar and Sharika House are confident in their abilities, but many of their ideas are unrealistic and a bit irrelevant.

Beltrame seemed unfocused during her interview, as she said several time the job of treasurer is important and should have more power. That would be OK if she were running for that position, but Beltrame seemed to forget – and not just once – that she's on the ballot for secretary, not treasurer.

When she was discussing secretary, Beltrame said campus communication is an issue and that no one knows what's happening at Bradley. Her solution is to ask the Scout to deliver the paper door to door, especially to greek houses. But all students, even if they live off campus, have access to the Scout, which is available in every building on campus.

And while Beltrame's No. 1 priority is to better inform off-campus students, she admitted that her greatest weakness is that she doesn't know how to do that.

Hammar has the experience to be secretary, but the solutions she posed to better campus communication already exist. She said she would like to see an e-mail newsletter sent out to students about campus events, which students already can opt into through the public relations office. Hammar also said student activities and campus events should be posted on B-Mail, but it's already available on the Student Activities Office's Web site and sent out monthly to organization leaders.

Hammar is focused on important issues such as having more productive late-night activities so students don't feel compelled to drink.

But overall, Hammar doesn't seem to know enough about communication to properly fill the secretary seat.

And House doesn't stand out either. With no Senate experience, it's seems as though she was tacked on last minute to complete Ticaric's ticket. While she does have experience dealing with students as a resident adviser, House isn't knowledgeable about the secretary's responsibilities or about Senate in general.

While House said she's passionate about becoming secretary, it wasn't apparent in her interview that she has any desire to win the office.

Each of the candidates lacked one or more of the qualities that the secretary should possess, including passion, knowledge of communication and experience. One of the three will win the seat, but there's not one more suited for the job than the others.

Treasurer – Owen Irwin

As an economics major, Irwin has been involved in a number of organizations relating to what treasurers deal with most – money and budgets.

Owen Irwin

Aside from being an experienced senator, Irwin possesses the knowledge and focus to make a great treasurer.

Instead of focusing solely on how Student Senate spends its money, Irwin sincerely said he would lobby for students to have a say in how their tuition is spent. While this may seem like an unrealistic goal, Irwin is confident in his relationships with administrators and wholeheartedly believes he would be heard on issues such as scholarships and financial aid.

Schmitt also has experience with money, as he has worked at a bank and has experience with budgets. He also said students should have a say in how their tuition is spent, but he seemed less confident than Irwin about how to make that happen.

Schmitt's responses also seemed less thought out than Irwin's.

Jessica Fabiszak isn't cut out for the job either. While she is a motivated and eager freshman, it seems as though Fabiszak is running for treasurer more so she can add another activity to her resume and less out of interest of the student body.

And she admitted she doesn't have time to fulfill a higher position, so it seems as though she settled for treasurer. While she might make a fine student body officer down the road when she has her priorities in line, she isn't ready for the job now.

Choose someone who you think will best represent you and your wants. Make sure you vote because your vote matters.

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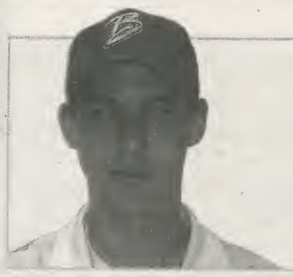

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TV shows trigger memories

As the spring semester draws to a close, with a mere six weeks left in the school year, each of us is faced with an inevitable and unwelcome annoyance in our lives – stress.

For some, it's the anxiety that comes coupled with the papers, projects and exams that seem to pile up at the end of each year.

For seniors, the stress of school has subsided, replaced instead by the unease created by heading into the "real world" for the first time. It's amazing how much tension can come from that oh-so-trivial little detail of finding a job hanging over our heads.

Of course, as college students, we've spent years finding ways to combat stress, tirelessly perfecting our methods for blowing off steam and relaxing.

And what have our endless efforts and decades of research revealed? Well, very little.

Alcohol, the college student's oldest companion, is still our most prescribed stress *reliever.*

But while I could fill a page with words debating the effectiveness of alcohol when it comes to easing our anxiety, I'll save that sermon for another day.

Instead, I'd like to recommend trying a different remedy the next time you need to relax – your childhood.

It may sound silly, but there's really nothing more relaxing than taking a trip down memory lane back to a time when life was simpler.

While we may not be able to take the trip literally – the secrets of the flux capacitor still manage to evade today's scientists – thanks to the magic of the Internet, there is one way we can travel back in time.

All you have to do is log on to www.alluc.org. Once there, you'll find links to full episodes of all your favorite TV shows from your youth.

It only takes one episode of "Doug," "Legends of the Hidden Temple" or "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" to immediately find yourself transported through time, back to your childhood.

The site has almost everything you could ask for. "Full House"? Check. "The Adventures of Pete and Pete"? Check. "Aaahh!!! Real Monsters"? Check.

There are some notable exceptions, though. The absence of "Saved by the Bell" leaves a huge void, and I wouldn't mind seeing a few episodes of "Growing Pains" either.

Still, there's more than enough nostalgic content to help lower your stress level a few notches and waste a few hours of homework time while you're at it.

So the next time you're anxious about that big exam or you're feeling a little flustered by that 10-page term paper, sit yourself down in a comfortable place and enjoy an episode of "Rocko's Modern Life" or "Beavis and Butthead."

You'll feel better when you're done.

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Students aren't tuned in to good music

I want you to do something for me. Flip to the Voice section and read Ed McMenamin's review of the Redwalls' performance from last week, then come back.

Done? Now punch yourself in the face.

I agree with Ed's review of the Redwalls' performance in Lydia's Lounge on March 27 but not the part you might initially think. The band absolutely tore it up onstage. The members put everything they had into that show. No one can dispute that.

The part I found myself agreeing with most, however, is how comatose the response was from the audience.

Except for a couple aging hipsters – shine on, you crazy diamonds – most of the crowd showed little reaction to the music beyond applause. Half the audience wasn't even standing. This wasn't Jack Johnson quietly strumming along without a care in the world. This was a loud rock show.

Did you know studies have shown that being exposed to elevated decibels for a prolonged period of time can increase one's sex drive? Funny, because the audience looked scared and impotent last week.

I wish the problem were confined to the lounge, but that's not the case.

It was exceedingly disappointing for me to learn that my friends at The Edge – you know, our radio station? – don't reach the magnitude of an audience they deserve.

This has nothing to do with the weak frequency. If a standard radio doesn't cut it, the station broadcasts on Channel 3, and the sound comes in clear as a bell.

No, the students are just turning deaf ears to college radio – music that is supposed to be "theirs." The biggest reason I hear is because "they don't play anything I know."

Hey nimrod, they don't play Top 40 hits because you can get that on several radio stations already. There's no point. Where's the fun in that? Isn't it more exciting to discover something new that maybe every 8-year-old girl doesn't jump rope to?

I can hear the shouts of "I'll fight you, bro!" I'd say bring it on. But you'd have to engage in some dangerous contact, risk feeling pain and show emotion – that's asking far too much. I'm not including everyone in this. Chill out. But the student population has, by and large, shown the vigor, life and energy of a frail grandpa.

I know we all feel things, so let's start letting some energy out. Let's stop keeping everything on the inside, hmm?

Sing. Dance. Fight. Scream. Get a totally random piercing on a whim.

You're alive – start acting like it.

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Despite losses, Clinton shouldn't give up hope

Even though Sen. Hillary Clinton trails Sen. Barack Obama substantially in the polls, she vows to stay in the race at least through the summer.

She lags behind Obama with almost 200 delegates, and upcoming elections aren't projected to help her much.

Despite pressure from Obama supporters to fold and a once-promising future dwindling quickly, her husband claimed March 26, "My family is not big on quitting."

The woman has guts.

Throughout her campaign, she has been met with criticism from both parties. She has been called just about every name in the book, including a racist, liar and an insensitive woman.

She really has had to prove herself throughout the election and has worked hard to gain the support and recognition she has now.

Clinton doesn't need anyone's permission to continue bringing to light her opinions and ideas for the future. She's the kind of person who won't ever take orders from anyone even though her persistence in the race reinforces her power-hungry, ball-busting image.

And she shouldn't fold under the pressure. Her belief concerning democratic ideals is what a future president should always be thinking about.

"There are some folks saying we ought to stop these elections," she said at a rally in Indiana last Saturday. "I didn't think we believed that in America. I thought we, of all people, knew how important it was to give everyone a chance to have their voices heard and their votes counted."

I think Clinton has hit the nail on the head. Isn't freedom of choice what America is all about?

This issue goes back to Ralph Nader's decision to run as a third party candidate in the 2004 presidential election. Many people blame the Bush administration's takeover of the White House on Nader's presence on the ballot.

I can't deny Nader had something to do with Bush getting elected, but he had every right to run on the ticket.

No one can deny a third party candidate's right to run just because it may inadvertently affect the outcome of the race.

The same goes in Clinton's case. No one can deny her from staying in the race because of the fear of a divided Democratic party or an ultimate loss for the Democrats.

Without an alternative choice, voters would be forced into supporting principles or issues they may not agree with.

Clinton's decision to stay in the race may damage Democratic hopes of taking over the White House, but America cannot strip her of the very principles that founded this country.

I want to see a Democrat in the White House, but I also want to see freedom and democracy being exercised.

Many people think her staying in the race brings to light her personal vendetta against Obama. But she's not out to destroy the Democrats' hope of substantial change in Washington. America cannot elect leaders to create change without the power and freedom to choose them for themselves.

It is obvious she has a possibly disappointing future if she intends to win the race, but we were all taught from a young age that quitting was never a good solution.

If everyone quit when they *thought they had no chance,* there would be no underdog to root for. Where's the thrill in that?

There would also be no competition. People wouldn't have a chance to discuss issues they support, voice concerns about those they don't and back candidates who uphold values they feel are important.

Without competition, an open forum for people to discuss and debate issues could not exist. Losing this forum would cause people to lose interest in politics.

It's not fair she should be pressured into wasting time, resources and money by dropping out of the race. She shouldn't just throw in the towel before the race is over.

No one expects figure skaters to leave the ice after one fall or jockeys to dismount when they're behind, and it shouldn't be any different when it comes to politics.

I know I don't hold the most popular opinion on this issue, but I really wish people would stop thinking of Clinton as some evil, manipulative witch out to destroy the Democratic party.

She's rooting for change just as much as anyone else.

And as change and hope are popular themes of candidates' campaigns this year, America should also be thinking about opportunity and acceptance.

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dropped charges before the case got to that point. However, the dismissal of the reckless conduct charge doesn't automatically mean the case has ended.

Lyons told the Journal Star other charges could be filed, but it's not likely.

Gish, 19, was also cited for underage drinking after the incident, which is one of the reasons Lyons initially filed charges, he said. However, he told the Journal Star that prosecutors in his office were split on whether to file charges, and the grand jury's refusal to indict Gish also made an important statement.

The jurors decided the incident was regrettable but not criminal, Lyons said. Hurt's family and friends have also expressed their forgiveness of Gish for what they said was an accident.

Gish and Hurt were walking with about five other people along the west side of University Street near its intersection with Russell Street, close to campus. The two were playing around, and Gish allegedly pushed Hurt into oncoming traffic.

Hurt was struck by the passenger side of a car traveling southbound on University Street, and he was pronounced dead hours later at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Gish was arrested and originally booked at the Peoria County Jail on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. The charge was later dropped to the lesser charge of reckless conduct, which was the one most recently dropped.

Brooke Rumbold, a Bradley junior who was present during the incident, told the Scout last week that she and her friends hold nothing against Gish for Hurt's death.

"This could have happened with any of us," she said.

Bradley will host a memorial service for Hurt at 7 p.m. April 16 in the Marty Theatre.

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sented Corky Robertson, A.J.'s son, with a plaque that reads "Thanks for the memories." Corky also accepted a basketball rim from the field house.

"[A.J. Robertson] would be marveling at everything that's being done here now," Corky said.

Glasser said she will ask the city of Peoria to change Maplewood Avenue south of Main Street to be renamed "Robertson Court." The court will lead to a cul-de-sac in front of the door of the new sports arena and offices at the Markin Family Student Recreation Center.

The university will also commission a statue of A.J. to be placed in the cul-de-sac, Glasser said.

"He will indeed watch over his spot and watch over this university forever more," she said.

To finish the event, A.J.'s great-grandson James Robertson scored the last basket, assisted by Sonya Harris, a member of the women's basketball team who scored the last official basket at the field house.

Glasser said the field house has helped create lasting memories for those who attended events there despite imperfections such as warm temperatures and uncomfortable benches.

"While this is a bittersweet occasion, I borrow a line from Dr. Seuss: 'Don't cry because it's over, smile because it's happened,'" she said.

Glasser's spokesman Shelley Epstein said the event was meant to give the Peoria community and campus an opportunity to say goodbye to the building.

"We've been saying the field house has been coming down for a number of years, and we wanted to make sure everyone knew that this was in fact the end of the field house, unfortunately," Epstein said.

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Ticaric said. "The Senate before us had started to write resolutions on this, but nothing was ever done, and we knew it was vital to what students wanted."

Ticaric said she originally planned for part of the old kitchen to be turned into offices, but the space will be remodeled during the summer so food can be served when students return in the fall.

But weekend dinners aren't all that's new to U-Hall.

The space was recently named "Lydia's Lounge."

In February, the Student Activities Office asked students for suggestions to rename the U-Hall lounge, offering a prize of $200 in QuickCash for the winning submission.

About 65 students entered the contest, Director of Student Affairs Michelle Whited said.

"Each student could submit up to three names, and a committee of students, Jordan [Ticaric] and myself chose the top three," Whited said. "We then passed our choices on to [Associate Provost for Student Affairs] Alan Galsky and the Student Advisory Committee, who made the final selection."

"Lydia's Lounge" was submitted by five students, so Whited randomly chose one winner. Sophomore entrepreneurship major Joe Ballent was selected and received the $200 QuickCash prize.

One of the activities that takes place in the lounge is Activities Council's Coffeehouse.

ACBU Coffeehouse Coordinator Jade Peters said she doesn't think Coffeehouse will be affected too much by the addition of a food service in the space.

"If we happen to have performances on the nights they are serving food, we will begin the performances later, probably an hour after the food service begins," Peters said.

But she said she doesn't think the addition of food will attract a larger audience. However, students may show up by chance and stick around.

"People will come down for food, and hopefully they will see that a performance is going on so they will stay," Peters said.

Police Reports

At about 4 p.m. March 27, an officer was dispatched to Geisert Hall to speak with the hall director about a possible theft.

The hall director said he was in his room with the door closed when he heard the Pepsi machine in Geisert's lobby beeping. He went to check the machine and saw two males standing in front of it drinking sodas. He also saw two other sodas on the ground. He told the males the machine beeps when something was stolen, and one student later admitted to reaching up into the machine to take the sodas.

The value of the stolen sodas is reported at about $5. The students were referred to Residential Life.

At about 1:30 a.m. March 29, an officer noticed a male walking into the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house carrying a sign. The officer knocked on the door of the house and asked where the male went.

The officer spoke with Alexander Keating, who admitted to taking the sign and returned it to its location. The officer administered a preliminary breath test to Keating, which confirmed he had been drinking.

The officer issued Keating a Municipal Ordinance Violation Notice for possession and consumption of alcohol by an underage person and also issued a notice to appear at Residential Life for the sign theft.

At about 4:30 p.m. March 31, a victim reported an incident of trespassing at the police department.

The victim said at about midnight that day, she heard a noise coming from a room next to her bedroom in her residence at 1631 Bradley Ave. She then saw a black male's hand reaching around her open bedroom door. She called "hello," and the male quickly walked out the front door. The victim saw the suspect head westbound towards Western Avenue.

Nothing was disturbed or taken in the home.

At about 1 a.m. April 2, an officer was flagged down in the south alley of Fredonia Avenue by three unknown females reporting a possible trespassing at a friend's house.

The officer went to 1405 Barker Ave. to check on the victim. She said she heard someone open the screen door at the front of the house and try to open the main door.

She said she then heard someone attempting to open windows throughout the house's main floor and heard movement outside her bedroom window where the house's cellar doors are located. The victim also said she heard whispers on the other side of the locked interior basement door and saw the knob moving. The power went out in the home, and the victim left the house.

When she returned, she conducted a search and found an open basement window with fingerprints on the glass and a footprint in the mud outside the window. The cellar door lock was also broken and another footprint was near the door. Nothing was found missing in the home.

All information taken from university police reports.

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Daniel Ruffin saves the ball from going out of bounds during the second half of Wednesday's game. *photo by Sam Lemanski*

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Les said the Braves will have to continue to make adjustments if they hope to win.

But he said he looks forward to the challenge.

"*One game. Winner take all,*" he said. "We like it."

Bradley will host viewing parties in Lydia's Lounge and the Michel Student Center ballroom for students wishing to watch Friday's game.

University President Joanne Glasser will provide free food for both locations.

Tulsa 73, Bradley 68

The first game of the series proved to be a bit of a sloppy affair, with the two squads combining for 29 turnovers on Monday night.

The teams battled back and forth in the first half, with neither team able to gain much of an edge, but a second-half surge by the Golden Hurricane was enough to give Tulsa the opening-game win, 73-68.

Crouch led the way for the Braves, finishing with 16 points, while Ruffin added 15 of his own.

Bradley struggled from long-range in the contest, making just 4-of-19.

Crouch was especially cold from behind the arc, shooting an uncharacteristic 1-for-7.

Along with the Braves' troubles from beyond the arc, they also struggled mightily on the defensive glass, allowing the Golden Hurricane to reel in 18 offensive rebounds.

The game got off to a slow start, as both teams struggled to find a rhythm on the offensive end.

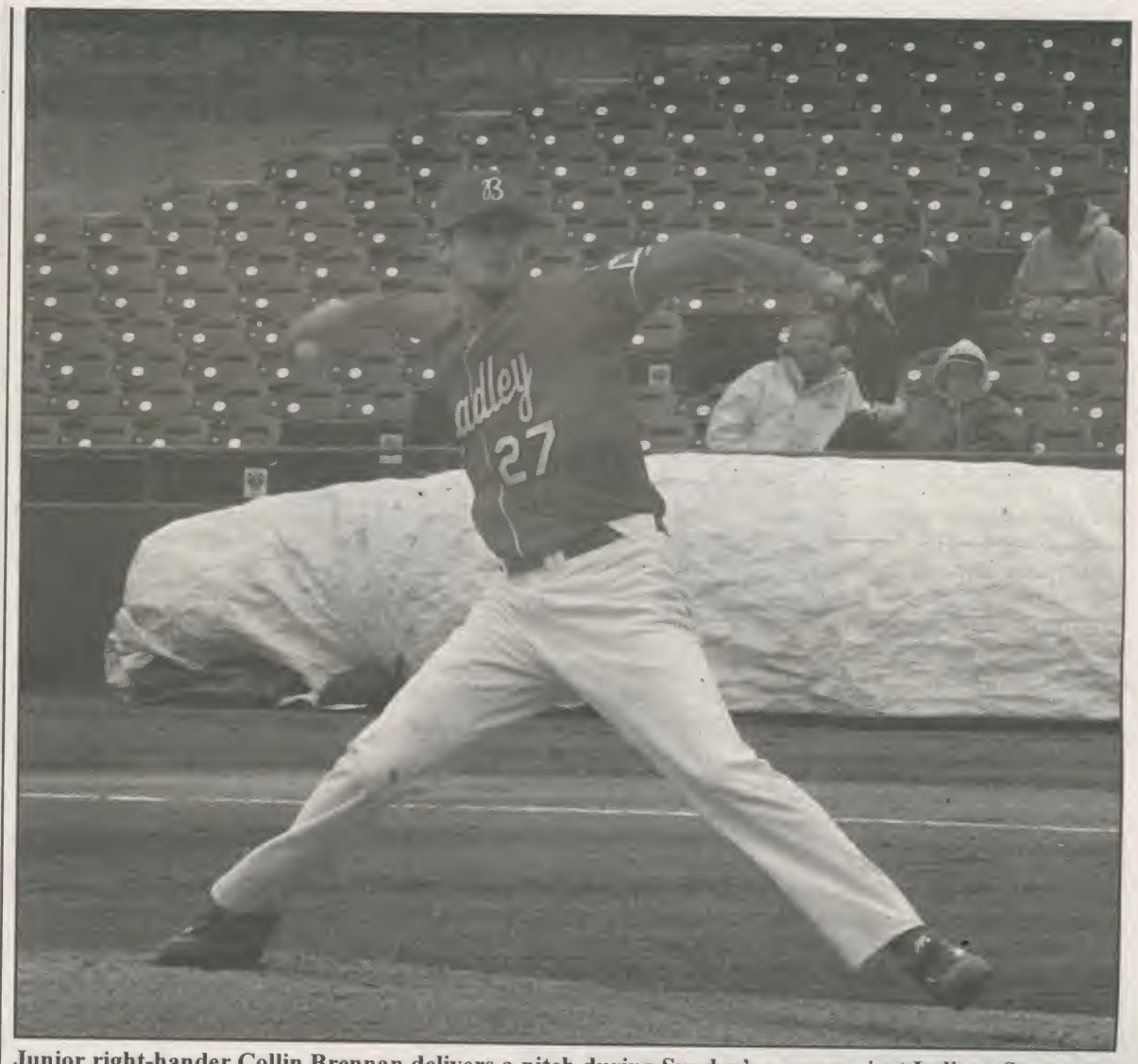
The sloppy play continued for much of the first half, and the teams headed into halftime deadlocked at 27-27.

The contest remained close for most of the second period. The Braves found themselves trailing by only one at the 8-minute mark, but things turned south from there.

The Golden Hurricane went on a 13-4 run over the next 5 minutes to build a 10-point lead and seemingly put the game away.

The Braves had one last run in them however, and managed to cut the lead to 66-64 on a 3-pointer by freshman guard Sam Maniscalco with 1:30 left.

Bradley wouldn't get any closer though, as Tulsa dropped in five free throws over the final 9 seconds to ice



Junior right-hander Collin Brennan delivers a pitch during Sunday's game against Indiana State at O'Brien Field. Brennan struggled in the game, giving up nine runs and walking five over 3 1/3 innings of work. The Sycamores defeated the Braves 16-2. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

BASEBALL

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The Sycamores then tagged Scahill for four more runs in the top of the sixth to open up the 6-1 lead.

Scahill turned in a mixed performance in the game, giving up six runs on eight hits, but also striking out 10.

"Scahill is a little bit of a concern. He's coming off of a labrum tear," Kalmer said. "In his first three outings he was lights out. Now in his three outings he's struggled. He's throwing hard, but his control wasn't good."

Though Scahill struggled, the Braves bailed their ace out, scoring two runs in the bottom of the sixth and tying the game at 6-6 with three more runs in the bottom of the eighth.

Indiana State regained the lead in the top of the ninth on an RBI single off junior closer Kori Jensen, but it wouldn't last long.

Bradley answered right back in the bottom of the inning, loading the bases for Fitzgerald, who promptly slapped a single into left field for the win.

"Being down 6-1, I give my kids a lot of credit. They didn't give up, they just kept battling," Kalmer said. "I really thought we were lucky, but sometimes you get those wins though. We'll take them."

Bradley's luck ran out in the last two games of the series.

The Sycamores pounded the Braves 16-2 on Saturday afternoon then repeated the effort in Sunday's series finale.

Kalmer said he was concerned with the team's pitching earlier in the week, and his worries proved to be valid, as his pitching staff struggled to get the outs over the final two games.

Despite the two blowout losses over the weekend, the Braves appeared to get back on track with a 7-4 non-conference win over Quincy on Tuesday night.

Junior designated hitter Jim Clayton was the offensive star of the game, leading Bradley to victory with a three-run home run in the fifth inning.

Bradley played again on Wednesday, defeating Illinois-Chicago 5-1.

The Braves return to conference play today, when they begin a three-game series against Creighton.

SOFTBALL

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to score.

Clack said she thinks the team has to believe in itself and then will find success.

"We're out to prove to ourselves that we should be at the top of the conference, not at the bottom," she said.

The Braves hung with the Sycamores (9-16, 2-1 MVC) in Game One until the sixth inning.

With two outs and two on, Birdsong gave up a three-run shot that gave Indiana State a three-run advantage. The Braves weren't able to answer back and lost the game.

The offense showed signs of coming around in the game, as freshman Jess Boeger led off the game with her third home run of the season and Clack added her fourth homer in the third.

Foster said he wasn't worried that Birdsong is not pitching well as of late.

"She's struggling a little bit right now but she's a first-team all-conference caliber-type pitcher," he said.

The Braves took the lead early and added runs often in Game Two.

After scoring a run in the first and third innings, junior Alycia Bachkora hit a solo shot in the fourth to give Bradley a 3-1 advantage.

The Braves then scored three insurance runs in the sixth, without recording a hit in the inning, to win the game.

Senior Jessie Musgrove, who went 2-for-3 in Game Two, said she thinks the team is starting to realize its potential.

"I think we changed our attitudes, not that we had bad attitudes before, but we realized our capabilities," she said.

The Braves welcomed Northern Iowa to Peoria on Wednesday, but were swept in the double-header.

Bradley recorded just six hits in the two games getting shut out in Game One, 2-0, and dropping the second game 6-2.

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Erais sets record for top-10 finishes

Women's golf earns third-place finish at Saluki Invitational

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

Junior Bari Erais' consistent and outstanding efforts have rewritten the record books for Bradley's women's golf.

On Tuesday, Erais broke the school record for most top-10 finishes. The mark was previously held by Kelly Dillon, with a staggering 16.

Bari Erais

Her effort helped propel the Braves to a third-place finish in the Saluki Invitational.

The result matched the Braves' best finish of the spring season.

The event was played at the par-70 Crab Orchard Golf Club in Carbondale.

After the end of the first day, freshman Breanne Neufeld was tied for fifth place with a first-round score of 73.

Erais and senior Rikki Sobel finished their days with strong performances as they were tied for ninth place. The two shot a score of 75, just five over par.

Freshman Caitlin Deeken was right on their tails with a score of 76 for 16th place.

Senior Whitney Cox carded a score of 77.

Breanne Neufeld

Those efforts helped the Braves finish tied with tournament host Southern Illinois.

Going into the final day, Bradley had a golden opportunity to move up in the standings, but in the end would have to settle for a bronze after Day One.

Southern Illinois finished atop the pack with a total team score of 285, just five strokes above par.

Erais finished the final 18 holes with an even better score from the first day, carding 73. She finished the tournament tied for sixth place.

Sobel finished just outside the top 10 at 11th place with a final combined score of 151.

Cox also finished strong with a final score of 153 giving her 18th place.

Neufeld scored an 81 on her final day giving her a finish in the top 25.

Deeken also carded an 81 to finish tied for 31st place.

Illinois State finished 10 strokes ahead of the Braves but, like the rest of the field, they were no match for the Salukis.

Southern Illinois finished 18 strokes ahead of Illinois State to take first place overall.

With the Missouri Valley Championship ahead, Bradley has one last invitational to prepare.

The Braves head to Urbana to play in the Illini Spring Classic this weekend, with the event set to tee off at 8 a.m. today.

Men's golf finishes last at Branson Creek

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The men's golf team struggled to a 12th-place finish at the Branson Creek Invitational on Tuesday, finishing in last place in the thunderstorm-shortened tournament.

The event, which was originally scheduled to be 54 holes, was cut to 36 after only getting 18 holes of play in on Monday because of the weather.

The Braves finished with a final score of 660 – 77 shots behind winner Missouri State.

Bradley's top finisher was freshman Coby Thompson. He finished tied for 57th place in the invite after shooting team-highs both Monday and Tuesday with scores of 76 and 83 for a total score of 159.

Sophomores Zach Wanken and Zach Zobrist tied for 68th shooting 168.

Wanken outshot Zobrist with a 79 on the first day, compared to Zobrist's 82.

Zobrist then outshot Wanken 86 to 89 on the second day to give them even scores for the invite.

The Braves had back-to-back finishers at the 70th and 71st slots.

Senior Nick Roth finished with a score of 170 after shooting an 84 on Tuesday. Freshman Nathan Perry also shot an 84 on Tuesday but finished one shot behind Roth, shooting an 87 on Tuesday.

Missouri State won the team title, coming from four shots behind to overtake Illinois State by two.

Missouri State finished with a score of 583.

UMKC, Drake and Murray State rounded out the top five at the invite.

Coach Jeff Roche did not return phone calls seeking comment on the Braves' performance at the event.

Bradley will continue action April 12 and 13 when they travel to Urbana to participate in the Illini Spring Invitational.

Tennis teams continue struggles last weekend

BY ADAM KAGAN
for the Scout

The men's and women's tennis teams were busy last weekend as both teams played two matches.

The women's team struggled losing the Missouri Valley Conference opener at Illinois State 6-1 and falling to Indiana State 7-0.

"Illinois State and Indiana State are two top teams in our conference," said junior Kim Braun. "It was a tough weekend for our team."

Braun improved to 5-3 on the spring season by winning her match against Illinois State, but still saw her team fall, as the Redbirds won the remaining matches.

Braun played well in the match, beating Andrea Mursesan, 7-6, 6-3, for her second win in a row.

Sophomore Kelly Donahue fell at No. 2 singles, losing to Illinois State's Julia Zubkova.

Freshman Nicole Miller lost for only the second time in nine spring matches, as she fell at No. 4 against Carolyne Parent, 6-2, 6-1.

Things didn't get any better for the Braves on Sunday, as they were shut out by Indiana State 7-0. The Sycamores won all sets on their way to winning the dual.

Bradley lost all three doubles matches. Indiana State's Jennifer Migan and Joanne Schickerling defeated the sophomore duo of Jessica Buterbaugh and Donahue, 8-0.

The Braves' pairing of juniors Braun and Erin Krubeck also lost, falling 8-1 at No. 3 to Marie Caujolle and Valeriia Petrovych.

"We faced tough competition in every match," Braun said. "From that, we took away specific things to work on in practice this week."

The men's team found victory last Saturday, as it defeated Valparaiso 5-2 and broke a six-game losing steak.

The duo of junior Evgeny Samoylov and freshman Milos Romic won for a second time at No. 1 doubles, defeating Mike Shideler and Mike Wagner, 9-7.

Bradley brought home the doubles point with a win at No. 3 doubles, as junior Michel Macara-chvili and freshman Wilder Sampson defeated Dan Brunette and Kyle Stump, 8-4.

Samoylov also won his second straight at No. 1 singles, defeating Valaparaso's Shideler, 6-1, 6-3.

After earning its second road victory of the season, the men's team lost in a 5-2 decision to Illinois State in the MVC opener.

The Redbirds won four singles matches to claim the dual victory.

Samoylov saw his two-match win-streak fade away at No. 1. He dropped a straight-set decision to Illinois State's Luka Marinkovic, 6-4, 6-2.

Nuno Jacinto of Illinois State knocked off Romic, 7-6, 6-4.

In doubles play, the Redbirds' Marinkovic and Jacinto overtook Samoylov and Romic at No. 1, 8-3.

Illinois State's Daniel Tobar and Michael Hobson defeated Braves' freshman Vuk Bolic and sophomore Richard Robertson.

The men's team will look to rebound when it hosts Creighton at 1 p.m. Saturday in the MVC Opener.

The women's team will play at noon Saturday at Northern Iowa and will look to improve after losing two straight.

Correction: In the March 28 edition, the pictures of two men's tennis players were misidentified. The Scout regrets the error.

RED PRIDE

TOP 7 PARTICIPANTS AS OF THURSDAY

NAME	POINTS
JOSHUA M. HENRY	60
TRISHA KOWALEWSKI	52
AMY CARBONNEAU	47
ERICA CLARNO	46
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CBI is nothing but a waste of time

BY DRU TATE

I don't know which is worse, the Florida Gators missing the NCAA tournament or Bradley considering it a successful year if the team wins the College Basketball Invitational.

This is a tournament where its creators said one of the main reasons for creating it was to make money. Giving players one last chance to play was an excuse to send naive fans home happy.

This tournament will try to give some validity to a school's season. But it would be like trying to say the people who can play expert on Guitar Hero are musicians. Some things just can't be justified.

Granted, the year should have gone much better for the Braves, but excuses for their failure can only go so far.

Time travel back to November and remember Bradley was predicted to take second in the conference. Predictions can't foretell how the season will go, and that was clearly evident with Jeremy Crouch and crew's season.

Consider this – the best Bradley can finish the season is 98th place. Teams such as Cornell from the Ivy League that are not allowed any athletic scholarships finished better than the Braves.

Sure, they were given an automatic berth that gave them such a high placing, but we had just as equal of a chance.

Arguments around campus have brought about the point that the schools the Braves have beaten have respectable programs.

First, Bradley played Cincinnati, a team posting a whopping record of 13-19. Cincinnati used to be good, but it hasn't posted a great record since Bob Huggins quit partying with the students.

Up next for the Braves was Ohio. The Bobcats had a 20-win season but in the conference they play in, Drake would have gone undefeated.

Next for Bradley was Virginia. The team was only one game above .500 and finished 10th in the ACC. Giving them the No. 1 seed might have been too generous.

The toughest task so far is Tulsa. This is the one team in the tournament that had a respectable season with a record of 24-13.

The only thing that doesn't fit together is if Tulsa had 24 wins, why no NIT bid?

Each time the Golden Hurricane played Memphis, they were obliterated. A weak schedule skewed the numbers for this team.

So that puts the Braves in a pickle. Do they rejoice by beating a bunch of has-beens and disappointments or do they take a step back and wonder why they belong in such a tournament?

The latter question seems to make a little more sense now.

Bradley's season should have been much better.

An erratic flurry of wins and losses showed inconsistencies and glorified a lack of depth.

Injuries and suspensions aren't valid excuses for a disappointing season.

Suspension comes from a lack of discipline and injuries happen to every team.

Before you jump on me, the suspensions I am referring to are the alcohol-related ones at the beginning of the season.

North Carolina was without its star point guard for a portion of the season and look where the team is now – the Final Four.

Instead of the Final Four, Bradley is stuck battling in a tournament trying to crack the top-100 teams in college basketball.

You could argue that out of all the disappointing teams in this tournament Bradley is the least disappointing of all if they win. But that would be like saying that it's an achievement to win the C division intramurals league.

Let me remind you that Bradley paid money to get into this tourney.

This tournament is such a joke they don't even have neutral venues to play in. So the committee has universities pay to get in and then asks if they can use their basketball courts.

The Tulsa Daily World reported the University of Tulsa paid $60,000 to host the games. Bradley didn't receive a special discount and paid the same.

Look at it this way – your tuition, your roommate's tuition, and that guy in the front of the class's tuition barely covered the cost of the CBI. At least we know where our money is going.

There is one saving grace of respect only if Bradley wins. Second place is unacceptable to this philosophy.

The tournament champion will go down in history as the first-ever declared 98th-place finisher and the first-ever winner of the CBI – and hopefully the last.

Sounds like a good conversation starter for the weekly chit-chat with my parents.

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Direct questions, comments and other responses to dtate@mail.bradley.edu.

One-on-One

Who will win the NCAA Final Four?

UCLA

I picked them to win in this very space back in November.

They were my top choice again when I filled out my bracket three weeks ago.

So, with the Final Four set, it should come as no surprise that I'm picking the UCLA Bruins to take home the NCAA men's basketball title.

The Bruins are led by first-team All-American Kevin Love. The 6-foot-10 freshman center averaged a double-double this year, scoring 17.6 points and pulling in 10.7 rebounds per game.

Love is more than just scoring and rebounding though.

He's also an exceptional shot blocker, one of the best passing big men in the country as well as a fiery team leader.

Love is the kind of player who could lead his team to a championship all by himself, but luckily for UCLA, he doesn't have to.

The Bruins are stocked with plenty of other talented players, including guards Russell Westbrook and Darren Collison, both of whom are projected as future NBA players.

The trio of Love, Westbrook and Collison should be enough to lead UCLA past Memphis and into the championship game.

From there, beating either Kansas or North Carolina will be nothing more than a formality for the Bruins, who will take home their record 12th national championship.

- Adam Mettrick

North Carolina

North Carolina is my pick to win the NCAA tournament this year.

It all starts with Tyler Hansbrough, who could be the best player in the country.

Hansbrough has an unorthodox method of scoring but always gets his points, not to mention the points he takes off the board with his intense defense and hustle.

Although Hansbrough is talented, Lawson is the most important piece to the Tarheel puzzle. Lawson is the definition of quick and always seems to know where to go with the ball.

He allows the players to play their favorite style of basketball—run and gun. The Heels' bread and butter is that run and gun offense, pushing the ball up the floor looking for easy buckets, and with Lawson in the lineup, they can play that style perfectly.

Coach Roy Williams has been there before and has a championship under his belt. He is the only one of the four coaches remaining who has won a title.

With those two guys and the other big time talents on the team, and the coaching experience to back them up, UNC will be cutting down the net on April 7.

- Alex Mayster

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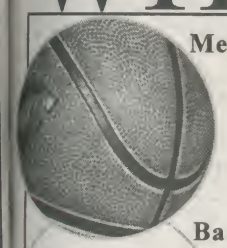

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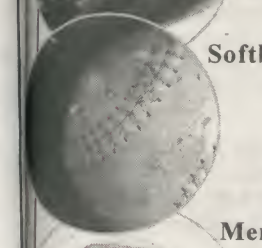

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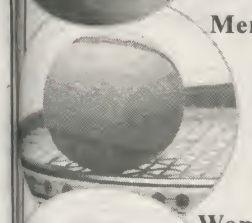

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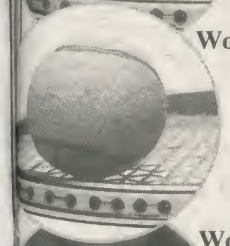

Women's Tennis

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vs. Northern Iowa
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vs. Saint Louis
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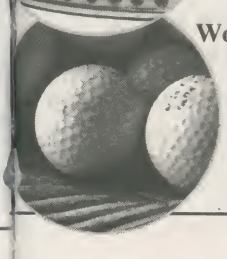

Women's Golf

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Saturday
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at Urbana

Sport SHORTS

Indiana hires new coach

The Indiana Hoosiers hired Tom Crean to replace interim coach Dan Dakich on Wednesday.

Crean was a successful coach at Marquette and produced one of the NBA's top stars, Dwayne Wade.

Crean also led Marquette to a Final Four appearance in 2003.

Crean's contract shows the Hoosier program trusts his abilities, as he signed for eight years, making an average of $2 million a year.

Just a day before, Dakich released two key starters for the Hoosiers. It remains to be seen if Crean will reinstate them.

Crean looks to bring back the program's prestige, which has taken a hit as of late.

He will be the school's fifth coach since 2000.

Cardinals sellout streak comes to an end

The St. Louis Cardinals saw their streak of 165 straight home sellouts come to an end on Tuesday night.

An announced attendance of 39,915 was on hand at Busch Stadium to watch the Cardinals beat the Rockies, about 4,000 people short of the stadium's listed capacity of 43,975.

It was the first time St. Louis failed to sellout a game since Sept. 28, 2005.

It was also the first time the Cardinals didn't fill their stadium since opening the new venue last season.

See how the men's and women's tennis teams faired last weekend. Page A10

Braves win, force final game in CBI

Bradley beats Tulsa 83-74 in Game Two thanks to 20-point effort by Jeremy Crouch

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Jeremy Crouch scored 20 points and dished out six assists on Wednesday night, leading Bradley to an 83-74 win over Tulsa and forcing a decisive Game Three in the College Basketball Invitational finals.

After struggling against the Golden Hurricane in the first game of the championship series, the Braves came out with an aggressive style in the second game.

The strategy worked, as Bradley broke out to an early 23-9 lead midway through the first half.

"That was [coach Jim Les'] main focus," said senior guard Daniel Ruffin. "Just being the aggressor offensively and defensively."

The Braves kept up the intensity through the period, eventually building a 17-point lead, and heading into halftime up 48-34.

"I thought our defensive pressure to start the game really set the tone," Les said. "We had great energy. I think we forced them into a number of turnovers early and that got us out running and into a little bit of an offensive flow."

The Golden Hurricane attempted to fight back in the second half behind a barrage of 3-point shots, but the Braves answered each one, keeping their opponent at bay.

Tulsa never managed to cut the lead below nine and Bradley cruised through the game's final minutes to secure the win.

Along with Crouch, the Braves also received a strong showing from sophomore guard Andrew Warren, who finished with 17 points.

The key to the game, however, may have been the surprising play of junior center David Collins, who scored eight points and pulled in six rebounds while playing expanded minutes.

Bradley's win now forces the series back to Tulsa, where the two teams will face off Friday to crown the first-ever CBI champion.

"It's going to be a challenge. They play awfully well at home," Crouch said. "We need to come and play more aggressively than they do."

Though the CBI is considered a third-tier postseason tournament, Crouch said he's excited to play for the title.

"It means a lot for a championship," he said. "I think the coolest thing is that only three groups of seniors get to win the last game they ever play.-We have an opportunity to do that, and that's special."

Because of the unique format of the championship series,

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Freshman guard Sam Maniscalco attempts a layup during Wednesday's win over Tulsa at Carver Arena. *photo by Sam Lemanski*

Slugging Sycamores cut down Braves

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Mike Brumleve

After opening the season with 19 straight road games, the baseball team played its first home games of the year last weekend.

But the familiar surroundings didn't offer the Braves much comfort.

Bradley (12-12, 3-3 MVC) dropped the weekend slate to Missouri Valley Conference rival Indiana State 2-1, getting outscored 32-4 over the final two games of the series.

Junior left fielder Mike Brumleve was the top player for the Braves during the three-game set, going 6-for-9 with five RBIs.

Bradley managed to squeak out a win in Friday's home opener thanks to some clutch hitting by Tommy Fitzgerald.

The junior second baseman drove in the game-winning run with a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the ninth to give Bradley the 8-7 win.

The Braves were tailing 6-1 as late as the sixth inning, but managed to rally back and set up Fitzgerald's late-inning heroics.

"I'd say it was a little bit of a lucky win for us," coach Dewey Kalmer said. "We really had some clutch plays, but I didn't think we pitched well today."

The Braves fell behind early in the game, when sophomore right-hander Rob Scahill allowed an RBI double in the first inning. Bradley answered quickly though, scoring a run in the bottom half of the frame.

Junior center fielder Dan Brewer drew a leadoff walk, stole both second and third base and then scored on a double by junior catcher Nick Mitidiero.

The game remained tied until the top of the fifth, when Indiana State (7-14, 3-3 MVC) scored on

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Softball team splits doubleheader with Indiana State

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The softball team used back-to-back complete games from its starting pitchers on Saturday to split a doubleheader with Indiana State.

Junior Ashley Birdsong went the distance in the opener, giving up four earned runs in a 6-3 loss.

Sophomore Amanda Clack then got the team back on track in Game Two, giving up just one earned run on four hits in the 7-2 victory.

The Braves (11-12, 3-6 MVC) have now won two of their last three games after losing five of their previous six.

The pitching has been solid all season, but the bats had been lacking in support.

Before winning two of the last three, Bradley put up just nine runs over six games, including three shutouts.

Since the Braves got back to their winning ways, they have recorded 15 runs in just three games.

"We're streaky, and hopefully over the next couple of weeks, we can put together some games where we're swinging the bat well and take a little pressure off the pitching," coach Buddy Foster said.

Clack is one player who has been getting the job done, both with the bat and on the mound.

She leads the team in RBIs, ranks second in hits and still found time to throw a complete game and put the Braves in the win column.

She pitched so well on Saturday, Foster said he thinks she could have had a shutout if not for a dropped pop-up in the infield allowing a run

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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BASEBALL	MVC	OVERALL
WICHITA STATE	3-0	22-3
NORTHERN IOWA	3-0	13-9
CREIGHTON	4-2	18-7
MISSOURI STATE	4-2	17-8
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	3-3	14-10
BRADLEY	3-3	12-12
INDIANA STATE	3-3	7-15
EVANSVILLE	1-5	3-20
ILLINOIS STATE	0-6	9-14

SOFTBALL	MVC	OVERALL
CREIGHTON	5-0	26-11
EVANSVILLE	4-2	18-9
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	5-3	19-15
DRAKE	5-3	14-16
WICHITA STATE	7-5	25-15
MISSOURI STATE	5-6	16-11
ILLINOIS STATE	3-4	13-14
BRADLEY	3-6	11-12
NORTHERN IOWA	2-6	14-17
INDIANA STATE	2-6	9-16-1

On the Record

"Even now, people still yell, 'Bartman! Bartman!' I feel really bad for the kid. You know what the funny thing is? I wouldn't have caught it, anyway."

– Moises Alou on the infamous Steve Bartman incident during the 2003 NLCS.

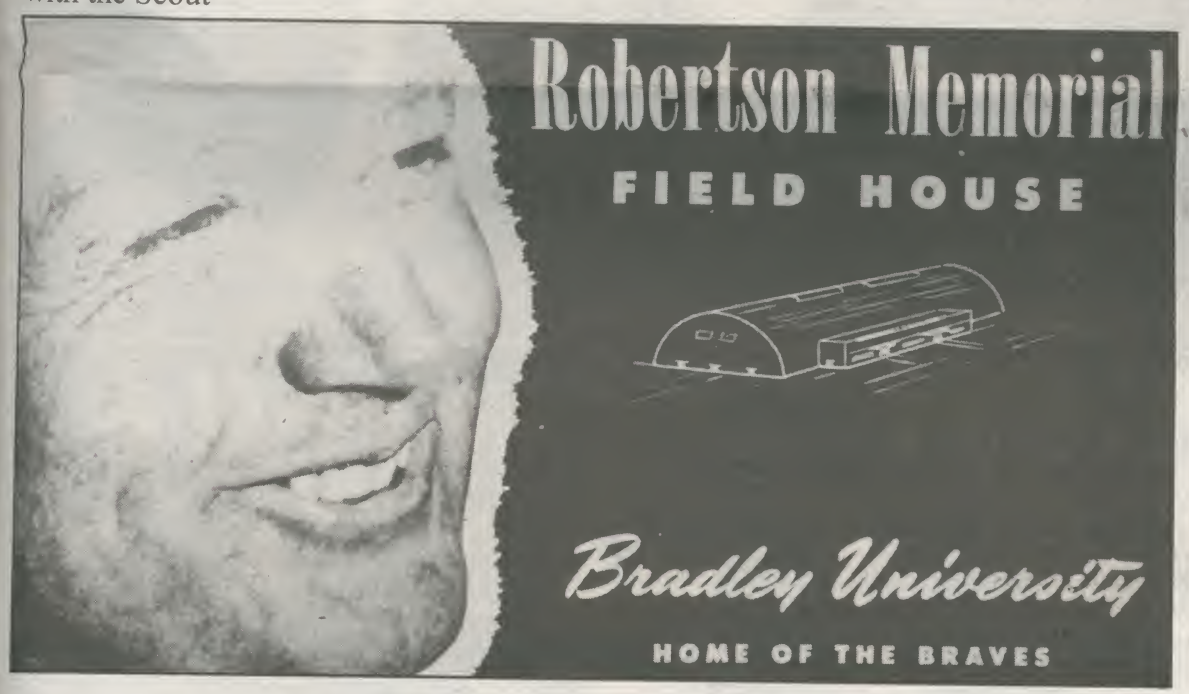
"It was a **great place to play**. The fans were great, and they're still great now. And it had a uniqueness – it was a **one of a kind**." **-Joe Stowell**, former men's basketball coach

"The fans in Peoria were terrific and loud and with the metal roof in the field house, they could **really vibrate some sound**. It was hard for the players to hear each other talk because the crowd was almost in your huddle." **-Roger Phegley**, former men's basketball star, in a 1991 interview with the Scout

"Its charm, emotional electricity and larder of thrills will always be remembered by those who watched, those who played and those **400 opponents who came and lost**." **-David Broski**, former Bradley president, in a 2003 Christmas card

"The place was just so raucous … It was an **incredible atmosphere**. It was just pandemonium in there for some of those games." **-Doug Halberstadt**, '83, worked in the sports information office

"I remember the **loudness, energy** and the excitement of the fans. I have **not experienced anything like it since leaving Bradley** … I looked across the court to the other side and just thought 'what a huge space,' and then when I was a student **realized how quickly that the 'huge' space filled up with fans**." **-Mary Ellen Eagelston**, '81



The field house by the numbers

4 – The number of wooden arches erected on the field house's exterior during the 1964 makeover.

8 – The number of students who installed the portable original floor in the field house.

10 – The width in feet of the red carpet painted outside the field house in 2006 when the men's basketball team made it to the NCAA Sweet 16.

16 – The weight in tons of the original portable floor.

33 – The number of seasons the men's basketball team played in the field house.

44 – The field house's height, in feet.

59 – The field house's age at the time of its demolition

160 – The number of panels that made up the original portable floor of the field house.

400 – The number of games the men's basketball team won in the field house before moving to the Civic Center in 1982.

900 – The number of bleacher seats sold for *the 1949-50 men's basketball season.*

1,100 – The number of theater seats sold for the 1949-50 men's basketball season.

2,049 – The number of people who attended the final women's basketball game at the field house in March.

8,300 – Seating capacity in the field house for the first basketball season.

400,000 – The number of people who attended an event at the field house in the first six months.

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1970

1976 – Original portable basketball court is replaced with a permanent floor.

1980

1982 – Men's basketball team plays its last season in the field house and moves to the Civic Center.

1990

1992 – A new weight room and athletic offices are completed.

2000

2004 – A new fitness center, study area, lounge and women's basketball offices are completed.

2006 – Field house architect Richard Doyle dies.

64 – The field house gets makeover. A new masonry terior makes it the field se we know today.

2008 – Jack's Mannequin performs the field house's last concert.

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Steve Bartman inci- ing the 2003 NLCS.

A handful of field house history makers

Musicians

-AC/DC
-Louis Armstrong
-The Beach Boys
-Black Eyed Peas
-Blues Traveler
-Jimmy Buffet
-The Carpenters
-Johnny Cash & the Carter Family
-Ray Charles
-Cheap Trick
-Chicago
-Everclear
-Goo Goo Dolls
-Jethro Tull
-Ludacris
-Wayne Newton
-Ted Nugent
-Dolly Parton
-REO Speedwagon
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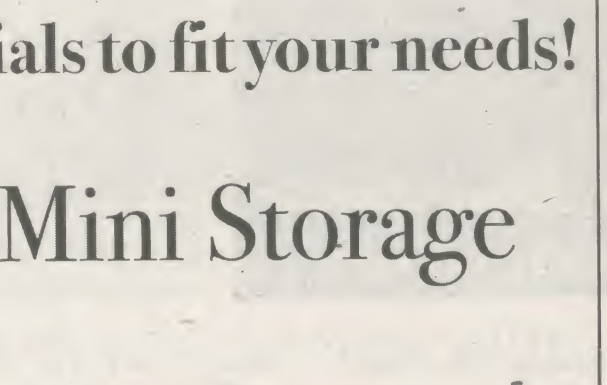
-Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers



Comics

-Jack Benny
-Cheech and Chong
-Bill Cosby
-Rodney Dangerfield
-Phyllis Diller
-Bob Hope
-Steve Martin
-Howie Mandel
-Chris Rock

Speakers

-Rev. Ralph Abernathy
-Muhammad Ali
-Dwight D. Eisenhower
-Gerald R. Ford
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-Jesse Jackson
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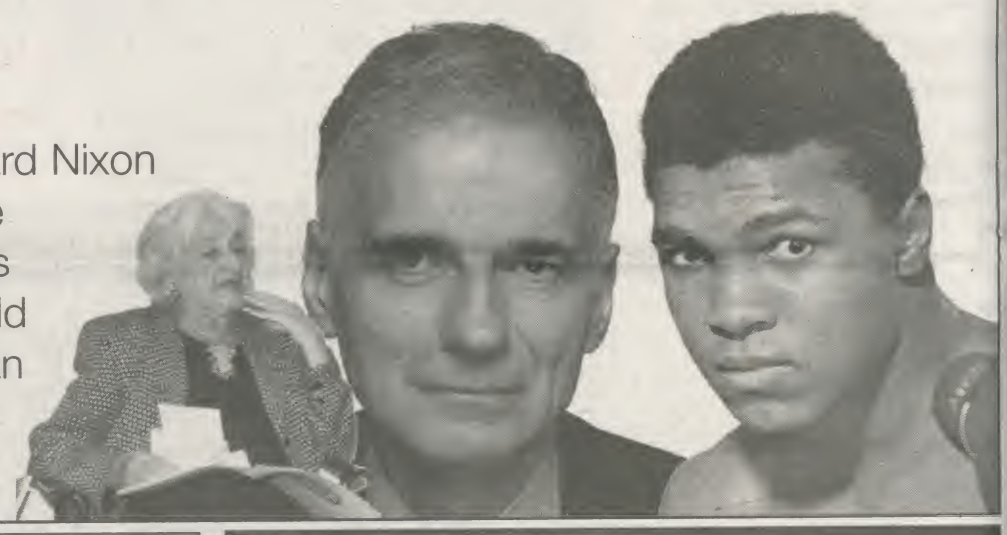

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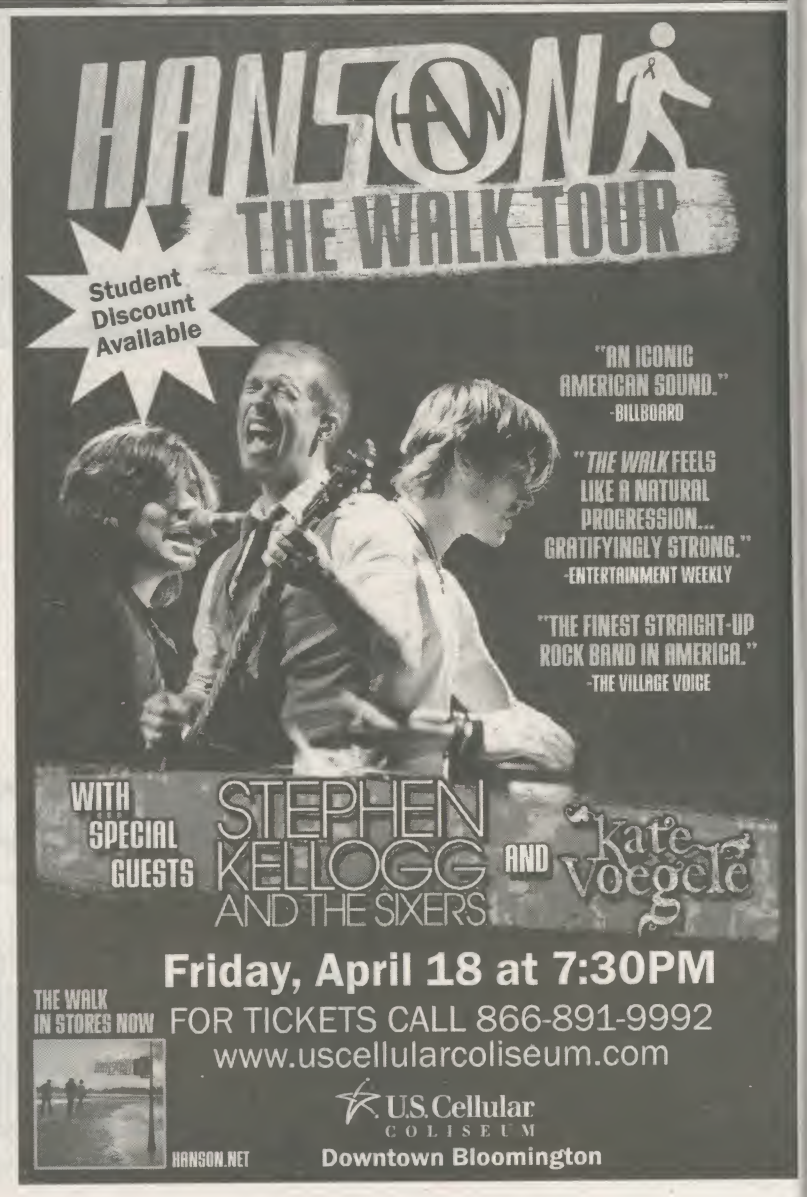

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A DIFFERENT DISH

Peoria's tastiest wallet-friendly restaurants worth a try

By Alex Bahler and Sarah Raidbard

At this point in the year, classes and homework may have you stuck in a rut. And more than likely, you've been eating the same on-campus meals all semester. With tastes ranging from classic ice cream to eclectic Indian food, there are plenty of places close to campus for a tasty meal out. We can't help you pass your classes but we can suggest some places off the beaten path to keep you and your wallet full.

Sizzling India

Don't knock it 'til you try it.

Indian food commonly evokes an unsure reaction at best from the Midwestern crowd, but not all dishes at this elegant restaurant are born to burn.

While you're reading the menu, figuring out what "tandoori chicken" is (the answer – chicken as hot as the oven in which it's cooked), the server will bring complementary pappadams to munch on. Pappadams are crispy, thin confections similar to crackers and made with lentils and peppers. Try the mint sauce for a strong but cool flavor.

Some chicken dishes can run close to $12, but many entrees hover around the $8 mark. They don't skimp on the portions either – a plate of brown rice easily serves two.

For those looking to expand their horizons, the quail dish presents two roasted birdies on top of delicious rice and vegetables. Quail are small animals, and navigating around the bones is a task, but the distinct, sharp taste of the meat is well worth it.

And you don't have to travel far. Sizzling India is located across from Campustown.

Sully's

It's a full-fledged bar at night, but when the sun's out and your stomach is caving in from hunger, Sully's at 121 S.W. Adams St. will deliver.

Dishes rarely run over $10, and nearly every one begs to be chosen. At the end of the day, Sully's is still a pub, and that means pub food. Burgers, sandwiches and finger-licking appetizers dominate the menu. A Reuben is always a good choice (corned beef, sauerkraut and Thousand Island Dressing on toasted rye, served with a pickle) but for a healthy upgrade, try the Turben that replaces the corned beef with turkey. The red meat is out but the unique, bold taste is still there.

You can make a number of entrees into platters by adding two sides for a couple more dollars. We recommend the Cajun fries (not as spicy as you might think) and the cottage cheese.

Cici's Pizza Buffet

No one can resist an all-you-can-eat buffet of exotic pizzas, fresh salads and tempting desserts for only $5.

Cici's Pizza Buffet, located at 801 W. Lake Ave., is a great place to get a lot of food without breaking the bank. Even with a bottomless fountain drink, the meal is still worth it. The restau-

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THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

"National Treasure," 8 to midnight in the Marty Theater. Tickets are $1 for students and $1.50 for the public.

Live at the Five Spot presents **"Craig Russo Latin,"** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is $6 for student members, $9 for student non-members.

SATURDAY

"Habitat 5k Race," 9 to 11 a.m. Begins at Haussler Hall.

"Baby Wants Candy," 8 to 9 p.m. in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

SUNDAY

"MSCS - Bradley Opera Workshop," 3 to 5 p.m. at the Dingeldine Music Center.

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"Fat Boy" a fat success for the talented Simon Pegg

BY ERIK JOHNSON
for Voice

Many a relationship has ended because one party was afraid of commitment, yet few have ever fizzled in such a spectacular fashion as the one depicted in "Run, Fat Boy, Run."

Starring Simon Pegg ("Shaun of the Dead") and Thandie Newton ("The Pursuit of Happyness"), the film follows the story of Dennis Doyle (Pegg) and his epic quest to win back the woman he loves.

When Dennis left his bride, Libby (Newton), at the altar – pregnant – he didn't realize just how much running he'd have to do. Years later Dennis still loves her, and yet he's no closer to getting a second chance than the day he ran out of the wedding. Dennis' best friend, Gordon, played by Dylan Moran ("Shaun of the Dead"), captures Libby's point of view perfectly when he says, "women remember things like that."

Enter Libby's new boyfriend, Whit. Whit, played by Hank Azaria ("Dodgeball"), is handsome, rich, funny, charming and, of course, a total scumbag for it. His sinister plan to make Libby perfectly happy and get along well with Dennis' son Jake is going perfectly and, if Dennis doesn't do something about it before long, Whit will definitely succeed.

Upon meeting Whit and realizing just how close he is to losing Libby forever, Dennis embarks on an epic quest to win Libby's heart back by competing against Whit in the Nike River Run marathon along the banks of the Thames.

With help from Gordon and Mr. Goshdashtidar – Dennis' landlord, played by Harish Patel ("Kama Sutra") – Dennis begins the rigorous process that is training oneself to run 26 miles.

Normally, one would undertake such a process over the span of several months. Unfortunately for Dennis, he has only three weeks in which to go from being an out-of-shape smoker to a powerful athlete.

"Run, Fat Boy, Run"

Simon Pegg
Thandie Newton

Grade: A

With some help from a bicycle and a metal spatula, Dennis begins to prepare for the longest run of his life.

The acting in "Run, Fat Boy, Run" was excellent.

Pegg has a positive gift for taking even the most ridiculous role and making it seem believable, if not real. His performances in both "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot Fuzz" not only show his versatility but his ability to make himself at home in almost any situation.

Moran's performance was also outstanding, crossing the line into insanity, and yet stopping just short of overacting. His character is eccentric to say the least, but he fits perfectly with the rest of the characters. The other characters were a bit more stereotypical, but all played well.

The cinematography wasn't anything to write home about, but it was for the best in this case. Many comedies try too hard to make shots epic or intense in the interest of getting an ironic laugh, but there was nothing fancy here. That's not to say the shots weren't good, but the cinematography wasn't ambitious.

The real appeal of the movie was, just like the rest of Pegg's films, in its two-sided nature. On the one hand, it's clearly an over-the-top, screwy comedy. It has its fair share of stupid jokes and a completely ridiculous plot, which sounds like the formula for a Ben Stiller movie.

However, the film's other side is an entirely believable plot that actually begins to tug at the heartstrings and gets you really feeling for the characters.

The skillful acting and mundane cinematography both serve to keep viewers "in the zone," instead of reminding you the whole time that it's just a movie.

On the whole, "Run, Fat Boy, Run" is a good film that will no doubt be ravaged by newspaper critics.

Like Pegg's other films, it seems destined to become a sort of cult classic, unnoticed next to the big-name films of the day.

HARD ROCK FOR STIFF PEOPLE

Redwalls rock Bradley, receive unfairly comatose response

BY ED MCMENAMIN
for Voice

Attention all Bradley students – it was a concert. Stand up, make noise, maybe even drink a couple Zimas, if you're of age.

It's not a compliment when the band repeatedly thanks you for being so polite.

I know, I know, the kid behind you will probably make fun of you for bobbing your head and moving your feet or even dancing. Too bad. He doesn't know how to have fun at a concert either.

The Redwalls stopped by Bradley last week and played the inaugural show in what used to be the University Hall cafeteria, re-made into a lounge after some hard work by our Student Body President Jordan Ticaric.

Bradley's own Fools on the Hill played some classic rock and blues-inspired tunes as the opening act.

Attention Activities Council – when a rock band comes to play at the nice but unfortunately named "Lydia's Lounge," move the tables and chairs to the back of the room, darken the lights a bit more and encourage students to stand near the stage. They might actually get into it.

The four guys in The Redwalls have played blue-eyed-soul, British-invasion rock everywhere from Lollapalooza to Letterman. They're not a bunch of really sincere dudes playing Jack Johnson covers to a crowd of coffee-sipping, mellow addicts.

This is the kind of music you do stupid things to – driving fast, waking up the neighbors, telling cops to return when they "have a warrant, bro."

On a more positive note, thank you ACBU for giving the Bradley student body an opportunity to listen to some fun live music. Hopefully you adequately described the venue to the Redwalls before they arrived:

"Lydia's Lounge" is a great place to study or maybe enjoy open-mic-night guitar strumming, but it's an inherently awkward venue for a rock show.

The 80 to 100 or so students who showed up for the concert were treated to some throat-ripping choruses and speaker-breaking guitar shufflin'. As Wayne Campbell said, "your band wails, dude."

But, if you looked around the crowd, you'd think everyone was attending rock 'n' roll's long awaited funeral. The few middle-aged folks standing near the back of the crowd showed more life than college students sitting politely.

Anyone who still listens to The Black Crowes' "Three Snakes and One Charm," or loves the Stones' "Exile on Main Street" witnessed a band plow through an original catalog that sounds much better live than on CD.

Originally from Deerfield, The Redwalls released its sophomore album on Capital Records before being dropped during label reshuffling. In 2007 it followed with a self-titled effort on the indie label Mad Dragon Records.

Admittedly, before attending the show I had only listened to the band's first two albums once through.

"De Nova," the band's second LP, suffered from slick production glossing over the tunes and sucking the energy right out of otherwise solid originals such as "Build a Bridge" – that sounded great on March 27. Other highlights during the show included a cover of Bob Dylan's "Down in the Flood" and "Modern Diet," an original The Redwalls performed on the previously mentioned Letterman appearance.

Sensing the crowd's ambivalence, the Redwalls only played for about 45 minutes before taking a break and returning for a short encore.

In a smoke-filled club or summer festival atmosphere, the crowd would have been shouting for a longer set, but I imagine most of those in attendance at Bradley simply thought "well that was pleasant" and went back to eating crumpets and drinking tea.

ARTIST YOU SHOULD KNOW:
CATHY DAVEY

BY LISA FITCH
for Voice

Ireland has churned out more than a few international rock musicians, from the always-inspirational Van Morrison to the ever-commercial U2.

While the '70s have been kind to the Emerald Isle, thankfully progress has been made on the music front.

Bravely crossing the pond with her three-piece band, Irish songstress Cathy Davey aims to defy the traditional conception of a "singer-songwriter."

In fact, the Dublin native hates the term, finding it to be a restricting label limited to simple guitar-strumming and boring rhythms.

Perhaps it's being raised by two artistically-inclined parents that has led Davey to set such high standards for herself, with the artist picking up the reins from her musician father and her mother bringing up the rear as a sculptress.

On the other hand, it could be her dedication to her art by barely picking up a book, but instead filling her own with lyrics and song ideas.

Either way, Davey has shunned the typical path taken by performers, having only played four local gigs before heading off to the countryside to pen her first album, 2004's "Something Ilk." Stranger still, Davey ignored the labels courting the then-young artist to sign, once again fearing the singer-songwriter stigma.

According to Davey, the "whole thing is so po-faced. It gives me the willies. I'm not interested in being self-analytical- or fey because it makes me feel like a knob. Yes, I write my own songs, but I write bitter, nasty, ballsy songs. I want them to come across as sinister because any of my songs that seem nice are usually about something nasty."

It was this unwavering confidence with "Ilk" that thrust Davey into the cult spotlight, garnering her the accolades of the indie set but not the mainstream ones. This soon changed with the release of her second album, 2007's "Tales of Silversleeve."

With a newfound sense of direction, "Silversleeve" hit the Irish charts hard and even led to a nomination for Choice Music Prize's Irish Album of the Year. After a rather dull and forgettable debut, Davey suddenly was a real contender in the Irish music scene.

While "Ilk" was a spirited but uneven effort, "Silversleeve" is as clean and slick as the album name implies.

Davey crafts a deft combination of old and new, experimenting with tried-and-true techniques while mixing in rather unconventional ones. The end result is a mixing of early Edie Brickell, the quirky Regina Spektor and a sprinkling of the peppy Cyndi Lauper.

On paper this mishmash of artists may seem odd, but somehow all together their influences work their way brilliantly into a collection of well-crafted pop tunes.

Davey's painfully catchy songs haven't cracked the American billboards yet, but the artist is well on her way to making a name for herself with not only her music but also her unconventional approach to the music business.

Indeed, don't be surprised to see her infectious smiled plastered over the aisles at local music stores soon. This Irish lass shouldn't be regulated to the import section any longer.

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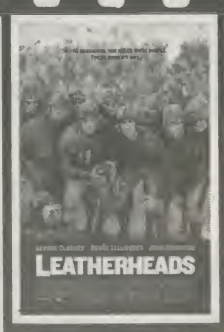

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OPENS TODAY

Voice recommends ...

Run, Fat Boy, Run

Raconteurs rock on recent release

BY MARK HEMMER
of Voice

Temporarily leaving your established band for an uncertain side project is inherently hit or miss.

*Some sub-*acts have generated a personality and following all their own, such as The Postal Service, which consists of Ben Gibbard of Death Cab for Cutie and Jimmy Tamborello of Dntel. Others, such as Fort Minor, which was started by Linkin Park's Mike Shinoda, have left behind a solitary single on the airwaves before disappearing from the public eye.

With The Raconteurs' new release, "Consolers of the Lonely," Jack White and crew have ensured this side project has some serious consideration and effort behind it.

After its initial release "Broken Boy Soldiers" was met with mixed reviews, there were murmurs The Raconteurs was nothing but a self-indulgent power pop act that would soon be cast aside.

White took the opportunity to stomp all over the majority of those rumors, trying new concepts and showing off new sounds on "Consolers." The Raconteurs has established itself as a legitimate rock 'n' roll group with its sophomore effort and by all indications, it has more room to grow.

The one rumor White won't escape from is his tendency to indulge himself musically while outside of the confines of his main act, The White Stripes. His weird fancies are on display all over "Consolers."

The album takes off quickly

The Raconteurs

"Consolers of the Lonely"

XL; 2008

Grade: B+

with its second track, a fast-paced and fiery song, called "Salute Your Solution."

The album gets better, with some genuine highlights like the defiant "The Switch and the Spur" and the sprawling country ballad "Carolina Drama." "Hold Up" plays like a slick rock song of yesteryear.

The album also features a song composed by '60s British rocker Terry Reid called "Rich Kid Blues." The cover adds a notable landmark of the group's progressive blues-rock sound.

The album has no weak tracks at all and the highlights are just better than its peers. Even without a hyped-up single like "Steady As She Goes" the new album does The Raconteurs more good than harm and pushes the group in the right direction – a cool and cocky rock band that can stand on its own.

"Consolers" is everything you want in a sophomore album. With a stronger sound than "Broken." It's also a more balanced album, with fewer one-hit wonders and more music allowing The Raconteurs to break away from the "side project" moniker and give it an exclusive personality and following.

Fans of The Raconteurs' first album will be more than satiated with "Consolers of the Lonely." The general public will be met with a solid, but not spectacular, rock album. It has so many good songs, but the shadow of The White Stripes and other active rock groups keep The Raconteurs from shattering the glass ceiling and becoming a great act.

Photo Poll

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Angela Dragoo
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secondary education

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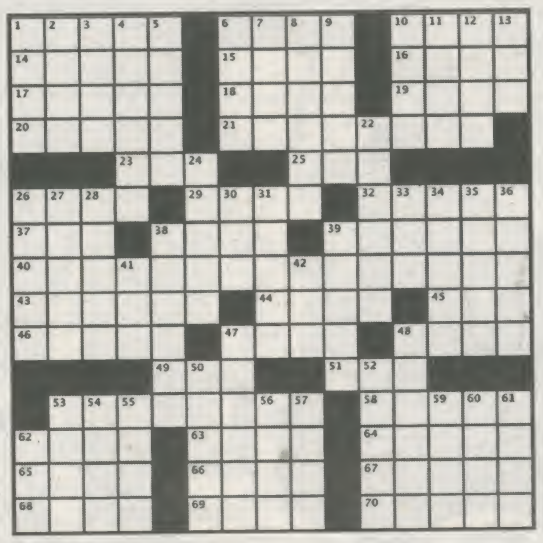

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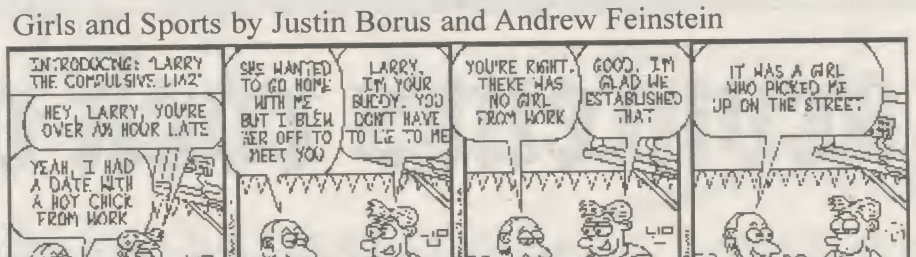

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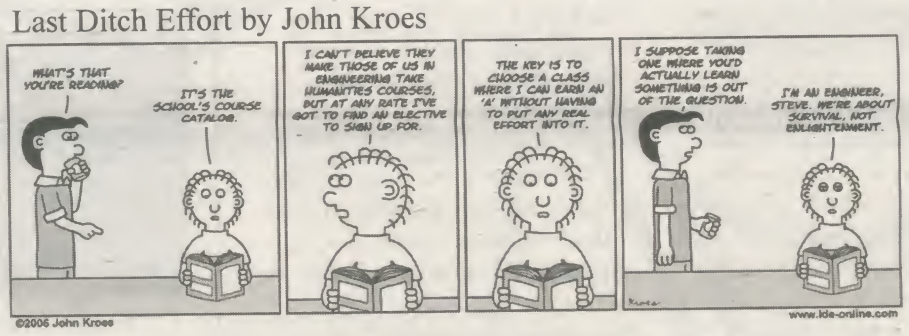

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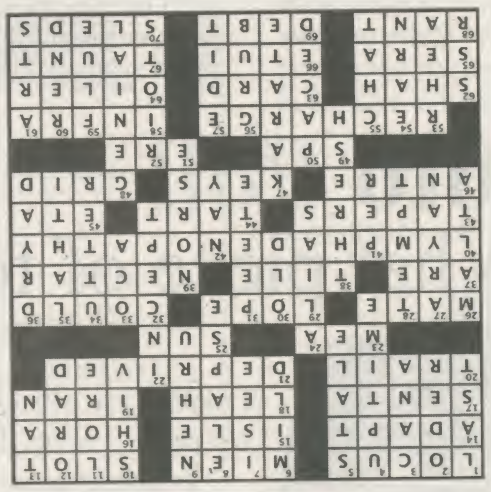

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boasts signature pizza such as Mexican-style ole, zesty ham and cheddar and macaroni and cheese, but serves staples as well.

The garlic bread is a must – basically cheese pizza without the sauce. Also, Cici's gooey cinnamon rolls are as close to fresh and homemade as ever sitting under florescent lamps.

If you're on a diet, stay away. It's easy to lose track of how much pizza you've eaten, especially if you're an adventurous eater. And pace yourself, because too much of this good thing can turn bad quickly.

Ice Cream Shack

This outdoor cluster of tables is one of the best places to enjoy ice cream on a nice day.

The shack, located at 2312 N.E. Adams St., is only open during the warm months of the year.

One of the more popular menu items is the Whizard, soft-serve ice cream blended with any kind of candy, topping or fruit you can think of. For $2.59, you can enjoy a small one, which contains more than enough sugar to have you running in circles. Try mixing toppings such as peanut butter and banana and for a healthier option, try a Whizard with yogurt. The Shack also serves shakes, sundaes and hand-dipped cones, among other delicious summer treats.

Ice Cream Shack isn't strictly for desserts, but don't go there too hungry unless you want to eat a rubbery hotdog and greasy fries.

Haddad's Restaurant

For traditional Middle Eastern food, look no further than Haddad's. The restaurant serves all kinds of Middle Eastern food for reasonable prices and is located not too far from campus at 1024 W. Main St.

Haddad's is famous for its gyros but also serves chicken gyro and falafel, balls of fried chickpeas. The chicken gyro sandwich, which consists of shaved chicken meat in a pita, costs $5.50. Other prices range from $4 for salads to $12 for dinners and platters.

Spreads such as hummus, ground chickpeas with various seasonings, and babagonus, a spread made with eggplant and garlic, are available to eat with meals or take home to enjoy later. All food is made fresh and hot. Try a lemon shakeup for something tangy to drink during dinner.

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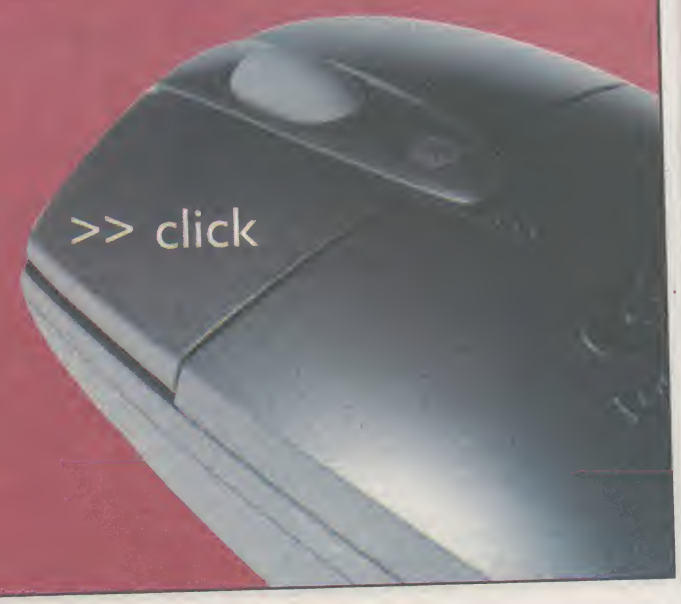

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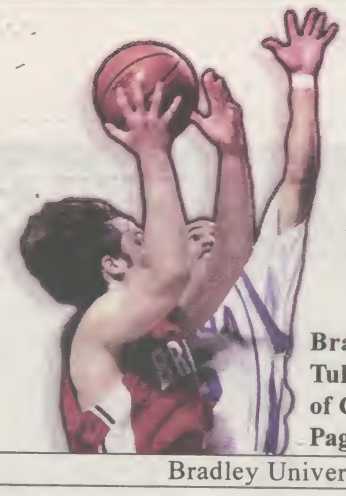

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Bradley falls to Tulsa in final game of CBI.
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Student pedestrian hit by car

Third person in three years struck at intersection of Bradley and University

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Elizabeth Albert spent about four hours in an emergency room last week after being hit by a car.

The senior art history major said one minute she was walking across University Street at its intersection with Bradley Avenue, and the next minute her body was smashed against a windshield, then lying on the street.

"I hurt so bad, all I could do was just lie there," she said. "I didn't want to move because I didn't know how badly I was injured."

The driver, freshman Sarah Gaskins, hit Albert at about 3 p.m. April 2 while making a left turn onto University. She was cited for not yielding to a pedestrian, University Police Chief Dave Baer said.

Albert was transported to OSF St. Francis Medical Center after Gaskins called 911. Albert left the hospital with a minor head injury and some scrapes and bruises.

"It was weird and scary at the same time," she said. "I'm just glad the injuries aren't too bad."

Albert is the third student to be hit at that intersection by a driver turning left in three years. Several students have also been hit at the intersection of Main and University streets and along Bradley Avenue, but the problem "hasn't been overwhelming," Baer said.

However, the incident has spurred some students to take action,

see **PEDESTRIAN** Page A10

Unlocked doors invite intruders

Strangers wander houses in daylight, don't always steal

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Brian Greene was in his home on the 600 block of Duryea Avenue when he heard footsteps coming up the stairs.

"It was 2:30 in the afternoon, so I thought it was my roommates," the senior marketing major said.

But Greene found an unknown man in his home, who ran out of the house when he was spotted.

Ten home burglaries have been reported to University Police since the beginning of February, with nine of those burglaries occurring at off-campus houses, according to the University Police Log.

While most of the burglars didn't take items from residences, the term "burglary" means any unlawful entry of a structure with the intent to commit a theft or felony, according to a U.S. Department of Education Handbook for Campus Crime Reporting.

In at least four of the burglaries reported to BUPD, suspects entered the residences through unlocked points of entry.

Only three burglary incidents resulted in stolen property, and one item of stolen property, a wallet, was later found and returned to the victim.

Peoria police arrested a known burglar on Sunday on the 1300 and 1500 blocks of Barker Avenue, which BUPD Officer Darmon Swanson said he thinks will help reduce burglaries.

Swanson said students should be sure to keep doors and windows locked at all times.

"If you live in an upstairs apartment, you would have no idea what was going on downstairs or who was in your home,"

see **CRIME** Page A11

Embracing sweet success

Ben Koch and Jordan Ticaric embrace after winning student body officer elections on Tuesday. Ticaric was re-elected president and Koch was elected vice president. Other students look up at the announcer, waiting to hear results for secretary and treasurer elections. *Photo by Megan Loos*

Ticaric, Koch win student body officer elections

Top two secretary, treasurer candidates will compete in runoff next week

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Jordan Ticaric and Ben Koch jumped up and down to celebrate winning the presidential and vice presidential races in student body officer elections.

But the race still continues for some, as no secretary or treasurer candidates received more than the required 50 percent of votes to win the election.

For the "Fantastic 4" ticket to be complete, Ticaric and Koch's running mates, secretary candidate Sharika House and treasurer candidate Owen Irwin, have to win their run-off elections next week.

Both Koch and Ticaric said they thought it was good that the elections were so competitive.

"I'm really glad just to see voter turnout," Koch said. "I think it's really exciting just to see who the students pick. Regardless of whether they're on our ticket or not, we certainly support all the candidates."

Only the top two candidates for each position get to continue on in the race.

House will run against Lisa Beltrame for secretary, and Irwin will run against Jake Schmitt for treasurer.

House received 466 votes, and Beltrame received 324. The two defeated Maggie Hammar, who

see **ELECTIONS** Page A10

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
54 / 35
Cloudy with a chance of showers.

Saturday
42 / 30
A chance of rain and snow.

Sunday
47 / 29
Partly cloudy.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Braves supporters gather to watch CBI.
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Voice reflects on a disturbing weekend film festival.
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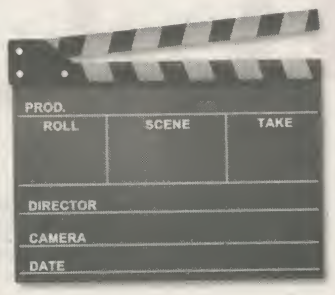
Bradley Briefs

• The Speech Team placed second in team sweepstakes at the 2008 American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament last weekend in Austin, Texas. Senior Erin McCarthy won first place in the After-Dinner Speaking competition. For the Duo Interpretation section, juniors Emambu Atabong and Elijah Misigaro won the championship. Congratulations to the Speech Team on its success.

• Relay for Life will take place from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. April 18 on Olin Quad.

• Run-off voting for student body secretary and treasurer will take place Monday and Tuesday. Students can log on to MyBU to vote.

• Commuter students will be permitted to park in the Duryea Parking Deck for the remainder of the semester.



• The Black Student Alliance will host the Heritage Ball from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

• The Foreign Language Film Festival will take place from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Monday in Neumiller Lecture Hall. The film will be "The Miracle of Candeal" and will have English subtitles. Admission is free.

Around the World

Former Bradley student's detainment a mistake

A recently declassified government memo shows President Bush acted on poor legal analysis when he designated former Bradley student Ali al-Marri an enemy combatant five years ago, a lawyer for the imprisoned man said in a new court filing Wednesday.

Al-Marri, who is a legal U.S. resident from Qatar, has been held at the Navy brig in Charleston, S.C., since July 2003. The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is considering whether the government actually has the right to detain al-Marri.

Jonathan Hafetz, al-Marri's lawyer, told the court the memo "further demonstrates that al-Marri's detention lacks legal basis."

The memo, dated March 14, 2003, was written by the deputy assistant attorney general for the Office of Legal Counsel. It states that the use of harsh interrogation tactics against terror suspects is appropriate and the president has broad wartime power as commander-in-chief.

Information taken from www.pjstar.com

Airline cancels flights for inspections

American Airlines canceled over 1,000 flights on Wednesday, more than one-third of its schedule for the day, to inspect wiring on some of its jets.

Officials from the airline said each flight would have averaged more than 100 passengers, which means more than 100,000 travelers could have had their flights canceled.

A spokesman for the airline, Tim Wagner, told the Chicago Tribune the cancellations could continue past Wednesday while the airline worked on its fleet of 300 MD-80 jets. By Wednesday morning, only 30 of the 300 were in service.

The company said the Federal Aviation Administration raised concerns about recent inspections of the MD-80 wiring. American said the concerns weren't flight-safety issues.

American experienced similar problems with the jets last month, and FAA inspectors found that some of the work done to fix those problems didn't meet the agency's standards.

Information taken from www.chicagotribune.com

Olympic torch passes through U.S. with high security

The Olympic torch was lit at 1:17 p.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday in San Francisco for its only U.S. stop.

Immediately after, the torch was placed in a waterfront warehouse, where it stayed while Olympic officials repeatedly changed the route the torch would take through the city.

By 2 p.m., the torch resurfaced two miles away from the warehouse on a road that was not on the official route plan. The flame continued through the city surrounded by uniformed police officers on motorcycles.

Officials shortened the originally six-mile route early Wednesday to avoid protests similar to the ones in London and Paris.

Protestors in those cities managed to extinguish the flame in protest to the Chinese government and its treatment of the environment, the Tibetan people and its own citizens.

Information taken from www.nytimes.com

Glasser speaks of Bradley experience 25 years in future

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

It's the year 2033, and a gray-haired University President Joanne Glasser limps to the podium in Neumiller Hall, her cane keeping her steady.

But this scenario isn't just a prediction of the future.

On Wednesday night, Glasser dressed and acted like herself at 80 years old and spoke as if she were reflecting on the last 25 years.

The lecture was part of Hillel's inaugural First/Last Lecture event, in which a speaker lectures in one of two ways. One is what the speaker would do differently if she could relive her first speech, and the other, which Glasser chose, focuses on what the speaker imagines her last speech will be like.

Glasser said some of her comments were exaggerated, but many were realistic hopes and plans for Bradley.

"Much of tonight was real, but much of it was theater," she said. "Perhaps some of these will come true. They are part of a vision, and leaders have to have vision."

Glasser said the 2007 school year was a tragic start to her Bradley career with the death of three students.

"All too young," she said. "I will remember those names. I will remember those faces. I will *remember those* students for as long as I live."

Glasser said part of being a leader means never giving up hope during the hard times – something she said she tries to impart to students.

"Hope is a powerful force," she said. "It keeps dreams alive. It makes the impossible possible. It's what makes us human and humane."

Glasser said in 25 years, the face of campus will have changed. There will be more landscape and less parking lots because students and faculty will live closer to campus and walk.

She talked about building renovations popping up within a few years, including the Markin Family Student Recreation Center and Alumni Quad, among others.

She said the Cullom-Davis Library will have been remodeled and new facilities such as a student center and performing arts center will have been constructed.

In Glasser's predicted future, Main Street will have new restaurants and stores and will turn the street into "an eating and shopping Mecca."

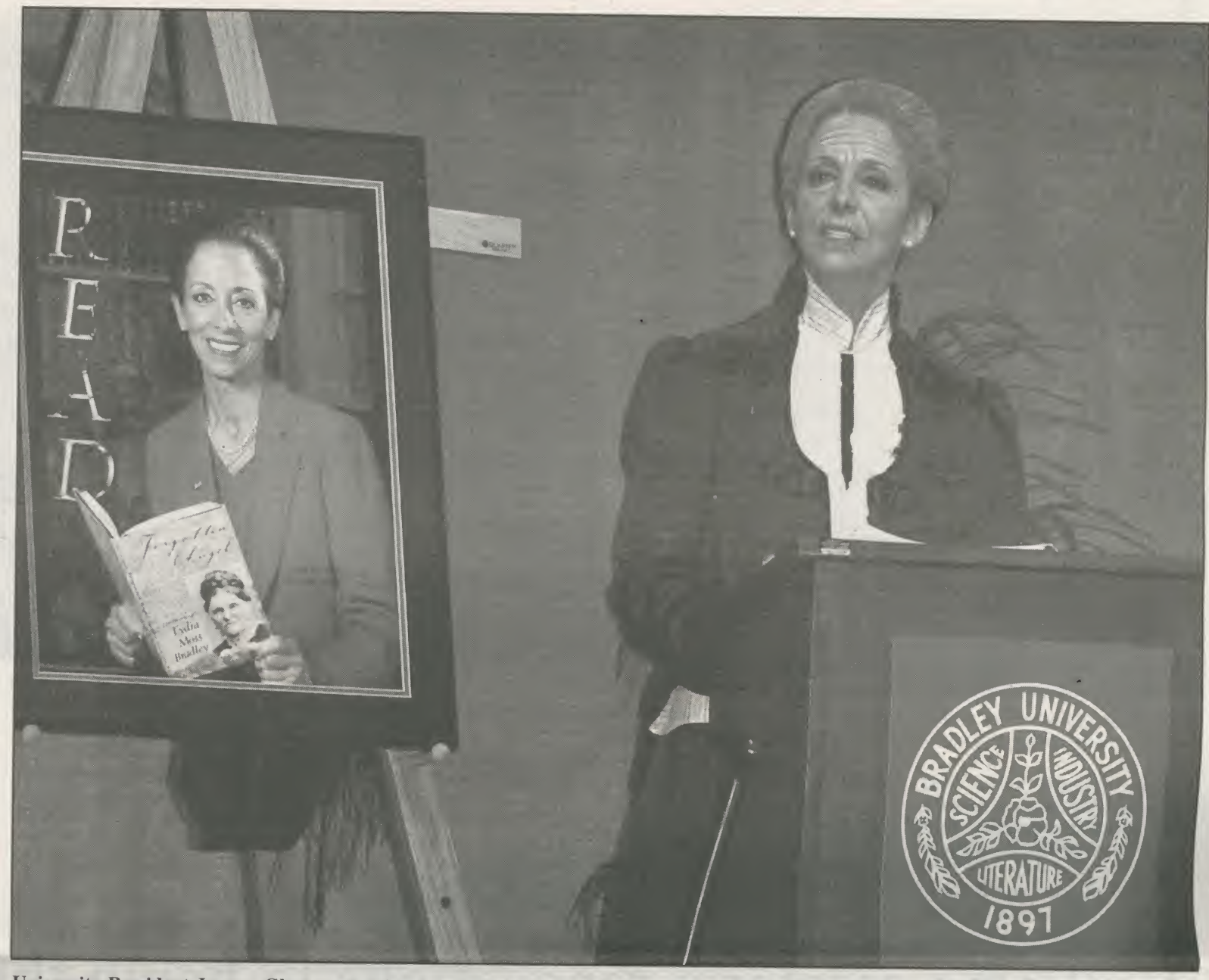
"We are truly a walkable campus," she said of the future. "And that has gotten Bradley a lot of national attention."

She said Bradley students will have accomplished remarkable research in areas such as global warming and energy alternatives.

She spoke of the hopeful career success of – and financial support from – alumni.

Glasser said her greatest passion 25 years from now will still be the students.

"Students are what Bradley, indeed what every college, is about," she said. "This place is about you, our students. And it will be forever more."



University President Joanne Glasser, sporting gray hair, an elaborate costume, makeup and a cane, explains her vision of the future on Wednesday night in Neumiller Hall as if she were giving her last speech at Bradley. *photo by Michelle Kosner*

Greeks come together to take action against alcohol abuse

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

A recent change in the Peoria Liquor Code prohibiting outside vendors at fraternity functions may encourage fewer fraternities to hold registered parties and more students to drink off campus, an Interfraternity Council member said.

"[Registered parties] are a lot safer because when you go off campus it's a whole other world," IFC Director of Risk Management Mike Manseau said.

He said IFC may try to petition the city of Peoria to change the code. This effort is one of several attempts to try to curb dangerous and abusive drinking recently set forth by IFC and Panhellenic Council.

Panhel recently sponsored a conference called Something of Value, during which leaders from each sorority met to discuss high-risk behavior within their chapters.

"The purpose of the conference was really to get everyone together and realize we're all having the same problems and develop an action plan," Panhel President Heather Rutherford said.

"It shows the rest of Bradley that we do care about this issue. Fraternities are not just a bunch of college students who like to abuse alcohol." - IFC Director of Risk Management Mike Manseau

However, Rutherford said she doesn't know what the action plan will be yet because she needs to wait until all the feedback from the conference is compiled.

Teniell Trolian, the associate director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said Panhel requested the program come to campus about two years ago.

"The timing couldn't be better," she said.

Those in attendance at the conference also witnessed a mock trial. The trial saw two sorority members take the stand on charges of negligence after pressuring a younger member to drink. The younger member suffered permanent injuries and possible sexual assault because of intoxication.

The trial focused on upholding the ideals of sororities, which include sisterhood and responsibility.

Panhel and IFC are requiring chapters to attend a presentation by Mark Sterner, who killed three of his friends while driving drunk during a Spring Break trip.

There will be two opportunities to attend the presentation which will take place April 19 in Neumiller Hall.

"It shows the rest of Bradley that we do care about this issue. Fraternities are not just a bunch of college students who like to abuse alcohol," Manseau said.

IFC hasn't created a written plan to combat alcohol abuse, but Manseau said education, communication and awareness are crucial.

Manseau said IFC will sponsor a round table meeting with University Police and chapter presidents to discuss safety and other issues.

He said he thinks there is a common misconception about greeks and alcohol abuse.

"If you look at all the events that happened, all those people who are getting hurt or dying were not greek," he said.

Rutherford said she thinks alcohol abuse isn't a problem within the greek community.

"I think we have great policies in place to protect the students," she said. "Each chapter executing and following the policies kept us in the clear."

Campus CBI viewing parties attract student fans

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

Bradley played in the first ever championship game of the College Basketball Invitational on Friday night.

Students were able to watch the game at one of two viewing parties on campus in either the Michel Student Center ballroom or Lydia's Lounge.

The CBI finals were a best-of-three series between the Braves and the Tulsa Golden Hurricane.

A pep rally featuring the basketball band and cheerleaders took place in the ballroom before the game started. Many of the songs and cheers done at basketball games were performed, and the pep rally was concluded with the playing of the school song before tip-off.

Pizza and snacks were provided for fans at both locations. Although the ballroom was filled with chairs and tables, about half were empty.

"I'm glad people showed up, but I think they could have gotten the word out a little better so more people would come," senior mechanical engineering major Jake Lessen said.

Lessen has been in the band during his five years at Bradley, and he said he remembers when Bradley didn't even make the postseason.

"My freshman year we were really bad, but the fans still supported the team," he said. "I like the fact that teams play at home in the CBI because the fans have always stood by Bradley. We play much better at home."

Lydia's Lounge also had a screen showing the game, but the crowd was much smaller and more subdued.

Senior political science and criminal justice major Liz Wenger said she liked having two places to watch the game because it accommodated more students.

"I live in U-Hall, so it was easy to just come down here," she said. "Plus I really like the facilities, and it is a more relaxed atmosphere."

Wenger said she remembers when the Braves were in the NCAA tournament and everyone gathered in Robertson Memorial Field House to watch the playoffs.

"I wish we still had a place like that to watch the games, because it was such an exciting time, but this is the next best thing," she said.

Although the Braves started off strong, putting up a 16-2 run to start the game, they only lead by six at halftime.

Sophomore civil engineering major Nick Barczewski said he thought the team started out playing well, but Bradley's defense started letting up at the end of the first half.

"We need to start taking more perimeter shots rather than forcing the inside," he said.

Though the Braves did shoot more threes in the second half, they missed their first five attempts.

The lead changed more than a dozen times in the second half, and despite sophomore Andrew Warren hitting several big threes to keep the Braves in it, Bradley was unable to score in the last five minutes of the game.

The fans in the ballroom cheered and booed as though they were at the game, but it wasn't enough to help the Braves come back, and they lost 70-64.

Even though the Braves lost, sophomore electrical engineering major Kevin Farney said he would have preferred being at the game.

"With the money they spent on the pep rally and viewing parties, I think they should have just taken a bus down there," he said. "I would have really liked to see this game in person and cheer on our team."

Students gather in the Michel Student Center ballroom to watch the men's basketball team compete in the CBI final in Tulsa, Okla. The Braves lost 70-64. *photo by Megan Loos*

Williams cafeteria renovations to begin this summer

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Williams Hall cafeteria will undergo renovations this summer, including expansion and new furniture.

The cafeteria will have new chairs, floors, lights and ceilings.

The east side of the cafeteria near the windows will extend 40 feet toward the sidewalk.

Director of Food Services Ron Gibson said the current serving line isn't efficient. The new serving line will be divided into three serving stations.

Gibson said the new cafeteria entrance will stretch slightly into the Williams lobby so students have more room to enter and exit.

"We're kind of revamping the whole place," Gibson said. "With the cafeteria, it was at the point where we needed to make changes."

Gibson has been director of Food Services since 2000, and there hasn't been any renovations on Williams cafeteria since before he came, he said.

As of now, the Williams cafeteria is the only one getting renovated, he said.

Freshman elementary education major Paige Patterson said she thinks it's time for the cafeteria to change

"I definitely think [Williams Hall cafeteria] needs to be renovated comparing it to Geisert," she said. "There needs to be more space available for seats."

Lydia's Lounge in University Hall will also undergo changes for next school year so it could offer another food option on the weekends.

The lounge will have food available from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday through Sunday.

Patterson said she thinks students would utilize Lydia's Lounge on the weekends if it served food.

"That would be really nice since the cafeterias aren't open as much and Center Court is closed. There aren't as many [weekend dining] choices," Patterson said. "I think a lot of freshmen would come down before they went out."

Gibson is working with the Association of Residence Halls and Student Senate to create the lounge's menu.

"We'll collectively come up with a menu everyone is happy with," he said.

Lydia's Lounge renovations will begin the first or second week of May.

"The great thing is we already have a kitchen there, so it will be a lot of cosmetic stuff mainly," Gibson said.

Williams cafeteria renovations will begin in May when students leave for summer break.

Both facilities should be completed by the time students return from break.

In addition to planning for the facility renovations, Gibson said Food Services is still in the process of gauging student interest in Sunday meals at the Michel Student Center.

He said the number started off high at about 300 students but has continually declined every Sunday.

Gibson said opening the cafeteria to meal plans has also been slow with averages of eight to 10 students daily.

The Scout is accepting applications for its 2008-09 staff. Many positions are open, and all majors are encouraged to apply. The Scout is looking for students interested in writing, photography, graphic design and page layout. All positions are paid, and students can receive internship credit. Pick up an application in Sisson 319.

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Grad school curriculum may adopt prep classes

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

A resolution passed by Student Senate may introduce preparatory classes for three graduate school programs in the near future.

Three separate one-credit-hour courses will be available to help undergraduates prepare for graduate, medical and law schools if University Senate's Curriculum and Review committee and Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky adopt the resolution.

Student Senate will meet Thursday.

The Academic Affairs committee proposed the resolution.

Committee member Erica Hammock said the committee thinks the resolution is important because the master's degree is the new bar to be competitive in the job market.

Although Bradley administrators encourage post-graduate study, they don't do anything to prepare students for it, she said.

The proposed classes will be open to juniors and seniors at the 300-level.

Academic Affairs chairman Owen Irwin said the courses won't be similar to those outside the university that only prepare students for entrance exams.

Each course will be divided into three sections.

The first will cover the GRE, MCAT or LSAT exam.

The second will cover other ways of self-preparedness for graduate schools and direct students toward those opportunities.

The final section will cover the application process and how to develop a strong admission essay.

The classes will be listed under the Educational Leadership and Human Development Department and will be under the guidance of the Smith Career Center.

"It's going to be similar to ELH 301 which prepares you for a career," Irwin said. "Except this will be preparing you for graduate school instead."

The classes will "rely on faculty who possess a specialization in the graduate program of interest and a newly created advisor position within the Smith Career Center," according to the resolution.

"I would hope that the Smith Career Center could get funding for the new position as soon as next fall," Irwin said. "The classes should be instituted next spring if everything goes to plan."

Irwin said University President Joanne Glasser and the Board of Trustees have already shown interest in the program, and he doesn't expect any roadblocks in having the resolution pass.

Weekend helps students and families catch up

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

Junior construction major Sarah Pelenis looks for purses with her mom at the purse sale on Saturday in Lydia's Lounge.
photo by Megan Loos

Adam Moulton hates to admit it, but he misses his parents. Luckily enough for him, those feelings came at the right time.

Parents' Weekend, a campus event that takes place each semester and is sponsored by the Activities Council, is the remedy for any student with the "homesick blues."

A weekend chock full of breakfast buffets, family friendly activities and good quality time, Parents' Weekend is a welcome escape to a stressed-out student.

Moulton, a freshman civil engineering major, said seeing his family is something he looks forward to every chance he gets.

"My family lives three hours away, near Chicago," said Moulton. "So it's not often that they get to come down. My mom is a registered nurse and has two jobs, and my dad's job is very time-consuming. With my little brother and sister's schedules, they have to stay home with them most of the time."

Parents' Weekend gives students and parents planned events to attend, rather than parents visiting on any weekend without activities.

"We went to the lunch buffet at Williams and the purse sale," Moulton said. "Well, my mom went to the purse sale anyway. Me, my dad and my little brother went to the quad and played around for awhile with a football."

Moulton's girlfriend, freshman theatre performance major Janice Gerlach, said since her parents couldn't come to Parents' Weekend, it was nice to be able to be with her boyfriend's parents.

"I've met his parents a couple of times before," Gerlach said. "This was the first time I had spent a good amount of time with them. It was fun to go out to dinner and hang out like a family, but I still wish my parents would have come."

Students are bogged down with school and other work while parents juggle careers and family life at home, and this may also make visiting difficult.

Moulton said the idea of a parents' weekend makes the possibility of visiting greater.

"Many students either don't have time or don't have the money to go visit home," he said. "The same holds true for the parents coming to visit their kids. A parents' weekend encourages the parents to come see their kids. They can participate in activities around campus, go eat with their kids in the cafeteria and then take them out for real food at a restaurant, take them grocery shopping, and basically just spend time with them."

Moulton said he has heard stories of students forgetting what their parents look like, but he said this hasn't happened to him.

"I haven't seen much of my parents since I've been here at Bradley, but remembering what they look like isn't a problem," he said. "That must be tough."

And while having your parents come visit to take you to dinner, go shopping or just to get a quick "loan" from the Bank of Mom and Dad, Moulton said visits like these are necessary.

"Whether or not students will admit it, we need to see our family from time to time," he said.

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Editorial

Student apathy a recurring problem

Writing this is probably pointless because few students will read it and even fewer will express any sort of interest or response.

The letter to the editor printed below is one of just a handful of reactions we've received to anything we've printed this year.

Reaching an audience that doesn't read the newspaper is difficult. But we don't take it personally. Students' utter indifference has tainted most of campus.

In fact, Bradley students are so lazy and uninvolved that Princeton Review has actually moved us from seventh most politically apathetic school to third in three years. Who cares, right? Well, that's the attitude that has made us nationally known for our indifference.

Apathy is a common theme at Bradley, and it's clearly getting worse. Recent events are only proving to Princeton Review that maybe next year we can win this whole apathy contest.

The bottom line is that too many students don't care about or make time for much more than schoolwork and socializing.

Only a handful of students showed up for student body officer debates, and about four out of five students didn't vote this week in the elections for those positions.

When was the last time you saw students protesting an issue? Probably never. And if you did see it, it wasn't on Bradley's campus.

The most we'll get out of our seat for is men's basketball, and other media sources have even criticized us for our lackluster student section at some of those games.

The only time you'll see a large group of students together anywhere besides the Civic Center is in a lecture hall – and that's obviously not by choice. We have no desire to come together for most causes, and that's a problem. It takes bodies, voices and at the very least, opinions to make changes on campus.

We're definitely not lacking in complaints. No student thinks Bradley is perfect. But instead of whining and waiting for something miraculous to happen, do something about it.

At the risk of sounding cliche, we are tomorrow's leaders. And what will we have to show for it besides a cap and gown?

Of course, plenty of organizations have won awards and honors, and Bradley continues to be recognized for academic excellence. But that only makes the situation that much worse. It means we're capable – we just choose not to be. And a couple of strong organizations and dedicated students can't keep a university strong.

You might say it's hard to get involved this late in the semester, but start thinking about what you can do to better yourself and Bradley.

You don't have to lead a march down Main Street to make your point, although that wouldn't be a bad idea either. Join a Facebook group supporting a cause. Write a letter to the editor. Buy a Bradley T-shirt and go to a sporting event. The opportunities are endless.

Just do something because someday you'll want look back at what you got out of college besides a diploma.

Letter to the Editor

CBI a positive for basketball, Bradley as a whole

I read your article on the CBI tournament, and let me tell you how big of a bandwagon view you have of hating the CBI. If you truly looked into the aspects of this tournament and what it really did for Bradley, then you would see why we joined in to play.

First, I guarantee you that Bradley did not join to be crowned the 98th or lose to be the 99th best team in college basketball.

There are a total of 341 Division 1-A teams, and a total of 113 play in the postseason. That is around 33.1 percent. Not even one-third of college programs see the postseason. There is no comparison between Bradley and Cornell out in the Ivy League. Saying "Cornell got into the NCAA and Bradley didn't!?" is absurd. If Cornell came and played in the Missouri Valley, I bet you Evansville wouldn't feel as bad.

Another comparison that cannot be made is Bradley and UNC. "UNC lost their star point guard and look where they are, the Final Four." Please, UNC has a lot more than a point guard to bank on. First, the team's All-American, National Player of the Year Player, Tyler Hansbrough. Plus UNC's secondary point guard would probably be the leading scorer for any MVC school. If you look at the field of 65, it really isn't the "best" 65 teams. The conference winners from some conferences were jokes and would love to lose to Missouri State by 4 or so points.

Secondly, Bradley used my tuition to pay for games? Let's get real here. Bradley paid 60K to host a home game. For the first game, I believe the attendance was 5,400? With ticket prices ranging from $12 to $23, at $12 a ticket Bradley still makes $64,800, a $4,800 profit.

Now we both know that not only $12 tickets were sold. I would guess that Bradley made anywhere from 30K to 40K on the first game alone.

Thirdly, look at what this tournament does for our basketball club. I get the feeling that you are not a college basketball fan or do not follow our Braves very closely at all. I am very glad we got the chance to play more basketball. David Collins, for example, has gone from almost not playing at all to a key contributor to the game.

This helps us out for next year. This tournament has been nothing but positive for the university. I don't think Bradley cares what type of team it plays, as long as the team gets to play and make money.

Finally, I just think you went overboard about this tournament and wrote on how terrible it is when you didn't even consider the positives to what it is doing for our school.

Ben Henry
Freshman
Nursing

Opinions from other Campuses

Hosting games in China an Olympic-sized mistake

The protests are just the tip of the iceberg.

Serious problems arose for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing seven years ago – when a committee chose to hold the games in Beijing.

With only four months to go, the people of the world are speaking out and political pressure is coming from all sides.

It seems that no one wants the games to be held in Beijing. That is, except for the Chinese government. And why wouldn't they?

This was supposed to be China's big coming-out party. With more than a third of the world's population, the communist state is starting to emerge as a major player on the world stage.

And just like Adolf Hitler had envisioned in the 1930s, China saw hosting the Summer Olympics as a way to show off its achievements and claim its place as the next superpower.

But, like so much else in life, the idea has proven to be far more desirable than the reality.

The glitter of China's newly elevated status in the world masks the foul underbelly of its inner workings.

For one thing, China is the second-worst polluting country in the world – just behind the U.S., according the British news Web site telegraph.co.uk.

In at least one area of the country, people have to close their windows before going to bed at night, lest they literally wake up covered in soot.

This and other pollution horror stories have made many athletes question whether they should be competing in such a harmful environment.

Haile Gebrselassie, the world record-holder in the marathon, has said he will not run in Beijing for fear of the damage it may cause him.

Other runners have said they will compete wearing masks over their faces to keep the soot and other contaminants out of their lungs. Aside from pollution, facilities have also been an issue.

In accordance with the Communist philosophy, there is no private industry in China. Any and all construction must go through the government.

And no one has ever accused a government of getting things done quickly.

Now, protests around the world are drawing international attention to China's pitiful human rights record. But it could be worse. The games could have been held in Iran.

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Lauren Rees
News editor

Election turnout a statewide problem

I voted in the student body officer elections.

Maybe it's the fact that as the Scout's news editor, I had to interview each candidate.

Or maybe it's the fact that Student Body President Jordan Ticaric is in my sorority.

I think the main reason I voted, however, is because I am interested in the goings-on of my school, and I want our student body to be in good hands for another year.

I voted in the student body officer elections, but I don't know many other people who did.

I asked various friends if they planned on voting or had voted already. And I was usually and unsurprisingly met with the answer "no."

Student apathy is obviously a problem on our campus. How many other Scout staffers have been where I am, commenting about how students at Bradley never seem to care?

It's not a new issue, but I'm still bothered by it.

According to Scout archives, more than 1,300 students voted in the annual elections last year. The year before, not even 730 students voted. This year, slightly over 1,200 voted – a decrease from last year's number. Bradley has a student body population of just more than 6,000. Is it normal for only 20 percent of students to choose officers that will govern 100 percent of students?

Maybe student apathy is a problem on all campuses. According to the Daily Vidette, Illinois State University's student newspaper, more than 6,500 students voted in a Student Government Association election. With an enrollment of more than 20,000, this is about 33 percent of the student body.

And at Northern Illinois University, only 681 students voted in a recent Student Association and Campus Activities Board election, according to the Northern Star. With a student enrollment of more than 25,000, this is about a three percent representation of the student body – kind of sad.

At Western Illinois University, almost 1,500 students voted in the school's Student Government Association elections, according to the Western Courier – a 300 percent increase from the previous year's turnout of 339, but still only about 11 percent of the student body voted.

At Northwestern University, more than 3,000 students voted in the school's Associated Student Government elections, or about 38 percent of the school's undergraduates.

A 38-percent turnout isn't perfect, but Northwestern is doing better than the rest of us.

My question remains – why does Bradley, and apparently most universities, at least in the state of Illinois, have problems with student apathy?

Bradley's election this year should have aroused support from all corners of student life. It was the first time in years that each office had at least two students running opposed and the first time in recent years that there were two tickets on the ballot.

This shows some students are combating their personal apathy and finding initiative to run for an office – but the student body isn't stepping up to vote.

I understand people get busy. It's hard to find time to read the numerous chalked names around campus or pass by the extensive amount of fliers posted. I guess it's even difficult to see student body candidates sitting in the rain handing out free food as a campaign move. And even if students missed all of these things, I am sure it was hard to see the notice on the MyBU page urging students to vote. Heck, it's probably hard for students to read the Scout's numerous election stories.

Students may not notice these things now. But hopefully, as more people run for office and take interest in our university, then more students will follow suit and voice their opinions on important issues.

In my two remaining years at Bradley, I hope to see better turnout. Anything is better than now.

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Delegate's comment not meant to offend

An Illinois delegate for Sen. Barack Obama resigned Tuesday after a family claimed she made racist remarks to two children, according to the New York Times.

Here's what happened – Linda Ramirez-Sliwinski – the delegate – saw her neighbors' children climbing around in a tree. Sliwinski went over and told the two boys to stop playing in the tree because she said she was concerned for their safety and saw the tree was being damaged.

One of the boy's fathers came up to her and said it was none of her business.

"I calmly said the tree is not there for them to be climbing in there like monkeys," Sliwinski said.

What could possibly be racist about that you might ask? Well, the two children were black.

Soon after the comment, Sliwinski, who is also a trustee for the village of Carpentersville, found herself being written a $75 ticket for disorderly conduct after one of the mothers called the police. Village police said the ticket was written because an ordinance bans conduct that frightens or disturbs people.

This is asinine. One could argue the children weren't Sliwinski's, and she shouldn't have approached them, but to be the center of national press for simply calling a couple of kids climbing in a tree monkeys is outrageous.

This obviously was not a racist statement. First off, it was just a harmless comment. Secondly, Sliwinski is a delegate for Barack Obama. Obama is the first black presidential candidate that has a real chance to win. Doesn't common sense prove that if she supports Obama, she isn't recist?

Sliwinski was simply making a comparison between the children who were climbing around in a tree, and monkeys, who also climb around in trees. This woman's life, career and name are all now tarnished by a false accusation.

Sure, some incredibly ignorant people use the word monkey as a racial slur – I'm not denying that it happens. But this simply wasn't that kind of case. It would be nice to think that we are in a time when we don't have to worry about letting a word slip that could be taken the wrong way, such as "monkey." However, we apparently are not.

There are still people out there who are too immature or stupid to take a word for what it means.

The biggest problem with all this nonsense is that it will further discredit legitimate claims of racism.

It's like "crying wolf." It happens when women falsely claim rape after making a one-night stand mistake. And it happens when people falsely say someone is a racist after an innocent comment like Sliwinski's.

When a racially motivated incident does occur, such as the Jena Six incident, there are many people who will not believe race had anything to do with it. In Sliwinski's case, things like this don't only affect racial incidents, hate crimes against homosexuals, religious groups and anyone else also become less believable because of cases like this one.

It was completely irresponsible for Sliwinski's neighbors to call the police after the comment was made. They have done a disservice not only to their race, but to everyone.

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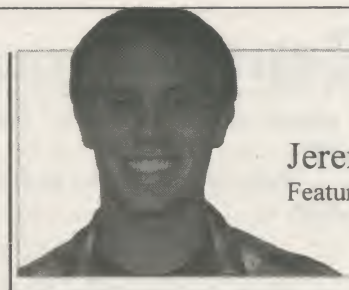

Jeremy Behrens
Features reporter

Childhood memories important, precious

During a recent meeting for an organization that I am involved in, I came to a horrifying revelation – I'm getting old.

Yeah, I know I'm only 19, and compared to others, I'm exceptionally young. But the fact of the matter is everyone is getting old.

The organization I spoke of earlier ends every meeting with a "Word of the Day," after which we all proceed to scream as loud as we can every time the "word" is uttered.

Juvenile, maybe. Fun – you have no idea.

For those of us growing up in the late '80s and early '90s, we all know the reference to "Word of the Day" comes from none other than that quality TV show "Pee-wee's Playhouse" and the "Secret Word."

Well, as I have been told, this "Word of the Day" has been commonplace at all meetings for quite some time. No one has really ever given any thought to it as everyone knows the reference we are making.

Until that fateful meeting, that is.

One of the club members commented on how sad it would be that next year's incoming class would not get the reference without retelling of the wonders of the TV show. I believe his exact words were, "Do you realize that next year, no one will get that reference? It's kind of depressing."

And that's when it hit me – we are all getting old.

I've noticed it with my little sisters who are a good 10 years younger than me. I can remember the classic Nickelodeon shows such as "Rugrats," "Doug," "All That" and "Rocko's Modern Life" being staples in my after-school cartoon diet. That was quality programming.

Why bother with those "outdated" shows when they are running things such as "Hannah Montana," The Suite Life of Zack and Cody" and God forbid, "That's So Raven?"

However, now I go home to extol the virtues of those great shows (which I of course own on classic VHS) on my young siblings, and they look at me as if I were from another planet. From them I receive nothing more than a look of "Are you kidding me?"

When did I become the embarrassing, uncool family member who has to drop his sisters off three blocks from school to avoid ruining their 9-year-old reputations? I don't like it one bit.

I would like to think that I am not alone in my pain. I look at what kids are watching and doing with their time today, and I can't help but think back to better times.

At the age when I was playing with Pogs and trading Pokemon cards, kids today are playing risky life-threatening games and trading lunch money for drugs.

Sometimes I have to wonder what ever happened to just being a kid. Childhood for me meant riding my bike with friends, watching "Power Rangers" (the original one that is), and drinking Squeeze-Its with my Dunkaroos. Is that too much to ask?

Today, I see kids knee-high to a grasshopper toting cell phones, wearing brand name everything and rolling around on those damn roller blade/shoe hybrids. When I was a kid, we walked places.

The fact of the matter is kids are growing up too fast nowadays. The media is force feeding students with the idea that being an adult is the hip thing to do. No longer are there TV shows that just let kids be kids.

They can't ride bikes outside in their neighborhoods because of the increase in crime and the older you act, the cooler you are – every kid's dream.

So I guess I maybe be waxing nostalgic or whining too much, but I'm seriously worried about the future of America. We know we're in trouble when kids go from toddlers to teens in a mere matter of months.

I don't know about you, but I don't want some Bratz-loving, High School Musical-singing, rollerblading teeny bopper to miss out on being a kid. I'm in college, and I know that I don't want to grow up anytime soon.

Hold onto those childhood memories and try not to take life too seriously. After all, you'll never make it out alive.

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Police Reports

At about 2:45 a.m. on April 3, an officer patrolling the area near St. James Apartment Complex received a call on an intrusion alarm at Jimmy John's, located at 1121 W. Main St.

The officer went to the north alley behind the store and saw a white male running from the northeast side of the building. The officer said the suspect had his arms full of white bags.

The suspect climbed a fence behind the store, dropping the white bags. The officer drove to where the suspect disappeared then searched the area on foot. The officer took the suspect, Derek Rodriguez, into custody.

Rodriguez took about $100 worth of meat from Jimmy John's.

At about 1:30 p.m. on April 5, an officer was dispatched to the 1300 block of Fredonia Avenue on a call about criminal damage to property.

The officer saw a black Volkswagen Jetta with footprints on its roof and hood. The officer said the windshield was shattered near the top and believed the suspect had kicked the windshield.

The victim said she parked her car at about 5 p.m. on April 4 and returned at about 1:30 p.m. on April 5 to find the damage. She said she had not seen or heard anyone around her car in that time.

There are no suspects at this time.

At about 8 p.m. on April 8, an officer was dispatched to Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house on a report of a robbery.

The victim said he was walking towards the house, 1530 W. Bradley Ave., when two black males approached him and asked him where the computer labs were located. The victim said he suggested the men try the library. The two men asked him where Frink Street was located, and the victim told the two men he didn't know.

The victim began to walk towards the house when one of the men approached him from behind and hit him on the forehead with a bottle. The man demanded the victim give him money, and the victim gave the man about $15 in cash from his wallet. The suspect then demanded the victim hand over his credit cards, but the victim refused. The suspect then turned back to the other man and the two walked away, heading southbound on Bradley.

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Energy drinks no substitute for protein, nutrition and sleep

BY JUSTIN WEISBROD
of The Daily Aztec (San Diego State U.)

UNIVERSITY WIRE – The energy buzz began nearly 11 years ago with the introduction of Red Bull. Today, the multi-billion dollar industry offers hundreds of drinks in the U.S.

Most energy drinks contain nearly double the amount of caffeine as a cup of coffee or tea. As stimulating as this energy may be, the effects won't last very long because our bodies build tolerances for the substances.

"The irony behind energy drinks is that they don't provide energy," certified clinical nutritionist Kyle Brown said. "Caffeine on its own is misleading. It's false energy in that it is calorie free."

Remember, calories are fuel and not all fuel is created equal.

"The body's inability to efficiently use sugar as fuel [especially the sugar in energy drinks] somewhat mimics the effects of caffeine," he said. "One wild rollercoaster."

If calories are energy and caffeine is just a stimulant, why are these beverages called energy drinks? The Food and Drug Administration doesn't have any regulations on the word "energy" or disclosure requirements for caffeine levels.

The same rules apply for any food or drink – if the product makes a health claim, it has to be approved and accurately displayed on the label. The problem is that many of the supplemental facts and disclosed information do not have daily values established, and so they may be understated or deceptive.

"Protein is the true energy drink," Brown said. "If people would only get quality protein throughout the day they could treat themselves to a lifestyle that has side benefits instead of side effects."

At least energy drinks have a lot of nutrients in the form of B vitamins. These are water soluble, and whatever the body doesn't absorb will be flushed out of its system.

During an after-school farmers market at Gaspar de Portola Middle School, students were surveyed about their general consumption of such beverages. All of the students surveyed reported consuming at least one energy drink in the last week.

"I drink them every once in a while," seventh grade cheerleader Mariah Espinoza said. "Usually the whole cheer team drinks one before a game."

No matter how comfortable, habitual, stimulating or fun energy drinks can be, they do nothing but leave you wired on the outside and tired on the inside. If your body suffers from a lack of sleep, a lack of nutritious food and a demand for "energy," your body is poorly nourished and needs true energy.

If you are committed to changing your lifestyle and kicking caffeine to the curb, a nutritious diet and proper sleep work wonders.

NIU staff critical of Cole Hall demolition

BY DAVID THOMAS
of the Northern Star (Northern Illinois U.)

UNIVERSITY WIRE – Keep and remodel. Do not raze.

That was the general consensus regarding the future of Cole Hall from a discussion group that met within the conference room of the Northern Illinois University Physical Plant on Tuesday.

Although the discussion was open to everyone in the NIU community, those who participated were architects, engineers and other vital operating staff.

Several participants were very critical of destroying Cole Hall. Linda Larsen, Materials Management *stores manager*, called the idea ridiculous, adding that other schools where shootings have occurred did not tear down buildings.

Larsen said that as time goes on and students come and go, the stigma will fade.

"Anyone else who comes here will have no idea, no connection to what happened in that building," Larsen said.

Mary Schlagel, asbestos program coordinator with Environmental Health and Safety, said the heavy equipment needed for a demolition in such a high traffic area could be a liability for the university.

Simultaneously, different members of the group emphasized time as the key element.

"The longer you keep it closed, the harder it is to get people in there," said Jay Garman, heating plan stationary engineer.

Schlagel added that the two lecture halls in Cole Hall are too valuable to close forever.

"We need two 500-seat auditoriums. We have 10 locations to cover two rooms," Schlagel said. "We can't close it down."

Just as everyone present at the discussion group voiced to keep Cole Hall, everyone also agreed with the idea of remodeling Cole Hall to memorialize the tragedy.

Larsen suggested turning the central hallway of Cole Hall into a peace area, while Garman said changing the appearance of the rooms is a possibility.

Mechanical engineer Atique Ahmed said the best memorial would be one that allows students to get an education.

"That is the best memory we can give to people," Ahmed said.

However, as described by architecture engineering draftsman John Moluf, funding might be the key factor in the future of Cole Hall.

"A lot of it depends on funding," Moluf said. "If we don't get it, we really don't have much of a choice."

Jay Monteiro, operating staff council president and the chairman of the discussion group, said these recommendations will be forwarded to NIU President John Peters at the end of the week.

On March 31, Peters announced that a decision regarding the future of Cole Hall will be reached by May 1.

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beginning on Facebook. Since Albert was hit, 54 students have joined the group "We need clearly marked crosswalks for drivers on Bradley's campus!"

"We're trying to find out how much interest and need there is for better crosswalks in that area," Albert said. "I heard it's a really bad spot, so we're hoping to get a petition to the administration."

Junior music performance major Stephanie Falash also joined the group because she said she has also had problems walking at the intersection of Bradley and University.

"I can confidently say that while walking to and from class, I have at least one close call with a driver every day, if not more," she said. "I didn't know this would be such a problem when I first moved into St. James."

Falash said she called the city of Peoria to get a four-way stop sign at the intersection, but so far she hasn't heard anything.

"I know most of these problems are on city property and out of the university's jurisdiction," Falash said. "But I think that Bradley should do more to lobby for the safety of its students."

But city traffic engineer Nick Stoffer said the city has looked at the intersection of Bradley and University and change likely "is not going to happen."

He said the intersection doesn't meet warrants for heavy traffic or for accidents, but it will be reevaluated as part of the upcoming Main/University traffic study. He also said the city may take another look at it to ensure the area is properly signed for drivers.

"The problem is turning cars are paying attention to other cars, not pedestrians," Stoffer said. "All intersections have conflict points, and both drivers and pedestrians need to be defensive. Motorists sometimes do erratic things, and pedestrians need to be alert and remember they are smaller than cars."

Student body presidential winner Jordan Ticaric and vice presidential winner Ben Koch celebrate their victories in the Michel Student Center. *photo by Megan Loos*

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received 275 votes.

Irwin received 533 votes, and Jake Schmitt received 297. They defeated Jessica Fabiszak, who received 270 votes.

Irwin, who was only 28 votes from the 50-percent mark, said it was hard to receive over 50 percent of the votes with three candidates in the running.

"I'm a little disappointed that even though I won the popular vote, I have to run again," he said. "But I'm more than willing to continue working to prove I'm the right guy for the job."

Schmitt is the only candidate left in the race from presedential candidate Erica Hammock's ticket.

"I think I can work well with anybody," he said. "I'm going to step it up a notch and convert some people and get the people that already voted to vote again."

Ticaric defeated Hammock 748 to 366 votes, and Koch defeated Luke Soltis by 812 to 328 votes.

Upon breathing a sigh of relief, Ticaric said she was glad to be rid of her nerves.

"I'm so happy because we all worked really hard," the incumbent said. "I wasn't sure what was going to happen because there's people that may have thought I did a good job [this year as president], and people who may have thought I did a bad job."

Ticaric said the rest of this year will be spent getting food in Lydia's Lounge and working on the memorial garden.

She said student body officers will meet several times during the summer to stay ahead on work for next year.

Koch, who served as Diversity Affairs committee chairman on Student Senate this year, said he hopes to renovate the Garrett Center.

Ticaric and Koch will be installed in their positions at 3:30 p.m. on Monday at the Garrett Center, during senate's general assembly.

Voting for secretary and treasurer will begin Monday at 9 a.m. and run through Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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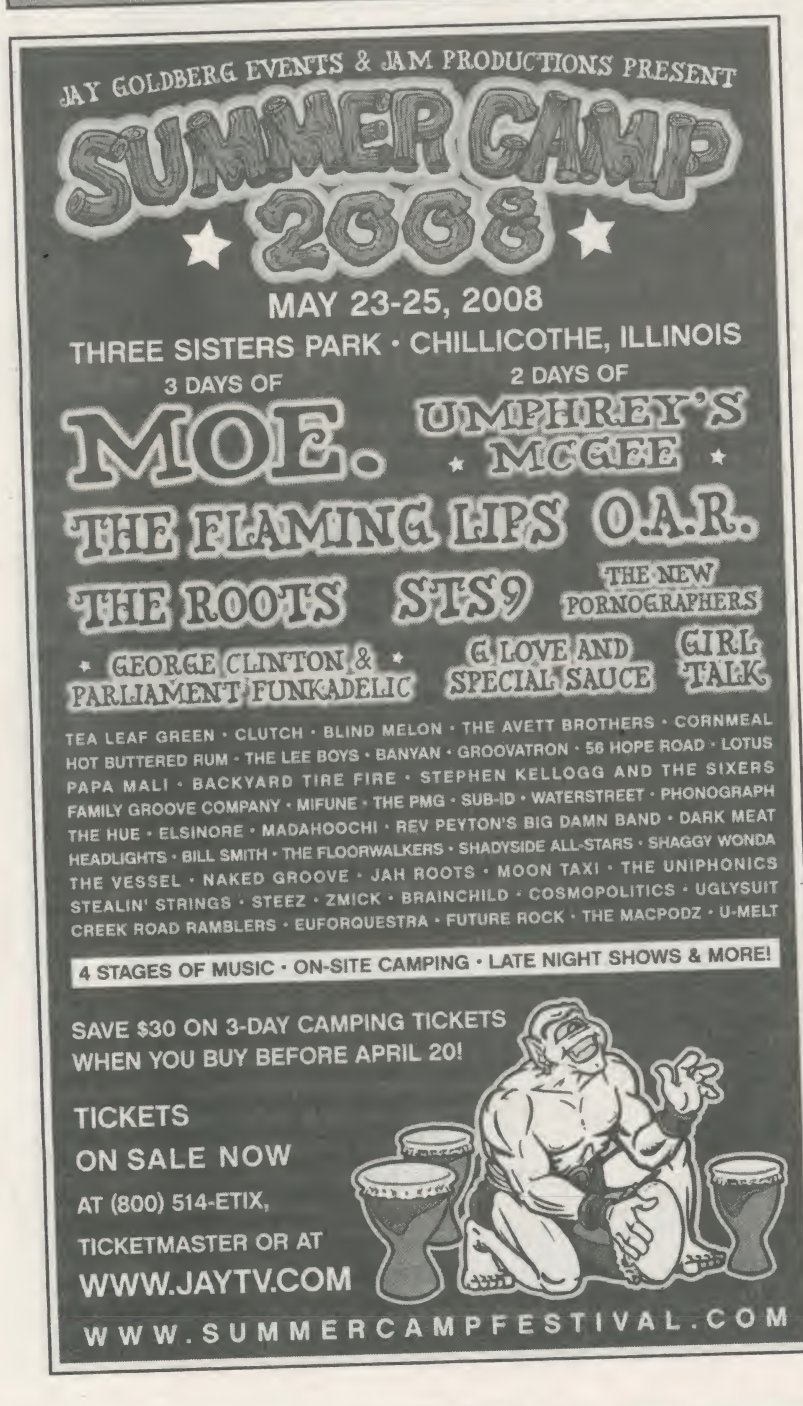

The Library Column

This weeks Did You Know?

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Coming events:

The next presentation in the Library's "Speak Up" series will be at 4:00pm, Tuesday, April 8th in the Wyckoff Room of the Library. Prof. Sam Fan of the Biology Dept. will speak on "The National Science Digital Library (NSDL): Teaching tools for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics". Everyone is welcome to attend.

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For more information go to: http://library.bradley.edu/whatsnew/LibQual.shtml

Barbara's Thought of the Week:

"One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar." Helen Keller

Students who talk to selves do better academically

BY NIC CAMPOS
of the Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

UNIVERSITY WIRE - Students who mutter to themselves in class may actually perform certain tasks better than quiet kids because language is a stimulant that can guide self-speakers through their thought processes, researchers found.

The study, conducted by George Mason University psychology professor Adam Winsler, showed 78 percent of 5-year-olds performed motor tasks similarly or better when they talked to themselves aloud than when they were quiet.

Winsler said the children found it "surprisingly difficult" to do the same tasks when instructed not to speak aloud. Language is linked to environmental stimuli, and people guide their thought-processes with words, he said.

"Language helps us to distance ourselves from the perceptual world in a way that's more abstract – more uniquely human," he said.

Winsler said adults should *talk to* themselves in times of stress or anxiety because it helps them focus and solve problems. But he said adults who talk "excessively" and hold lengthy conversations with themselves may be suffering from schizophrenia.

However, parents should not misinterpret children talking to themselves as a cry for help, he said.

"Parents should let their children be in such cases," he said. "It's better for their own learning, their own sense of work and individual accomplishment."

Teachers usually cautious about noisy classrooms should not stifle self-speech, Winsler said. Listening could provide insight into students' thought-processes and can help assess their progress and how they approach tasks.

Boston University math education associate professor Suzanne Chapin said articulation and reflection are crucial when trying to master complex mathematical concepts.

"Talking to children, encouraging discussion and facilitating understanding is already extremely beneficial," she said.

New York University alumnus Enrique Padilla said he talks to himself and said he uses self-speech to engage in a topic at hand.

"I always just found it all the more engaging while I was trying to learn something on my own," he said. "And if anyone every saw me talking to myself and looked at me funny, I'd think, oh well."

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he said.

Swanson also said students should alert roommates if they are leaving their residences so roommates will know they are home alone.

Students should also check with their landlords to ensure locks are secure, Swanson said. Deadbolts and working locks on windows and doors can help prevent burglaries.

The suspect who entered Greene's home came in through an unlocked front door.

He said he chased the suspect down the stairs and out of the house and asked the man, a black male wearing a red coat, why he came inside the residence.

"The guy said he was looking for somebody, and I asked him who he was looking for and he gave me some b.s. answer," Greene said. "I just told him to stay out of my house."

Greene said the door to his home was left unlocked because it was the middle of the day, and his roommates were coming to and from classes.

He said he doesn't feel less safe than he did before the burglary, but he does take extra precautions.

"We lock the door a lot more now," Greene said. "But I don't think I feel more unsafe. If something were to happen, I have a knife next to my bed."

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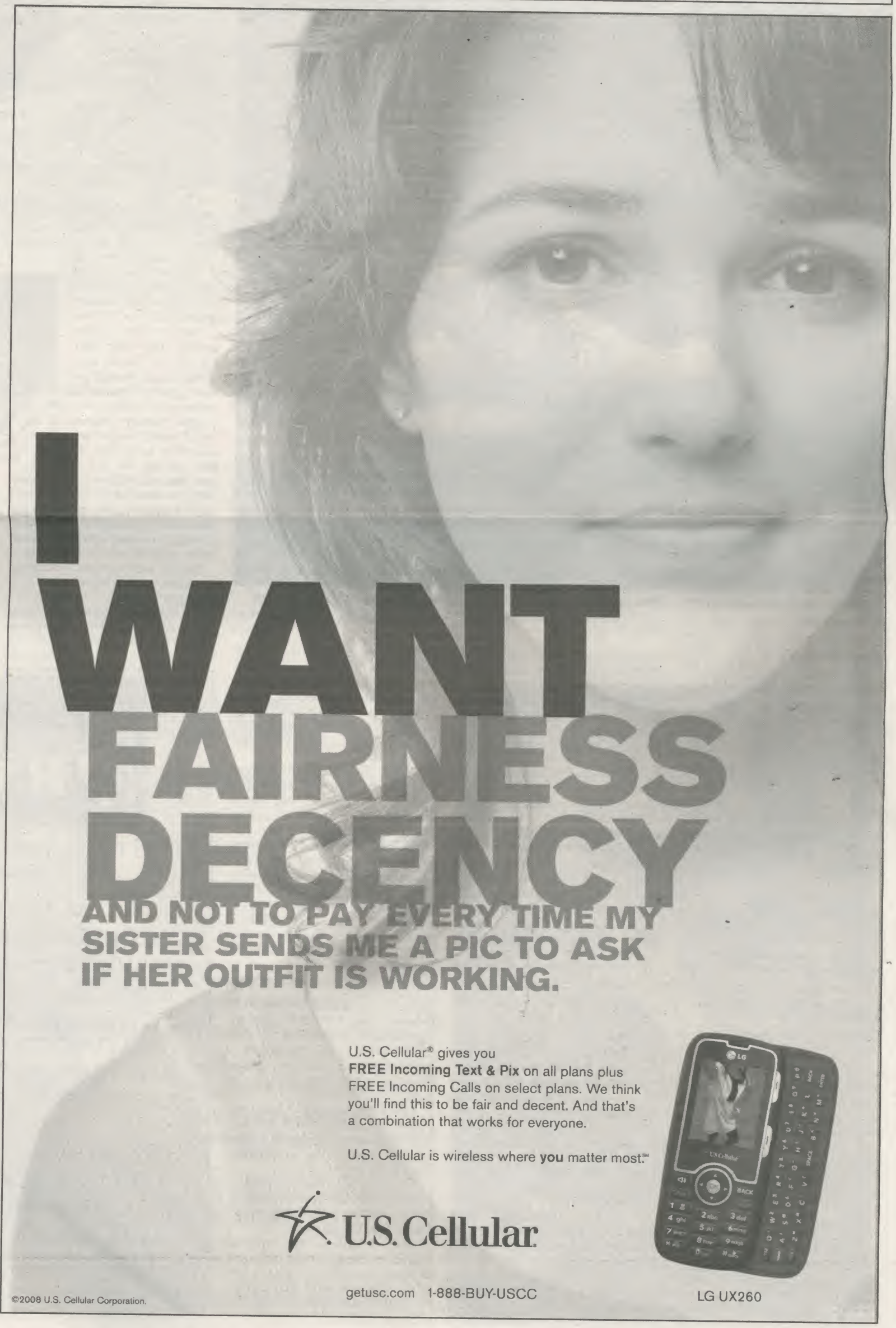

Junior center fielder Dan Brewer slides safely into third base after tripling during Friday's game at O'Brien Field. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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12-2 run, taking its first lead of the game at 40-36.

The Braves weren't out of it yet though, refusing to let their lackluster shooting hold them down and fighting back to tie the game 43-43 at the 12:17 mark.

The game remained deadlocked from there, with neither team able take more than a two-point advantage until the 48-second mark.

That's when Tulsa's Rod Earls made a pair of free throws to give the Golden Hurricane a four-point lead at 63-59.

After a missed 3-pointer by senior guard Daniel Ruffin on the ensuing possession, the Braves were forced to begin fouling, and Tulsa managed to make enough free throws down the stretch to ice the game and the CBI title.

Junior forward Theron Wilson was the Braves' leading scorer in the game, finishing with 17 points while pulling in eight rebounds.

Ruffin and sophomore guard Andrew Warren also finished in double digits for Bradley, scoring 14 and 10 points respectively.

Though the Braves didn't come away with the title, Les said he was happy with the inaugural postseason tournament.

"The atmosphere in this whole series was excellent," he said. "Other than the loss, it is a great way for our seniors to stow away in their memory bank college basketball. For our young guys, it is only going to benefit them as we head into next season."

Bradley will feature a new-look team next year, with seniors Crouch, Ruffin and Matt Salley all departing.

To take their places, the Braves will turn to junior college transfers Dodie Dunson and Chris Roberts, as well as incoming freshman Eddren McCain.

Redshirt freshman Anthony Thompson and Div. I transfer Ryan Thorton will also be available to play next season.

Bradley still has one remaining scholarship for the 2008-09 season, but it is unclear at this time if another recruit will be signed.

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ready," she said. "He knew I might have some health problems and he took a chance on me. I've always really appreciated that."

Other schools competed for her, but when it came down to choosing a college she wanted to have both a strong academic school and be able to run.

Lile gained National Merit status and received a full-ride to Truman State but turned it down.

"The commitment she made to have athletics be a major part of her experience was something she wasn't going to compromise," Beachum said.

Most would instantly give Lile sympathy for her past, but she said that is the complete opposite of what she wants.

"I want to be known for being a good athlete, a good student and a good teammate," she said. "The health problems don't affect my life the way that they used to."

To Lile, the surgeries do not define who she is.

"Some of the team didn't even know about it until the ceremony at the basketball game," Beachum said.

After completing law school Lile doesn't have any set plans ,but she does know a couple of things – she wants to work in a federal courtship and continue to run races.

"I ran a half marathon a month ago and I can see a marathon in my future now," she said.

Lile's determination has propelled her to a 3.9 GPA and has now committed to Notre Dame for law school after graduation from Bradley.

Not only was she accepted to Notre Dame, she received scholarship offers from both Notre Dame and Missouri.

She receives no special treatment and works as hard as everyone else to attain her goals, and she said that is perfectly fine with her.

BASEBALL

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recording six runs. They scored three runs each game, losing 9-3 and 12-3.

In Game Three, the Braves were able to limit Creighton's offense, holding them to just three runs. Bradley was able to push a fourth run across the board in the twelfth to win the game 4-3.

"It was a huge win for us. It really boosted our team morale, especially after losing those first two games," sophomore Rob Scahill said. "It was one of my greatest experiences."

The contest ended an eight-game home stand for the Braves.

Creighton 9 Bradley 3

Creighton struck first in Game One, scoring an unearned run in the top of the first after a runner reached base on a passed ball and later scored on a single.

The Braves answered back quickly. In the bottom of the inning, junior Dan Brewer reached base on a walk to bring junior Colby Luttrell to the plate.

He went deep to right field, hitting a ball off the foul pole to put Bradley ahead 2-1.

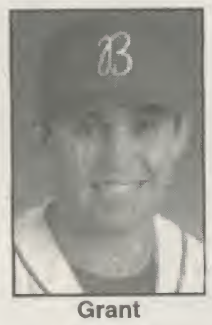
Brewer later scored another run after leading off the fourth with a triple, and Scahill got in a groove, retiring 16 consecutive batters.

The Bluejays started to hit Scahill in the seventh, but he got out of a jam, giving up just one run. He was pulled in the eighth with two men on.

Creighton went on to score three runs in the eighth to take a 4-3 lead and added on another four in the ninth to win the game 9-3.

Scahill took the loss, giving up just three earned runs over 7 1/3 innings.

"I felt really strong out there, the coaches called a great game behind the plate," he said.



Grant Escue

Creighton 12, Bradley 3

Just like in Game One, the Bluejays scored a run in the first inning, but Bradley answered back with two in the bottom of the frame.

Starting pitcher Brad Altbach then lost control in the third, giving up seven runs after already recording two outs.

Bradley answered back with one run in the bottom of the third, but the Bluejays added four more in the top of the fourth.

The deficit was too much to handle, and the Braves couldn't score the rest of the game.

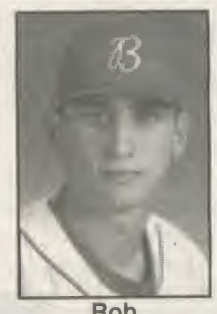
Bradley 4, Creighton 3

The Bluejays scored the first run of the game in the second inning and took a 1-0 lead into the fifth.

Creighton went to their bullpen in the sixth after the Braves led off the inning with back-to-back singles.

The Bluejays called for ambidextrous All-American pitcher Pat Venditte, but Bradley didn't back down.

Venditte retired the first two batters he faced before freshman Rob Elliott came to the plate. With two men on, he hit a three-run shot to give the Braves a 3-1 lead.



Rob Elliott

After pitching seven innings without giving up an earned run, junior Collin Brennan was replaced by senior Jon Gobel.

Gobel pitched just one inning, giving up two runs, allowing Creighton to tie the game at 3-3.

Junior Kori Jensen then came in to throw four scoreless innings and hold the game until Escue won it with a walk off single.

Bradley was in action again on Wednesday afternoon, falling to Saint Louis 3-2.

The team returns to action at 3 p.m. today, when it travels to Carbondale to begin a three-game set with Southern Illinois.

RED PRIDE

TOP 15 PARTICIPANTS AS OF THURSDAY

NAME	POINTS
JOSHUA M. HENRY	64
TRISHA KOWALEWSKI	52
AMY CARBONNEAU	48
ERICA CLARNO	46
STEPHANIE RAMSEY	38
ADAM UNDERWOOD	38
BARI ERAIS	36
CASEY STARK	35
SARAH CANINO	33
PHIL MYER	33
ASHLEY BIRDSONG	32
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JAMES STEGNER	31
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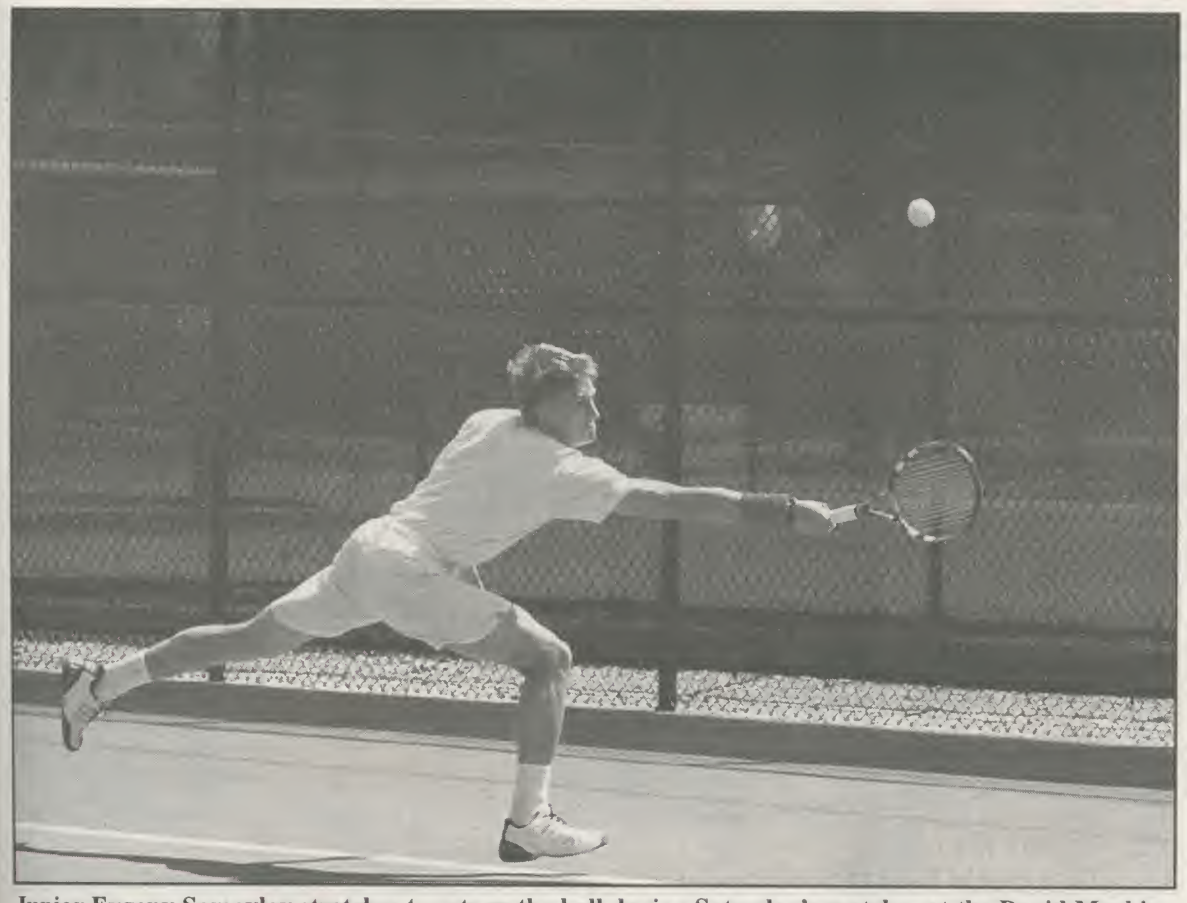
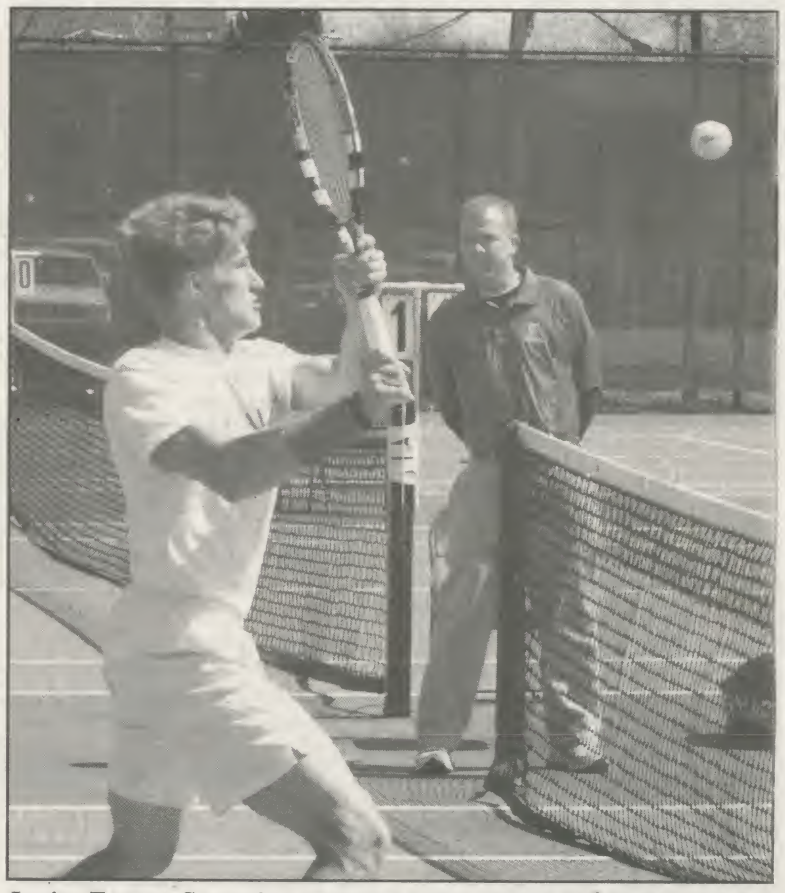
Tennis teams fall to Drake in weekend matches



Junior Evgeny Samoylov stretches to return the ball during Saturday's matches at the David Markin Tennis Courts. *photo by Megan Loos*



Junior Evgeny Samoylov returns a serve during his singles match. The Braves lost to Drake 7-0. *photo by Megan Loos*

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

Statistics show four losses shared between the men's and women's tennis teams last weekend, but between the green-tinted fence coverings there was much more to be seen.

"I think we've got to learn from *every match*," men's coach Jacek Wolicki said. "We try to take something positive and use it as a learning experience."

The Braves played Drake last Saturday with the men losing 7-0 and the women losing 5-2.

Drake's men's teams are undefeated this season going unbeaten in its last 41 games.

The event started with sophomore Richard Robertson and junior Michel Macara-chvili losing the No. 2 doubles match, 8-1.

Minutes later junior Evgeny Samoylov and freshman Milos Romic were defeated 8-1 at No. 1 doubles.

Although the doubles point was already in Drake's hands, freshmen Vuk Bolic and Wilder Sampson were not ready to give up. The duo fell behind 6-3 in the No. 3 doubles match and after a brief conversation with Wolicki, the two stepped up their game.

"I told them that they have to go out there, make good decisions and give 110 percent," Wolicki said.

They battled back to 6-6 and at every turning point cheered each other to step up their game. Sometimes the words were in English and at other times they spoke in a foreign language, but whatever they were saying worked as they came out victorious, 8-6.

"[Drake is] 18-0 on the season, and it was a great win for us on the No. 3 doubles," Wolicki said.

Even one of the referees commended the efforts of Bolic and Sampson.

"Those Bulldogs haven't lost all season and its amazing to see that pair (Bolic and Sampson) not giving up," said the ref, who asked his name not be used.

The women's tennis team continued its stellar doubles play notching its seventh win this season.

Freshman Nicole Miller and sophomore Emily Regenold won for the ninth time this spring as they claimed the No. 2 doubles match 8-6.

Juniors Erin Krubeck and Kim Braun gained an automatic victory at doubles because Drake did not have enough players to compete.

Braun also picked up a point in the No. 6 singles match by default.

However, the easy 2-0 lead was not enough to hold off the Bulldogs who roared back and swept the rest of the singles matches.

Back on the home courts, Samoylov prepared for his final home match against Dalivor Pavic, one of the best players in the country. The 6-0, 6-1 tally showed domination but Samoylov had more focus than his opponent.

In between sets, Pavic would dig into his jacket and play with his phone while Samoylov was eating a banana and getting advice from his coach.

The rest of the Braves were stopped short in their efforts to break the winning streak and the Bulldogs succeeded in stopping Bolic's three-game winning streak.

The men's team was also in action against Creighton last weekend, falling to the Bluejays, 6-1.

On the women's side, the team played two other matches over the past week, falling to both Northern Iowa and Saint Louis, 6-1.

The match was Samoylov and the rest of the men's tennis team's last home game for the season. The women will finish the season with five home games.

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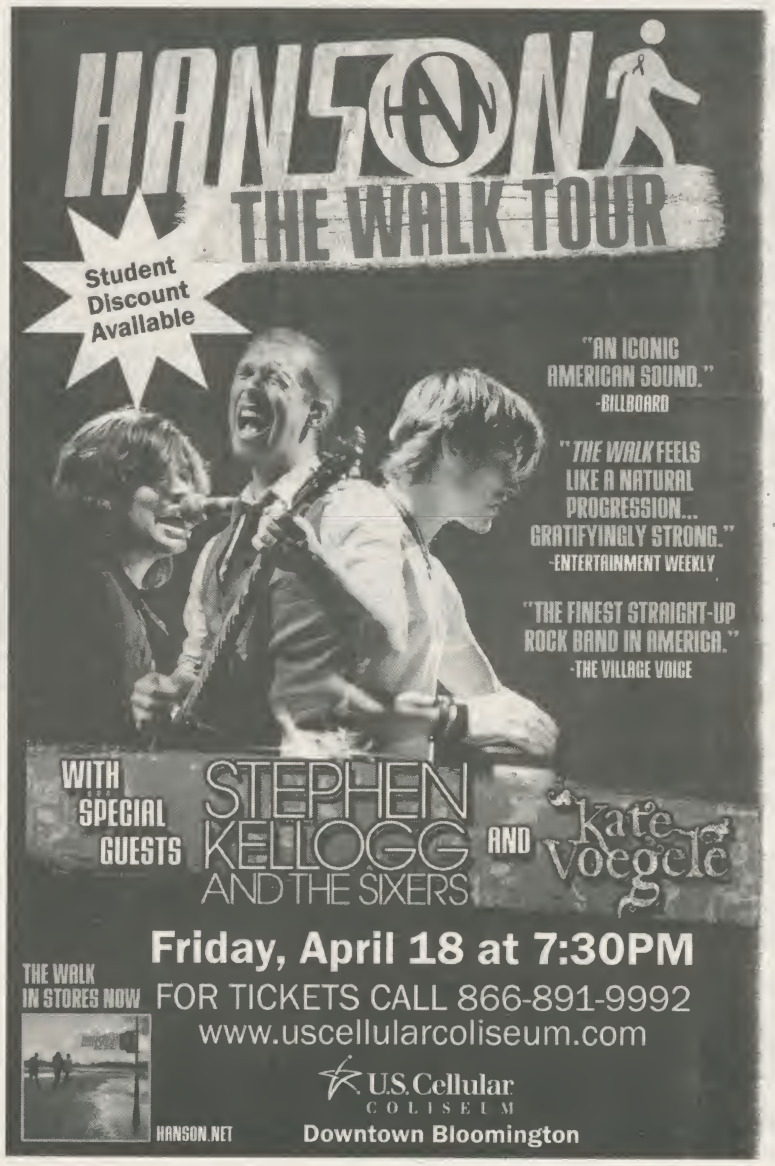

Softball swept by Missouri State in three-game set

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

After a 9-4 start to the season, the softball team dropped to 11-15 this weekend, getting swept by Missouri State in a three-game series.

The team struggled to score in the series, driving in just six runs over three games, while giving up 19. The offense has been inconsistent all season causing the team to lose 11 of its last 13 games.

Coach Buddy Foster said although the team is not playing well right now, he thinks it's talented enough to pull out of the slump.

"Right now we're struggling a little bit offensively, and it's putting a lot of pressure on our pitchers to throw a shutout," he said. "They have the talent to overcome it – we just have to stick together and fight through it."

One player having a solid season is sophomore right fielder Amanda Clack. She recorded multiple hits in each game, going 6-for-9 in the series.

"When she steps up to the plate, she believes every time that she's going to get a hit," Foster said.

One reason for the Braves' downfall may be the struggles of junior pitcher Ashley Birdsong. She picked up two more losses last weekend to put her record at 8-9 after starting the year 5-1.

Foster said he thinks Birdsong's struggles may be because of the pressure to perform well.

"She feels a little bit like she has the weight of the team on her shoulders," Foster said.

After being down 1-0 in the first game, Clack hit a homerun in the third inning to tie the game 1-1.

The Bears then took the lead 2-1 with an unearned run in the fifth.

The Braves managed just three hits in the game, two of which came from Clack.

Birdsong took the loss, giving up just three hits on one earned run over six innings.

Bradley found itself down big in Game Two.

Missouri State was up 10-0 after the third inning, and the Braves were never able to come back.

Bradley scored four runs in the fourth to make the score 10-4, but two Missouri State runs in the bottom of the fifth put the eight-run rule into play and ended the game.

Freshman Katie Dennis took the loss for the Braves, giving up six earned runs in just one inning of work.

Things looked good for Bradley in Game Three.

Birdsong took a no-hitter into the fourth inning before the Bears put together a strong offensive inning to take a 3-0 lead.

Missouri State added two more runs later in the game to put the Bears up 5-0, and the Braves lone run wasn't enough, as they lost the game 5-1.

Bradley was in action again Wednesday night, playing a doubleheader against Illinois.

The Braves dropped the first game to the Fighting Illini, 5-2, and again lost in the nightcap, 9-1.

Bradley will take on rival Illinois State on Saturday and Sunday at Laura Bradley Park.

Junior right-hander Ashley Birdsong discusses strategy with freshman catcher Denise Jilka. The Braves were swept by Missouri State last weekend. *photo courtesy of Bradley University*

Like sports? Like to write?

Applications are now available in the Scout office for next year's sports editor, assistant sports editor and sports reporter. Deadline for application is April 18.

Women's golf swings to fourth place finish at Illini Spring Classic

BY LUKE MROZINSKI
for the Scout

The women's golf team recovered on the second day of the Illini Spring Classic, finishing fourth of fifteen teams overall at the par-72 Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana.

The team carded rounds of 304 and 307 in the two-day tournament.

Bradley was briefly sitting in third place after shooting 304 on the first day, but slipped back into fourth after carding 307 as a team the final day.

"We just had better weather and we felt better emotionally to play on that day," coach Bo Ryan said.

Rikki Sobel

Caitlin Deeken

The Braves finished with a total score of 939 which was 15 shots back of overall champion Illinois.

Senior Rikki Sobel was the top finisher for Bradley, placing eighth. Sobel was the only team member to shoot in the 70s in all three rounds.

She carded rounds of 75 and 78 on the first day of action, which powered her way to an overall score of 232 at the 54-hole event.

Sobel was four shots behind the top golfer, Cincinnati's Bambee Dela Paz, who claimed the individual title with a three-round total of 228.

Junior Bari Erais finished four shots behind her teammate, carding a 236 and tying for 16th place. She shot 77 and 79 during the final day of play.

Freshman Caitlin Deeken, who also shot 236 and tied for 16th place, had a season-best final round of 74, which complimented her morning round, when she carded a 77.

Senior Whitney Cox improved to 31st in the individual standings after turning in rounds of 79 and 76 to finish at 240.

Freshman Breanne Neufeld carded a 75 in the event's second round and shot 84 in the third round to finish in a tie for 40th at 243.

Throughout the tourney, Bradley had to battle with Illinois who claimed the team title, shooting a six-over par 294 in the final round to win by nine shots.

Other notable teams included Missouri Valley Conference foes Southern Illinois, Indiana State and Northern Iowa.

SIU was the only rival that managed to finish ahead of the Braves, finishing in a second-place tie with a team score of 933. The Salukis finished six shots ahead of Bradley.

Indiana State was seventh overall at 966 and was followed behind by Northern Iowa at 967.

The season is all but wrapped up, and the Braves have come in no higher than seventh place in their last four invitationals.

It has been difficult for the team to get in practice time because of the poor weather.

"Our invitationals over Spring Break were the best time to golf because we were able to get in some quality practice time," Ryan said. "In my 20 years of coaching, this is the worst spring to practice in due to weather."

The Braves aren't alone in their prediciment though.

"Everyone in our conference is in the same boat," Ryan said.

The Braves look to improve their performance when they compete in the MVC Championship this weekend.

The event is scheduled to take place from April 13 to 15 in Omaha, Neb.

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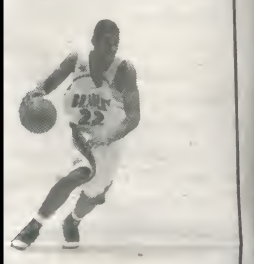

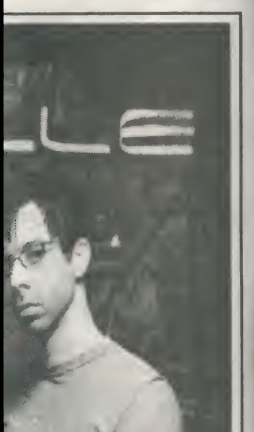

CBI was good for Bradley basketball

BY ADAM METTRICK

The College Basketball Invitational has sparked a lot of debate among Bradley basketball fans over the past three weeks.

For most, the chance to watch their favorite teams play a few more games was enough to offset the disappointment of missing out on the NCAA tournament and the NIT.

But for others, including the Scout's own sports reporter Dru Tate, the CBI was an unwelcome-daffair. They saw the tournament as a joke and viewed Bradley's participation in the event as an embarrassment.

The naysayers are entitled to their opinions, but they couldn't be more wrong in this instance.

Anyone who attended one of the games or watched the action unfold on TV can tell you, the CBI was a smashing success.

The true test of a tournament's success is always fan support, and there was plenty of it to go around.

The Braves drew a total attendance of 20,653 to their three home games. That's a solid turnout considering the short time Bradley was given to sell tickets and the fact that students were still gone for Spring Break on the date of the first contest.

Tulsa drew similarly large crowds for each of its two games in the finals, and the crowds were extremely loud and excited for all the games.

The fans' response doesn't lie.

I'll admit I was a bit skeptical when I first heard the concept of a third postseason tournament. It seemed that the risk of playing – and potentially making an early exit – in such an event outweighed the rewards of winning it.

I even went so far as to tell some friends and fellow fans that I hoped Bradley would decline an invitation to play in the CBI.

But then senior guard Jeremy Crouch said something following the Braves' loss in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament that changed my mind.

"I'd give anything to put the jersey back on one more time," he said.

That one little comment completely changed my view. If the players wanted to play, then I was going to support them.

Bradley accepted the offer to play in the CBI, and the decision couldn't have worked out better.

The games were thrilling and the players left it all out on the floor. A college basketball fan can't ask for much more, other than a win in the final game, of course.

Granted, the CBI wasn't perfect.

For starters, teams with losing records have no place in postseason play, no matter how trivial the event may be. Next year, the CBI would be wise to leave out a team like Cincinnati and its 13-18 record.

There were other problems too.

The short turnarounds made it difficult to sell tickets, especially early in the event, and a less-than-adequate TV deal forced many fans to overpay for a slow and grainy online video feed if they wished to watch their team's road games.

The tournament's "seeding" proved to be a bit of a sham too, with the seeds based more on which team was willing to pay the $60,000 hosting fee than on merit.

But while these things were certainly problems, it's important to remember that this was a first-year tournament. There were bound to be some kinks to work out.

Tournament detractors should also keep in mind the event wasn't really intended to crown the "98th place team," it was created to give teams a chance to continue playing.

And continue playing the Braves did.

Bradley took full advantage of the tournament.

After a season hampered by injuries and off-court distractions, the Braves showed exactly what they were capable of when at full strength.

The CBI provided other positives as well.

It allowed Bradley's three graduating seniors a chance for home redemption after a tough loss to Southern Illinois on Senior Night.

It also allowed for the development of players who will need to fill bigger roles next season.

Theron Wilson, Andrew Warren and Sam Maniscalco all played well during the tournament, showing they are more than capable of carrying the team next year.

Junior center David Collins also stepped up in a big way, playing better and getting more minutes in each game.

Would I have preferred to see the Braves make another run to the Sweet 16? Of course.

Unfortunately, it's a bit unrealistic to expect the team to reach such great heights each year. Bradley isn't a national power – yet.

The NCAA tournament it was not, but it's clear that playing in the CBI was the right decision..

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One-on-One

What team will win the NL Central?

Chicago Cubs

I have no doubt in my mind that the Cubs will win the NL Central.

First of all, they won it last year with a less talented team then they have now.

Last year they had a lot of new players and a new manager.

Most players didn't know their roles on the team, and no one knew what to expect from Lou Piniella.

This year, roles are more defined and everyone seems ready to go.

Kosuke Fukudome already looks like the best player in baseball to me. It seems like he reaches base every time he steps up to the plate, and his long at-bats make pitchers work.

Derrek Lee has already shown his power numbers are back on track as he has hit three bombs so far this season.

Another reason you have to pick the Cubs is because of the competition.

The Cardinals and Astros are no where near what they used to be.

The only team I can see competing in the division is the Milwaukee Brewers, but their pitching just isn't good enough to get the job done.

And the Cubs have to win it this year – its destiny.

- Alex Mayster

Cincinnati Reds

Someone let Pete Rose know that 2008 is a good year to gamble on the Cincinnati Reds.

This year the NL Central division is a bit stronger than it was last year, and four teams have a shot at the division crown.

The Brewers, Cubs, Reds and Cardinals will all be around the 84-win total this season, but the Reds will come out on top.

Take a look at the lineup. Brandon Phillips is easily in the top five of second basemen in the league. No one has had more 40 home run seasons in a row than Adam Dunn – not even Alex Rodriguez.

I wouldn't forget about the man who has most career homeruns in the league right now, either. Ken Griffey Jr. will always be a threat.

But the secret to the Reds' success will be the pitching staff.

Aaron Harang strikes out batters by the barrel, Bronson Arroyo is always good for about 15 wins, and they have two newcomers that you fantasy leaguers should pick up now. Johnny Cueto and Edison Volquez will propel themselves into stardom this year.

Don't worry Cubs fans, there's always the wildcard spot.

- Dru Tate

WHO'S ON DECK

Baseball

Today	Saturday	Sunday
at 3 p.m.	at 2 p.m.	1 p.m.
vs. Southern Illinois	*vs. Southern Illinois*	*vs. Southern Illinois*
at Carbondale	*at Carbondale*	*at Carbondale*

Softball

Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday
at Noon	at Noon	4 p.m.
vs. Illinois St. (DH)	*vs. Illinois St.*	*vs. Northern Iowa*
at Laura Bradley Park	*at Laura Bradley Park*	*at Cedar Falls, Iowa*

Men's Tennis

Saturday	Sunday
at 1 p.m.	TBA
vs. Wichita St.	*vs. New Mexico St.*
at Wichita, Kan.	*at Wichita, Kan.*

Women's Tennis

Today	Saturday
at 1 p.m.	at 1 p.m.
vs. Creighton	*vs. Wichita St.*
at Markin Tennis Courts	*at Markin Tennis Courts*

Men's Golf

Saturday	Sunday
TBA	TBA
Illini Spring Invite	*Illini Spring Invite*
at Urbana	*at Urbana*

Women's Golf

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
at 8 a.m.	at 8 a.m.	at 8 a.m.
MVC Championship	*MVC Championship*	*MVC Championship*
at Omaha, Neb.	*at Omaha, Neb.*	*at Omaha, Neb.*

Sport SHORTS

Olympic torch relay marred by protests

The famed Olympic torch was the target of protests over the past week, as the torch began its 85,000-mile global journey leading up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Protesters have disrupted the traditional torch relay on multiple occasions, expressing outrage with the Chinese government and the International Olympic Committee's decision to host the 2008 games in China.

The torch made its only stop in the U.S. on Wednesday, with runners carrying it along a six-mile route through San Francisco.

Security was tight for the event, which was forced to take an alternate route because of the threats of more protests.

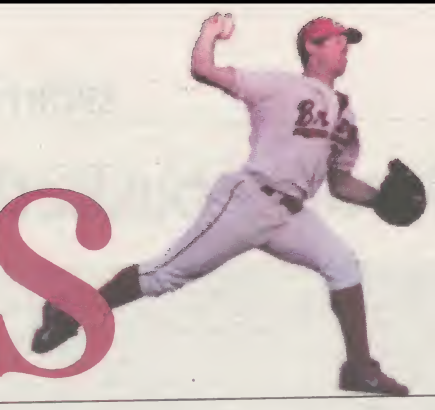
Davis pitches two days before cancer operation

Arizona Diamondbacks' left-hander Doug Davis threw six innings of two-run ball on Tuesday night, just two days before he was scheduled to undergo surgery for thyroid cancer.

Davis had the surgery on Thursday, but the results of the procedure had not been made public at press time.

Originally slated to begin the season on the disabled list, Davis insisted on making his two scheduled starts before the operation.

Davis, whose mother made a full recovery from a similar surgery, said he expects to be sidelined for four to six weeks.



Softball team swept in weekend series. Page A14

Poor shooting costs Braves title

Bradley falls to Tulsa, 70-64, in final game of College Basketball Invitational championship series

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The number 14 was lucky for the men's basketball team throughout the College Basketball Invitational.

Twice the Braves overcame 14-point deficits to win, largely because of the play of senior guard Jeremy Crouch, who just happens to wear the lucky digits on the back of his jersey.

But the number's magic ran out last Friday night, and Bradley fell to Tulsa 70-64 in the final game of the CBI's championship series.

The Braves coughed up an early 14-point lead of their own and Crouch turned in one of the worst shooting performances of his Bradley career, hitting on just one of his 14 attempts from the floor.

Though Crouch was clearly struggling to find his shot, coach Jim Les said he wanted his star player to keep shooting.

"He has never had a mental problem with shooting the basketball," Les said. "He knows to keep firing and eventually the law of averages is going to catch up. Maybe it is fatigue too. These guys have battled for a long season."

The game got off to a promising start for the Braves, who opened the contest with a 16-2 run, but the lead wouldn't last long.

Tulsa quickly answered with a 10-0 run of it's own to close the gap to 16-12.

From there, the two teams battled back and forth for the rest of the first half. Bradley built leads of eight or nine points on multiple occasions, only to see Tulsa claw its way back.

The Braves never lost the lead in the first period, and headed into the locker room with a 34-28 advantage.

Things got dicey coming out of the break though, as Bradley's shooting took a turn for the worse. The Braves made just 29 percent of their shots in the period.

Les said it's difficult to win a game when the shots aren't falling.

"Putting it in the basket is the name of the game," Les said.

It didn't take long for the Golden Hurricane to take advantage of the Braves poor shooting.

Tulsa opened the half with a

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Junior center David Collins hangs from the rim after dunking during Friday's game. *photo by Bob Hunt, courtesy of Bradley University*

Surgeries can't slow Lile down

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

Shelby Lile

When track and field coach David Beauchem was asked for one word to describe senior Shelby Lile, determination jumped off his tongue instantly.

Her greatest accomplishment to date could be compared to the likes of Cal Ripken Jr. playing 2,632 games in a row or Brett Favre never missing a start.

Lile said she's been running most of her life, which may not seem equal to the accomplishments of Ripken or Favre, but still competing after three major surgeries in high school deserves merit.

"Freshmen year in high school I started having seizures and I didn't know what they were at first," she said. "I went to the doctor and found out I had a brain tumor."

She had surgery to remove the brain tumor in March of her freshman year, but was back competing by May.

"My goal was to never miss a season, and that's why racing was really important," she said.

During Lile's senior season of high school, she had two more surgeris to battle epilepsy. The two operations were successful and she hasn't had any since.

Like her first surgery though, Lile knew it would take a year to fully recover.

"Most places that she talked to in high school wouldn't accommodate her, but she didn't want to be accommodated for," Beachum said.

Doctors advised her to take a year off from running after the series of surgeries, so she told coaches that she should be red-shirted her freshman year of college.

"Coach Beachum was willing to say you can red shirt your freshman year and come back the next year when you're

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Baseball drops two of three games to Bluejays

Junior first baseman Grant Escue catches a throw from the pitcher, getting the runner out at first base during Friday's game against Creighton. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

In the longest game in the history of O'Brien Field, junior right fielder Grant Escue stepped to the plate in the bottom of the twelfth inning.

Creighton reached into the bullpen for a left-hander to face the lefty first baseman who was 1-for-5 on the day.

With men on second and third Escue stepped into the box and roped the first pitch into center to drive home the winning run for the Braves.

The win came in Game Three of the series with Creighton, and ended a seven game losing streak against the Bluejays.

Bradley lost the first two games of the series, being outscored by 21 runs in the two contests while only

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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BASEBALL	MVC	OVERALL
WICHITA STATE	5-1	25-4
NORTHERN IOWA	5-1	16-10
CREIGHTON	6-3	22-8
MISSOURI STATE	5-4	19-11
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	3-3	18-12
BRADLEY	4-5	13-15
INDIANA STATE	4-5	9-17
ILLINOIS STATE	3-6	13-14
EVANSVILLE	1-8	6-24

SOFTBALL	MVC	OVERALL
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	9-3	23-15
CREIGHTON	6-2	28-13
DRAKE	8-3	18-17
WICHITA STATE	9-6	27-16
ILLINOIS STATE	6-4	16-15
MISSOURI STATE	8-6	19-11
EVANSVILLE	4-6	18-13
BRADLEY	3-9	11-17
NORTHERN IOWA	2-9	15-20
INDIANA STATE	2-9	11-20-1

On the Record

"I've probably never almost been in tears for somebody else on a baseball field. I wanted to shake his hand because that's a true man."

– Kevin Youkilis on watching Bill Buckner throw out the first pitch at the Red Sox home opener

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FESTIVAL OF FREAKS

BEARDED CHILD SHOCKS WITH OUTLANDISH IMAGERY

STORY BY ALEX BAHLER & PAGE DESIGN BY ANTONIO GENTILE

The Bearded Child Film Festival came to Peoria Monday and left an impression on a select audience who witnessed graphic, disturbing and darkly humorous short films.

In a small room above One World Cafe, a group of no more than 30 people learned Minnesota has more to offer than "old ladies, thrift stores and trees," as festival founder and filmmaker Dan Anderson quipped. The 10 films that followed asked viewers to throw out their ideas of what Minnesota was all about.

"Stereotypes are a real time-saver," read one guy's T-shirt.

Maybe. But how do you stereotype a film festival that uses a child with facial hair as its selling point? A flier imitated the advertisements for early 20th century freak shows, claiming the short films have "never before [been] forced upon an audience as fair and meek as your personal self." The flier's warnings couldn't begin to prepare film fans for what their eyes would see.

The show started 15 minutes late, after Anderson patiently waited for people to filter in. The wait wasn't too long, and unfortunately the film festival followed suit, zooming by in under two hours. If a normal-length film is like a gentle lover, connecting with you the whole time, then the 10 shorties at Bearded Child got what they wanted from you then said "see ya" to brag to their boys at the bar.

Yeah, I've been savin' up that metaphor for a while now. And it's appropriate for a surreal whirlwind of filmmaking that felt like last year's "Grindhouse" on LSD.

The most immediately engaging piece was "Uncle Cluck," directed by Allan Brown from Montreal.

"Cluck" lasted only a few minutes and featured little more than scratchy footage of chickens, deadpan narration and what sounded like the constant drone of an airplane engine. But the engine's roar took on a pleasing aural tone that – when combined with the narrator's tale of his uncle's horrific accident that left him looking like the barn animal he despised – turned the film into pure metal machine music.

Stranger still was "My Little Pickle Love Song," which started as a warm and fuzzy Saturday morning cartoon. Bouncy creatures smiled at the audience, riding on an equally warm sing-a-long that was equal parts Neutral Milk Hotel and Bloodhound Gang.

As was typical with the festival's offerings, things weren't what they seemed.

The lyrics turned from bright into dark within seconds. A blackened pickle, complete with arms and legs, tossed off cue cards in a nod toward Bob Dylan's pre-pre-MTV "Subterranean Homesick Blues" video clip. Meanwhile, a garbled voice sang about dead fetuses, bleeding grandmothers and other random grotesqueries.

Additional highlights included the Tarantino-meets-Warhol sub-porn of "Doll Like," roughly two minutes of a nearly-nude blonde shaving skin off her plastic dolls and snorting the shavings off a mirror.

The next two films, "Gary's Touch" and "Leperf***," were the most disturbing, with pedophilia, intercourse and oozing bodily fluids eliciting cries of shock, disgust and laughter from the audience. Let's not even talk about the self-fellating freak hiding in a gym locker (from the final and most bizarre experiment in terror, "Irritable Bowel Syndrome.")

Anderson claimed "Gary's Touch" instigated a police investigation back in Ottawa.

The Bradley students in the audience may not have realized this outlandish film festival started off like many of the projects they have to do here at school.

"It started as a one-time test project," Anderson said as a high school student several years ago. "But we soon realized this was something that wasn't happening even outside of Minnesota. The international response was overwhelming."

Bearded Child is anything but localized. The nationwide art converges at the festival, which features films from Baltimore and New York to Portland, Ore. and Vancouver, B.C.

Shirts and DVDs were available, and the $5 ticket stub doubled as a raffle ticket. Anderson gave away two T-shirts to raffle winners, and although yours truly didn't have one of the lucky numbers, $10 was a more than reasonable price.

The festival is currently on a tour of the central states, and if you visit www.myspace.com/beardedchildfilmfest, you can beg them to swing by your town. I guarantee they'll consider it.

Anderson applauded the Peoria audience for braving the films' explicit content. He said one-third of festival goers in Chicago got up and left in the first 15 minutes.

The feeling is mutual, Dan. Thanks for the ride.

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

The Black Student Alliance hosts its annual **"Heritage Ball,"** 7 to 11 p.m. in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

Live at the Five Spot presents **"Blueskillet,"** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is $6 for student members, $9 for student non-members.

SATURDAY

"1st Resident Artists Studios Open House and Indoor Art Fair," 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center.

Comedian **Sean O'Connor** 7 p.m. to midnight in Lydia's Lounge.

SUNDAY

BU Swingers sponsor **"Sally Weisenburg and the Famous Sidemen,"** 8 to 11 p.m. in the Michel Student Center ballroom.

Cliches keep dismal "Ruins" stuck in the mud

"The Ruins"

Joe Anderson
Jena Malone

Grade: D-

BY AISHA KHAN
for Voice

Every horror movie has its thing – a moment, an action sequence or a saying that defines the movie as a cultural milestone. Unfortunately, the only mark "The Ruins" left was a big fat check mark on the list of movies not to see.

"The Ruins" starts out as predictable and nonchalant as other horror movies – four friends are on a vacation in Mexico when they randomly befriend Mathias (Joe Anderson, "Across The Universe") whose brother has suddenly gone missing after visiting a Mayan temple. With a little taunting and perhaps too much alcohol, the group decides to accompany Mathias in search of his brother and get a peek at an uncharted Mayan temple.

There seems to be a common theme among lackluster horror films – none of the characters have any major developments or complexities. However, with this movie, there is absolutely no character development and no other information except for the obvious. Shawn Ashmore ("X-Men") plays Eric, the tag-a-long of his girlfriend, Stacey (Laura Ramsey, "She's the Man") who is best friends with Amy (Jena Malone, "Saved"). Her boyfriend is Jeff (Jonathan Tucker), a medical student.

Once they start walking in the woods, the cliches come rolling so fast it is almost comical. The Mayan temple is not marked on a map and huge leaves block the trail. There is an abandoned car merely feet away. They have no signal on their cell phones – all warning signs. All dismissed. Go figure.

"The Ruins" is definitely not a movie for the faint of heart – there isn't a strong fear factor, but there is an overwhelming amount of body mutilation that sticks with you even after the movie. The camera seems plastered to the most graphic and disturbing scenes.

Director Carter Smith seems to like the sound of breaking bones because, aside from the screaming, it's the most prevalent sound in the entire movie. Another downfall of the movie is there is no certain explanation of the "monster" in the temple. Most of it is what the characters depict and clues the audience puts together.

There are some highlights of the movie, which include beautiful cinematography. Nearly all of the action occurs during broad, cloudless afternoons that give stunning shots of the location. The acting is about as mediocre as that in "High School Musical," but Ramsey gives an exceptional performance when her character Stacey becomes obsessed and almost crazed over the effect of the ruins in her body. Perhaps the best and most disturbing part of the movie is when Stacy begins slicing and cutting her skin in an attempt to free her body from the ruins – with a butcher knife. It was the only part in the movie that really captivated the audience in horror and awe.

Another interesting part of the movie had to do with the ruins itself. Flowers grow on them and they often mimic certain sounds, including a cell phone and Stacey's voice.

Despite the movie's tiny and prolonged bouts of cleverness and uniqueness, there isn't much to brag about. The entire movie is predictable – the audience can easily predict who will die, who will escape and even who will have a surprising death! The scary parts in the movie only resulted in laughter from the audience and the lack of common sense in the characters is more than annoying.

The trailer itself is more entertaining than the actual movie, but even that isn't worth the price of admission.

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ALTERNATE ACTORS COULD MAKE "MATRIX" FUNNIER, "300" MEANER

BY KEVIN McCLELLAND
for Voice

We all know some famous movie characters and the actors who played them.

Han Solo – Harrison Ford, Tommy Boy – Chris Farley, Neo (from the Matrix) – Keanu Reeves, and so on. But what would happen if these stars weren't cast in the roles that made them famous? What if other actors were cast in their places?

Han Solo, as played by Jack Nicholson

Nicholson would play this role four times as smooth as Ford did.

Plus, Nicholson was also young at this point, so I'd imagine he'd be able to move around, shoot stormtroopers and mack on Princess Leia. Nicholson would also bring another layer of depth to the character. Ford played Han as a fast-and-ready guy who puts up a big emotional front. Nicholson would be able to break that down and really show how Han is a big baby.

Neo (The One), as played by Steve Carell

Neo was entirely too high-strung and freaked out about every single little detail. "Oh, boo-hoo, the world isn't real." Big deal.

Steve Carell would at least make a joke about it or find something hilarious within the system itself. He'd be way too happy-go-lucky about it – I'll bet he wouldn't even find the Matrix. He wouldn't care! If he did, he'd probably just wind up doing something stupid with Trinity and it'd turn the movie into some pseudo-romantic comedy.

King Leonidas, as played by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson

This might actually work out pretty well. The Rock has put in a strong showing in recent movies (save for his crappy Disney movie) and is obviously a strong physical presence. However, The Rock's size is just about all he's got. He's got the aggressive part down, but he's too deadpan to effectively deliver the biting sarcasm that Gerard Butler had when he played Leonidas. Let's not forget the sex scene. With Butler, it was classy. With The Rock ... no thanks.

Tommy Callahan, as played by Chris Farley

Really, you can't replace Tommy Boy. I won't even touch this one.

Danny Ocean, as played by Tony Danza

This should never happen. Thank God, it didn't. Danza would change it up because he'd throw in a random musical number and possibly tap dance his way into stealing hundreds of millions of dollars.

That doesn't mean Danza isn't suave – he's just suave in the way that George Clooney isn't. But Clooney still wins.

Clooney's wit is just much more on point and serious, where as Danza brings the more happy-go-lucky, golly-gee-it's-a-nice-day thing. But seriously, it should never happen.

Batman/Bruce Wayne, as played by George Clooney

Oh, wait, this already happened, and it already sucked. Clooney is just way too nice to play the menace that is the Dark Knight. (In case you don't know, don't ever watch "Batman and Robin." It's a crappy Tim Burton wanna-be.)

The Terminator, as played by Sylvester Stallone

Research shows this actually almost happened. Sly Stallone was heavily considered for the role but was thought to be "too emotional." He also recently turned down any speculation about him playing the killer droid in the new installment of the Terminator movies – "Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins."

Sure, most of these would be downgrades from the actors who actually played the parts. But some of the movies might have been more entertaining if these guys landed the roles.

And there have been plenty of actors that hardly fit the part who have gotten the job.

Truth is stranger than fiction, kids.

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4:00 p.m. – Laser Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon
7:30 p.m.– Laser Zeppelin
8:30 p.m.– Laser Floyd/Dark Side of the Moon
9:30 p.m.– Laser Floyd/The Wall

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PUTTING THE LEGENDS UNDERGROUND

An investigation into Bradley's most famous myths

BY MARK HEMMER
of Voice

As any weary-eyed vagabond can attest to, there will be local myths left unresolved wherever you are, from creepy rural villages to private universities.

While it's uncertain how many raggedy nomads have stumbled across Bradley's campus, students and staff roam the buildings and quads daily. So it seems imprudent to remain unaware of the urban legends that we call our own.

Ghosts in the Hartmann Center

When Bradley's Theatre Department put on "Angels in America," its audience may have had more company than they knew at the time.

"I was backstage being yelled at (through a headset) that something white was moving from stage left to stage right," said junior English secondary education major Justine Palmisano.

The unexpected white figure wasn't an actor or actress, but a ghost known as the Lady in White. She was present during "Angels" to protect senior performance major Florence Ann Romano, who was being unsafely lowered onto the stage for curtain call. She continued to appear until they made Romano's entrance safer.

But the Lady in White isn't the only ghost to reside within Hartmann's walls. The Man in Brown, who allegedly hung himself in Hartmann, continues to smoke cigars in the rafters from beyond the grave.

In the orchestra pit lives a boy who drowned in a pool. The pit is where the pool used to be when Hartmann was a recreational center.

Within the walls of the Hartmann Center, the ghosts are as real as this newspaper and revered as well.

Despite a wealth of vivid testimony, ghosts can't be proven or disproven.

MYTH: Undeterminable

Suicide on the fourth floor of Sisson Hall

Sticking with a ghoulish theme, our second myth makes for a great fireside ghost story.

When Sisson Hall was a dorm, there was a girl who lived in Room 433 that was left as the last resident on the floor before Winter Break sometime in the '60s or '70s. She had a mental breakdown and hung herself in the bathroom from the shower curtain bar.

She supposedly hung for the duration of the break until students returned to the stench of rotting flesh. To this day, it's said that her ghost haunts that same bathroom.

It was a grisly tragedy ... that somehow escaped the media entirely.

In fact, with no stories published or legitimate record anywhere, this make-believe girl wasn't even given a name.

Some variations of the story have the suicide taking place on the third floor, so the location isn't even unanimous.

Even if an entire floor, building, staff, police force and community had kept quiet about the suicide, her parents might have wondered where their daughter went eventually.

In addition to the frivolous absence of evidence for the incident itself, the ghost is even more transparent. Even at night, door closed, in a mocking voice, no ghosts answered the call.

MYTH: Busted!

Squirrels on LSD

If you've ever thought "These Bradley squirrels are so crazy! It's almost as if they're on drugs," you could be right.

Legend says when psychedelic drugs ruled the playground, Bradley's squirrel population was fed LSD to observe its effects on animals. Once that generation of loopy squirrels passed away, some believe they passed on the mutated gene that explains our squirrels' antics.

While it's possible that dropping acid may affect birth, there is no research that supports re-tripping this many generations down the line.

"Some have suggested an association between the use of mescaline and LSD and chromosome damage (in humans, not squirrels). But studies indicated no conclusive linkage and did not confirm that the drugs induce heritable mutations," said biology professor Theodore Fleming.

He also suggested that high population density could produce strange behavior, which makes psychedelic squirrels seem too far out.

MYTH: Improbable

Fall-out shelter under the quad

Olin Quad was once home to a baseball diamond and a radiation fallout shelter?

The latter ends with an appropriate question mark, because the existence of this shelter isn't a sure bet. It would make sense for Bradley's students to have a place to hide in the event of atomic warfare, but that doesn't excuse the lack of support for the theory either.

No obvious entrance exists today, and without a team of scientists and a really big drill, there is no way to know for sure what lies beneath. The best available evidence would be nothing but hearsay from an elder member of campus.

MYTH: Undeterminable

With that said, not all myths can be satisfied without professionals on the scene to consult specialists, run tests, dig holes and truly get to the bottom of our biggest questions.

As of this writing, the Discovery Channel's Mythbusters have been contacted and if they e-mail back with interest, you might see part two of Bradley's grandest lore play out on TV.

VIDEO/TUESDAY 4/15 DVD RELEASES

"Juno"
"Lars and the Real Girl"
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"American Dad, Vol. 3"

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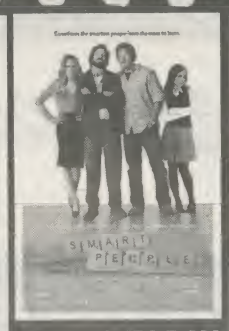

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THE BLACK KEYS GET THEIRS

DANGER MOUSE GETS ON BOARD FOR THE "ATTACK"

BY ED MCMENAMIN
for Voice

For The Black Keys' fifth full-length, "Attack and Release," the avant-blues rockers convinced Gnarls Barkley's DJ Danger Mouse, aka Brian Burton, to take a break from dressing up like the Tin Man and storm-troopers to produce an album.

"Attack and Release," is the first Keys' album to feature recording equipment belonging to anyone besides drummer Patrick Carney or a producer.

Burton's production on tracks such as the opener "All You Ever Wanted" favors atmosphere over bombast and sends Carney's usually concussive drums to the background, at *least until* the organ and guitar eruption about two minutes into the song.

"I Got Mine" is the first and one of the few rockers that pulls from the Keys' back catalogue of sounds. The Keys' of old – noodly riffs of the Zeppelin variety supporting singer Dan Auerbach's wailing blooze vocal chords – find a happy home here before the melancholy and brooding tracks to follow. Auerbach sounds absolutely possessed here – each verse a little more demented than the previous.

But as usual, Burton's production adds layers to the dynamic range, from subtle changes in guitar volume to eerie swamp-things swooshing and churning in the background.

How much of "Attack & Release" is Burton and how much is the Keys? Often Burton sounds like the third member of the band.

On "Remember When (Side A)," that line is significantly blurred. The lyrics and melody are Auerbach's, but by tail end, the lyrics delve into a synth warble and burp that must be courtesy of Burton.

Carney said in a recent interview he wanted to make an album as diverse as the music they listen to. In that regard, the band definitely succeeds. "Same Old Thing" is positively funky, with a jazz (that's a soft "j") flute battling against Auerbach's typically fuzzy six string. "Psychotic Girl" is country blues (with Burton's touch, of course).

"Attack and Release" doesn't sound like a blues-rock album produced by a DJ/hip-hop producer, although I'm not sure what that would sound like either. But pairing Burton and the Keys shouldn't be so odd to anyone who grabbed the band's 2002 debut, "The Big Come Up."

The Black Keys

"Attack and Release"

Nonesuch; 2008

Grade: B-

Self-produced in some grimy basement in Ohio, the LP was decidedly lo-fi but with a precise and focused sound. It contained intros and outros sampled from obscure records, and Carney's backbeats often belied some love for East Coast rap.

What results is an interesting comparison. "The Big Come Up" had more roots in hip-hop (thanks to it's DIY spirit and first-time-around adventurous spirit) than "Attack and Release," even with its highfalutin DJ producer and budget.

"Attack and Release's" first single, "Strange Times," borrows the vague political angst of the Keys' 2006 track "Modern Times." But the guitar sounds closer in tune to a bad '70s rock riff than the Mississippi blues Auerbach usually draws from.

In short, the Keys, though being two young white kids from Akron, Ohio, somehow sounded like the real, dirty artifacts they copied. "Strange Times" sounds more like a band trying desperately to copy The Keys.

The album recovers with "Lies." Deftly incorporating Burton's mixing board into Auerbach's over-driven guitar and organ, "Lies" gives Auerbach a chance to sing the hell out of a simple melody.

"Things Ain't Like They Used to Be" is the kind of song that would have served as a break from the anvil-heavy blues rockers that filled the band's early LPs. On "Attack & Release," the song is representative of the end of the album – slow, yet noisy thanks to Burton's production but ultimately grinding and cliche ridden.

"Attack & Release" is an improvement over the band's last album "Magic Potion," that sounded more like a summary paragraph on previous work than a step forward, but it can't tap the primal energy of 2004's hypo-hyper "Rubber Factory."

Even with the letdown near the end of the album's punchy 39-minute runtime, "Attack and Release" reestablishes the Keys as a band to watch. No longer putting out one similar record after another (although each was just as good in its own, repetitive way), "Attack and Release" serves as a challenge to the band to keep taking risks and finding new sounds.

Photo Poll

What is your favorite springtime activity?

"Lacrosse and baseball."
Nate Nebbia
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"Being able to go outside in shorts and a T-shirt."
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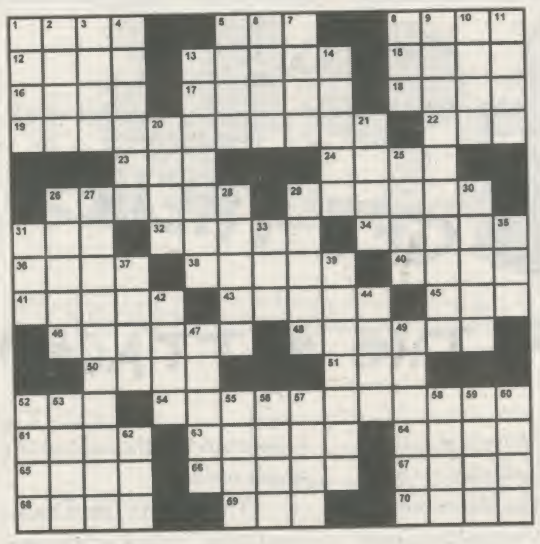

Across
1- Extended family unit
5- Crone
8- Reddish-brown gem
12- Split apart
13- Protection
15- Sheltered, nautically
16- On the ocean
17- Diving bird
18- Entreaty
19- Reef of coral
22- Dark, as a light
23- Building wing
24- Civil disturbance
26- Store for the sale of food
29- Respiration disorder
31- Society girl
32- Footnote
34- Surround
36- ____ vera
38- Nasal grunt
40- Solely
41- Enraged
43- Sorrow
45- Type of shirt
46- Cherry red
48- Sign up
50- Of the highest quality
51- Hoover, for one
52- "Much ___ About Nothing" play by Shakespeare
54- At ease
61- Monetary unit of Iran
63- New Zealand aboriginal
64- Well-behaved
65- Brazilian state
66- First name in photography
67- Ultimatum word
68- "Venerable" English monk
69- Donkey
70- Type of gun

Down
1- Kvetch or whinge
2- One of the Simpsons
3- Affirm solemnly
4- Closer
5- German Mister
6- Teen follower
7- Deride
8- Plant juice
9- Apportionments
10- Ridge of rock
11- Unhearing
13- Eternal
14- Prophets
20- Actress Chase
21- Seizures
25- Presidential battleground state
26- Pertaining to song
27- Without tricks
28- Shade
29- Nest of a bird of prey
30- Shoelace tip
31- Lentil and spice dish
33- Golden, in France
35- Spud bud
37- The Emerald Isle
39- Climbing shoot
42- Round object, often used to store computer data
44- Planar
47- Mouthlike opening
49- Likenesses
52- Member of a largely Middle Eastern people
53- Gaming cubes
55- "Give that ____ cigar!"
56- Moat
57- Minerals
58- Metal fastener
59- Fail to win
60- Steinbeck: East of _____
62- Bruce ___ was a famous kung-fu movie star

Sudoku

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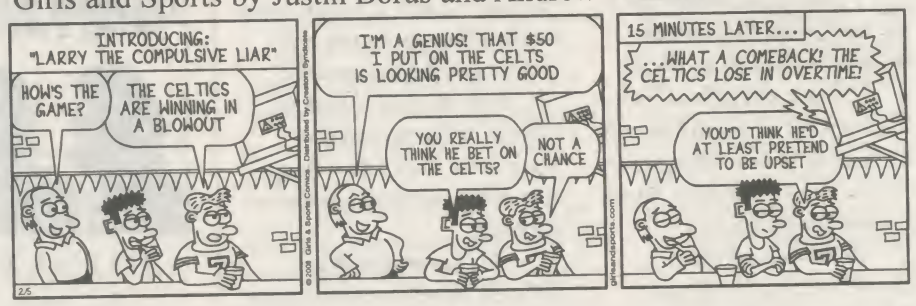

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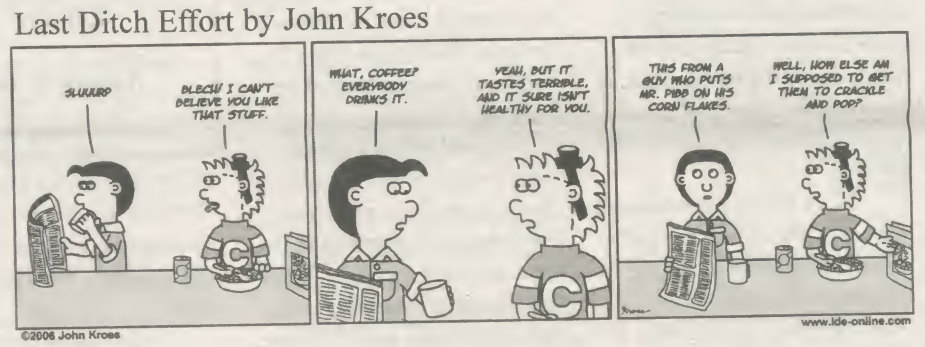

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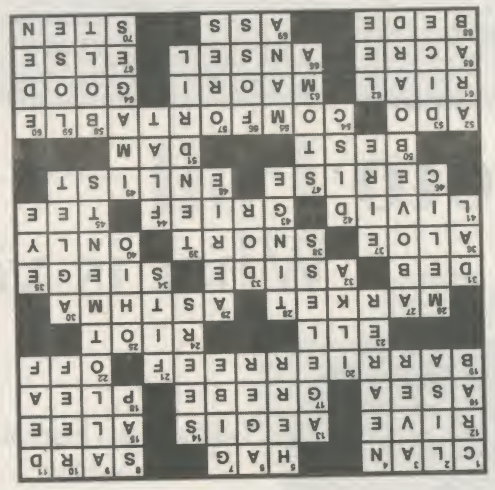

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Clean up your online identity

Find out what's on the Web about you before it costs you a job

By Brenna Scurlock

We all know making a good impression is important in life, especially when it comes to getting a job. Clothes, manners and attitude are all aspects we try hard to perfect in front of others. Even if your appearance and actions speak well, there is another part of you that might say otherwise – your Internet life.

Employers are looking online for information about job applicants, according to www.collegegrad.com.

Smith Career Center Executive Director Jane Linnenberger said she has heard firsthand from employers that they frequently use the Internet in the hiring process.

"Employers tell us they do go online and Google names," she said.

Pictures, videos and language are all things to be cautious of, Linnenberger said.

Perform a primary search

If you aren't sure what employers will find when searching for you, try the search yourself. Type your name into Google or another search engine and check out the first few pages of results. Anything you can find, employers can find too.

Ask a friend to search for you on personal sites, such as Facebook or MySpace, to make sure information you think is private is truly inaccessible.

Clean up after yourself

Cleanup isn't hard if you post the questionable material yourself.

Delete those old party pictures and anything else you wouldn't want to bring with you to a job interview. If you have to leave something up, explore the Web site's privacy settings and keep them as secure as possible.

On sites such as Facebook and MySpace, you can control who sees your personal profile.

But even if your profile is available to only your friends, you should still be wary of what you post.

Some employers use interns with access to the sites to research candidates, Linnenberger said. If your profile is hidden from outsiders, it may still be visible to a fellow student.

Groups and events are also places your name can show up, so accept these invitations with caution. Even the most professional Facebook profile can be tarnished with a membership to the "Alcohol is legal, why not marijuana?" group.

Facebook and MySpace aren't the only sites to worry about. Employers also check blogs and YouTube, Linnenberger said.

Request removal

Material posted by others can be just as harmful, especially if your name is attached.

Ask your friends to remove photos and videos of you.

If they won't agree, you might try appealing to site administrators. Most sites allow you to report inappropriate or obscene material.

Call in the professionals

With online reputations becoming more prominent, companies offering to improve Internet personas have come to the rescue.

Reputationdefender.com is one such business. Formed in 2006, the group has one purpose – to search out malicious material and destroy it.

You can pay $29.95 for the site to attempt to remove a specific item, or up to $10,000 for administrators to improve your overall image and ensure that only positive information is available.

If extensive cyber search-and-destroy missions are out of your price range, hide as much information as you can and create positive information that will show up first when someone searches your name.

You can do this by creating a Web site for your resume or creating a blog to post your work samples.

Bury any negative content with positive, work-related content, according to www.monster.com. Don't go overboard praising yourself, the site warns, but prove that you are capable of work-related accomplishments.

If you miss something and it comes up in a job interview, the best reaction is to be honest, Linnenberger said.

"You won't get another chance to make a first impression," she said.

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Remembering Robert Hurt

Friends, family, Bradley community gather to bid student goodbye

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Robert Hurt

Friends and family have different memories of Robert Hurt, but the one trait they all recall is his smile – the ear-to-ear grin that lit up a room.

"He had the ability to accept life as it was handed to him," childhood friend and fellow Bradley student Kyle Vietti said at Hurt's memorial service. "He lived in the now. He did whatever he wanted to do at that particular time and didn't concern himself with details."

Hurt, 21, a junior mechanical engineering major from Pontiac, died early March 9 after he was struck by a car on University Street near campus.

Family, friends and students filled Marty Theatre on Wednesday night to share memories of Hurt and to give him a final goodbye.

"Bradley is a multifaceted university, but in many ways, it is a family," Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said. "Families share

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Michael Hurt speaks about his brother Robert Hurt on Wednesday night at a memorial service in Marty Theatre. Hurt died March 9 after being struck by a car. *photo by Megan Loos*

Acclaimed journalist will speak at graduation

BY ANNABELLE VANG
for the Scout

David Broder

National political columnist David Broder will give the commencement address at the May 17 graduation ceremony at the Civic Center.

Broder, 78, is a twice-weekly columnist on national politics for the Washington Post, and more than 300 newspapers have carried his column worldwide since 1996. Broder has also written for the Congressional Quarterly, the Washington Star and the New York Times.

He is a regular commentator on *CNN's "Inside Politics," NBC's "Meet* the Press" and "Washington Week in Review." Broder has covered every national presidential campaign and convention since 1960, traveling up to 100,000 miles a year to interview voters and report on candidates.

Broder will be receiving the Doctor of Humane Letters while at Bradley.

In 1973 he won the Pulitzer Prize for his distinguished commentary. He won the White Burkett Miller Presidential Award in 1989, the Fourth State Award and the Elijah Parrish Lovejoy Award from Colby College in 1990 and the Distinguished Contributions to Journalism Award from the National Press Foundation in 1993.

He won the National Society of Newspaper Columnists Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997. He was rated among the top four best and most influential journalists in a March 2001 Washingtonian magazine poll. The Washingtonian called him "the most unpredictable, reliable and intellectually honest columnist working today."

Broder is originally from Chicago Heights, and he graduated from the University of Chicago with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in political science. He started his career writing for the Pantagraph in Bloomington. He now teaches at Phillip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland. He and his wife have four grown sons and live in Arlington, Va.

Small fire ignites during field house flattening

Firefighters extinguish a small fire at Robertson Memorial Field House Monday, the first day of scheduled demolition. Debris caught fire while workers were cutting steel rods in the roof with torches. A passerby called the fire department about 6:30 p.m., reporting smoke coming from the building. Construction crews carved a hole in the side of the building on Monday to begin demolition on the exterior of the field house. *photo by Antonio Gentile*

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
64 / 46
Cloudy with a chance of showers.

Saturday
58 / 45
Cloudy with a chance of showers.

Sunday
70 / 51
Mostly sunny.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

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Baseball sweeps SIU in three-game series. A12

Student Senate proposes Garrett Center makeover

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Ben Koch, the newly elected student body vice president, said he would like to see drastic changes on campus in the future, but for now he's focusing on something he calls "smart."

Koch and Student Senate's Diversity Affairs Committee recently proposed renovations and updates to the Garrett Center to draw more students to programs encouraging diversity.

"The Garrett Center is being used," Koch said. "It wasn't an issue of how we can get more use out of the place. It was, 'how can we get more students to go to the events that take place in the space?'"

Koch said renovations focus on the main floor, including replacing the flooring and painting the walls. The Parents Board recently allocated $5,000 to buy new chairs and tables, Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said.

"In terms of immediate needs, those tables and chairs are very functional and they would be a top priority," Galsky said.

Koch said the committee is working to renovate the entryway doors. He said he wants to make the doors to the building and the main room look more inviting.

"We want something that's not a big metal door with a little glass peephole," he said.

Senate is also asking for new computer chairs for the upstairs computer lab.

Koch said he thinks the Garrett Center looks worn and old.

"U-hall cafeteria [renovations] got done in a semester, so I don't think we're asking for a lot," he said.

Senate decided renovations were needed at the Garrett Center after asking students what they thought about diversity on campus.

"We asked ourselves, 'what could we do to increase diversity awareness?'" Koch said. "And we just looked around campus and came up with the idea of the Garrett Center."

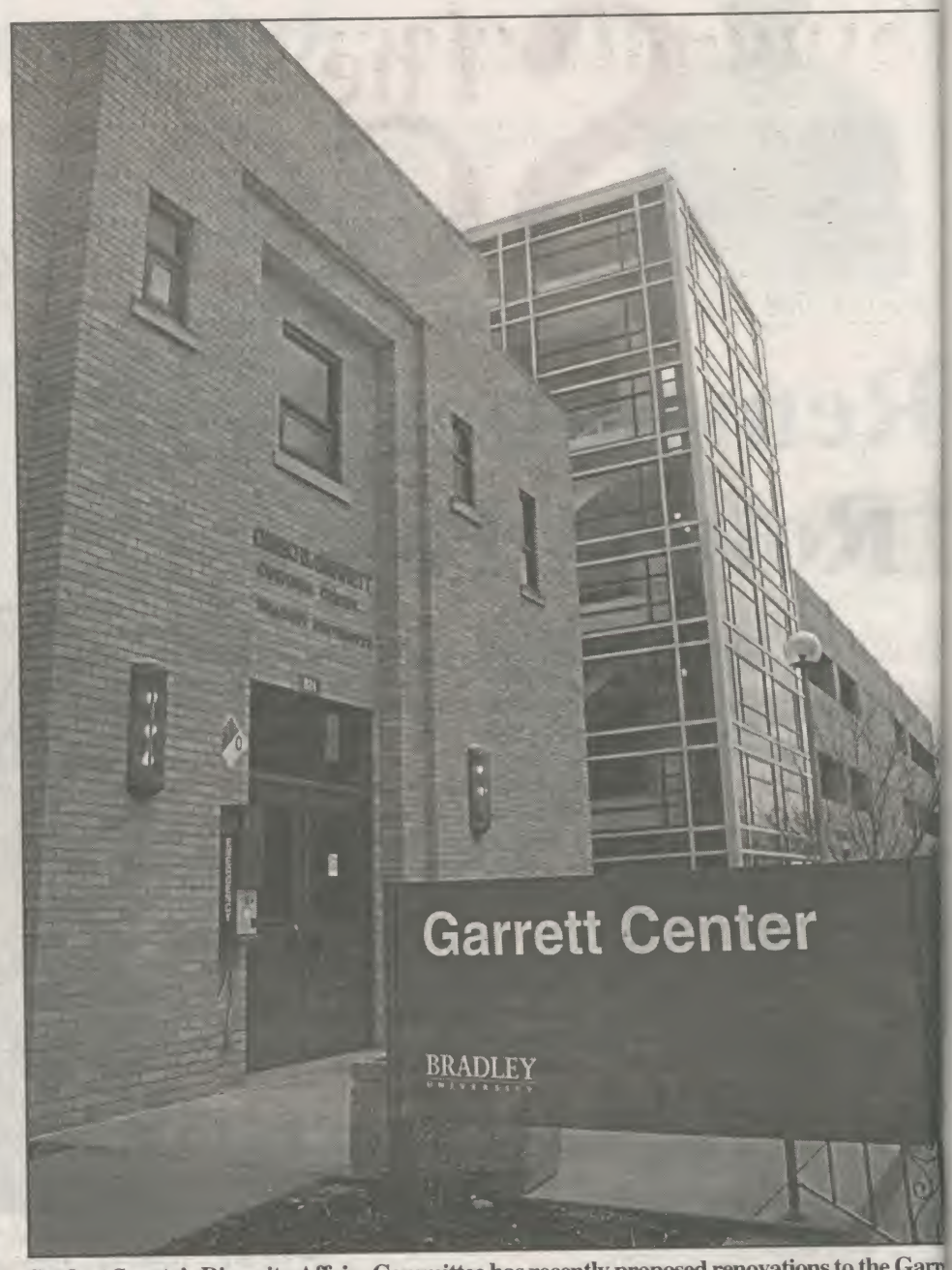
Senate has drafted a report on the renovations, stating the procedure the committee went through to come up with renovation ideas and the ideas themselves. The report was sent to Vice President for Business Affairs Gary Anna for review.

Galsky said he doesn't know how long it will take for Anna to approve funding for the renovations.

"I think it is a big priority. I think it needs to be done," he said. "The vice president has a lot of requests for funding. Whether it could be done in the next four or five months, I don't know."

Koch said administration has been supportive of the renovations and he is optimistic that senate will receive the necessary funds.

"I would really hope by next year all these things would be obtained because they really are smart and students would benefit from them immensely," Koch said.



Student Senate's Diversity Affairs Committee has recently proposed renovations to the Garrett Center to attract more students to attend programs there. *photo by Michael Watso*

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Students elect treasurer, secretary in runoff

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Owen Irwin and Lisa Beltrame were elected in Tuesday's runoff to become student body treasurer and secretary.

Irwin defeated Jake Schmitt 410 to 276 votes, and Beltrame defeated Sharika House 466 to 238 votes.

Last week, Jordan Ticaric and Ben Koch were elected as president and vice president, but no treasurer or secretary candidate received more than the required 50 percent of votes to win the election.

At the time, there were three candidates in the running for the positions, but only the top two competed in this week's runoff.

Irwin received nearly 47 percent of votes last week, and Beltrame received 30 percent.

She was the only candidate to get more votes the second week than she did the first, as she increased from 324 to 466.

Beltrame credits her come-from-behind victory to campaigning door-to-door in the dorms during the week.

Irwin accompanied her on many of these trips and also took some of his own.

The two said they weren't campaigning together, but they introduced each other to people they didn't know.

Beltrame is the only elected officer who didn't run on the "Fantastic 4" ticket, on which House was the secretary nominee.

From left: Student Body Vice President Ben Koch, Student Body President Jordan Ticaric, Student Body Treasurer Owen Irwin and Student Body Secretary Lisa Beltrame pose for their photograph together after Irwin and Beltrame won their respective runoffs Tuesday. *photo by Erin Wood*

Although Irwin won the popular vote by a large percentage last week, he said he was still nervous going into this week's runoff.

He stood by himself several feet away as the results were announced, and then he gave Beltrame a hug to celebrate the wins.

"I wasn't sure [how I would do]," Irwin said. "I came out of the general election well, but a lot of people didn't know there was another election going on."

He said he wants to make treasurer a more active position on senate.

Although resolutions aren't typically passed from the position, Irwin said he plans on trying to pass them to make a phase plan for financial aid increase and eventually fixed tuition.

"It may be costly for the university, but it would help recruit top students," he said.

Beltrame said she wants to follow in the footsteps of secretary Todd Moore and focus on communication between students and senators.

She said she wants to provide feedback to students and tell them when senate fixes their problems by sending e-mails to those who file complaints.

Beltrame and Irwin will be sworn into their positions at 3:30 p.m. on Monday in the Garrett Center.

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky swore in Ticaric and Koch this week.

"It's a personal and professional honor for me to be here," Galsky said. "One of the highest honors a student can have at this university is to be elected by their peers as a student senator. And one of the very special honors is to be elected as a student body officer."

He said Ticaric is one of only few student body presidents to serve two terms.

Nick Fahnders took his leave as student body vice president and thanked senate members for making it an enjoyable year.

Koch immediately began his new vice presidential position and took nominations for next year's University Senator.

Nominations will be open throughout the week and will be voted on Monday at senate.

Applications are also available for committee chairpersons for the Technology Services and Affairs, Academic Affairs, Campus Affairs, Diversity Affairs, Internal Relations and Student Relations committees for next year.

Applications are available in the Student Senate office or at www.bradley.edu/campusorg/senate/.

Students interested in becoming a chairperson or University Senator don't need to have previously been a senate member.

Bradley to welcome new health director

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

The Health Center will have a new medical director starting August 1.

Dr. Jessica Higgs was recommended by OSF St. Francis Medical Center staff to replace Dr. Christina Nulty, Joyce Shotick, the executive director of Student Development and Health Services, said.

Higgs said she is excited to come to Bradley and especially excited to be working in college medicine.

"College is the first time that many people are away from home," she said. "Their parents will no longer be forcing them into a doctor's office, and they have to make decisions on their own. College medicine provides students with a convenient place to go without the hassle of setting up their own doctor in an unfamiliar city, where they are only living for part of the year."

Higgs said she went to a small college where the health center consisted of a nurse who came to campus only from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekdays. She said she thinks Bradley offers "a much more comprehensive coverage with physicians present during clinic hours and an extensive counseling program."

Higgs worked at the center for a brief period of time last year, so she said she has some understanding as to how it functions. She said she is looking forward to getting an in-depth perception and will be interested in getting student suggestions to improve the center.

Higgs said while she isn't currently involved with the student body, the recent alcohol-related deaths on campus are an important issue, along with several others.

"There has been some concern about alcohol consumption ... But there are many challenges that face college students including alcohol, community-acquired infections and counseling issues," she said.

Higgs said she is currently completing a year of training in sports medicine, which she said she thinks is an additional important service to students.

"In the college environment, there are [a lot of sports-related injuries] to be found," she said. "I hope to, in the future, have a specific clinic devoted to these types of problems."

Higgs said she is also looking forward to the health center's move from its location in Heitz Hall to its new one in the Markin Family Student Recreation Center. She said it will be good for the medical and counseling services to be in the same building.

The Library Column

This week's Did You Know?

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After forty years of valued service to Bradley and the Cullom-Davis Library, Music Librarian Eleonore Hansen is retiring at the end of May. A reception in her honor will be held on Friday, April 25th from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Wyckoff Room of the Library. Please join us in thanking Ellie for all her dedication and wishing her a very happy retirement.

News:

Recreational Reading and Entertainment DVDs

The Recreational Reading collection will be adding DVD's very soon. We are beginning the Recreational DVD collection with donations, but will be purchasing some DVD's for the collection next school year. New titles are arriving every week, including some new audio books and graphic novels. Here is a list of some of the new audio books coming: *The Golden Compass*, *T is for Trespass*, *Atonement*, *The Kite Runner*, *Book of the Dead*, *I Am America (and So Can You)*, *Eat, Pray, Love*, and *Born Standing Up*. New graphic novels include X-Men and Wolverine. New in hardcover fiction are *The Appeal* by John Grisham and *Beautiful Boy* by Sheff. In addition to the Recreational Reading collection available for checkout, there is also a collection of paperback books for swapping. Look through the rack of paperbacks, and take one home to read—no need to check it out. If you have extra paperbacks, you can bring them in and donate them to the paperback swap collection.

Barbara's Thought of the Week:

"The universe is made up of stories, not atoms."
Head of the Computer in Libraries Conference, April 9, 2008

BU grad students take first in MBA competition

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

For the first time in its history, the Bradley Master of Business Administration program competed in a case competition.

Graduate students from the Master of Business Administration program took home first place at the Society for the Advancement of Management International Case Competition on April 4 in Washington, D.C.

The MBA program at Bradley consists of more than 200 students ranging from business majors to engineers to doctors.

Under the advisement of Larry Weinzimmer, four MBA students took beat the competition, presenting a strategic plan for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.

First-year graduate student Helena Racicka said for her, the case competition was something she felt needed to be done.

"When I was studying in the Czech Republic, I competed in two case competitions and enjoyed it," she said. "Some schools go to competitions every year on a regular basis – we might want to do the same."

The team distributed a survey to get an understanding of customers' outlook and insight into the company.

"From there, we detailed a new strategic intent for the firm through a three-year strategic plan, including goals and milestones for each year," Racicka said. "We elaborated on what we were planning, set goals for ourselves and laid out an execution plan for it."

The competition allowed a 15-minute presentation given to a set of three judges, followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session.

The students had less than two months to come up with the final product to be presented in April.

BU MBA competed against 12 other MBA teams in Washington, D.C. and took top marks from the judges. According to a news release, Weinzimmer said the competition brought out the best in his students.

Racicka said these competitions give students a broad skill set to use later on in their professional careers.

"We were always aware that this was a game, but at the same time, we are also preparing ourselves for future situations," she said. "Just like real managers, we did not look at just one aspect of business, but at all the aspects of the company as a whole."

She said she hopes BU MBA will continue competing in the case competitions if it is something that the school and students want to do.

Bradley Idol crowd packs Neumiller Hall

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Seating for Bradley Idol was limited to only floor space in Neumiller Hall on April 10, when the Association of Residence Halls sponsored the event.

Freshman public relations major Hope Grandon, a Heitz Hall representative, took first place and a $300 prize at the event with her rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Sophomore elementary education major and Harper Hall representative Dan Eckert took second, and sophomore music and English major Jared Bartman, from Geisert Hall, took third.

Ten representatives from the five dorms competed in the event. The chosen representatives previously won their specific dorms' competitions and advanced onto Bradley Idol.

University President Joanne Glasser, one of the judges for the event, told Grandon her performance was "outstanding and just beautiful."

Other judges included Velma Burke, a cook in Williams Hall cafeteria, Hall Director of the Singles and Student Apartment Complexes Jeff Schieferle Uhlenbrock and former ARH President and Bradley alumnus Jamie Neville.

ARH Vice President Matt Smetana said the group has hosted Bradley Idol five years in a row, because many students show up.

"After the American Idol craze, we figured it would be something students would enjoy," he said. "We always get a big turnout, and it's just a way for singers to show what they got."

"The turnout was the usual that Bradley Idol brings in," ARH President Louise Osborn said. "We always pack Neumiller."

The event ran similarly to "American Idol," with the judges bantering back and forth.

Glasser even told Schieferle Uhlenbrock she "was gonna smack" him after he made a negative comment about a performer.

Of the 10 competing students, four played instruments during their performances, and two performed original songs.

First-place finisher Grandon said she "couldn't breathe" when she found out she won.

"It feels absolutely amazing," she said of her win.

ARH gave raffle prizes to audience members and host Todd Moore joked with the audience.

Sophomore marketing major Katie Harvey said she went to Bradley Idol last year and enjoyed it again this year.

"[Grandon] was really good," she said. "She chose a good song to sing because of all the rain we've had lately, so it fit really well. I also had fun because I won a raffle prize – two DVDs and $10 in cash."

Sophomore nursing major Evan Prokuski said he was entertained by the event, but thought the judges made too many silly comments.

"I felt the judging was a mockery of the judicial system," he said. "Except for President Glasser. She was amazing."

MyBU portal to undergo changes next fall

BY EDGAR ORTIZ
for the Scout

Students will see a renovated MyBU portal when they return for classes in the fall.

Associate Provost for Information Resources and Technology Chuck Ruch said the main reason for implementing the changes to the portal is functionality.

"Our primary goal is to make it easier for students to get anything they need to get done through a single portal without having to go through five different pages," he said. "Right now you need to log into many different things to do what you have to do."

Freshman mechanical engineering major Mical Amanuel said she doesn't use the portal very often because she doesn't find it very practical.

"I don't really sign into MyBU because I don't need to," she said. "I usually just check my e-mail and that's the only thing I usually use it for."

Ruch said students are not familiar with the MyBU portal is because it is a new source of information.

"[Students] had other ways to do the things that they needed," he said.

Ruch said feedback from students has been a key to the changes being made to the portal.

"Since we've gotten a lot of a feedback from the students, we realized there are things in the current functions that just don't work for them," he said "The portal is not a static thing, so there will be more and more things into it."

The portal will also have a feature that will allow students to see their courses and grades without having to log in to Blackboard.

"We will be migrating students from Blackboard," Ruch said. "By the fall, we will have that fully running on campus."

Sophomore mechanical engineering major Shavonna Warren said she was not aware of the MyBU features until she returned from Spring Break, but she said she finds it useful.

"I think it is very helpful if you use it," she said. "I explored the site and found a number of helpful things such as the GPA estimator and the calendar that lets me know what is going on every day."

Bradley can't send notifications of holds directly through e-mail because of its insecurity, but Ruch said the new MyBU will allow that to happen.

He said another change will include communication with the students. Ruch said many students don't even read some e-mails, but the portal will allow the administration to send direct messages to students.

"Unfortunately, some students just look at the subject and delete the e-mails," he said. "But we are working on implementing a feature that will allow us to send messages to students that appear directly on the page."

Ruch is uncertain of what the appearance of the portal will be because it is still in development.

"We are already working with one of the multimedia courses to develop skin colors," he said.

Amanuel said she is looking forward to the many changes of the MyBU portal.

"I am glad that they are dedicating time to make things easier and more accessible for us," she said. "I'm really impressed with all the thought that they are putting into the new features, especially integrating Blackboard-like features into the portal."

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Editorial

Student body officers have big shoes to fill

New student body officers were recently elected, and the four students chosen to lead the campus will play vital roles during Bradley's period of change and growth.

All of them have set high expectations for themselves.

This year, Student Senate, led by Student Body President Jordan Ticaric, has proved students can make a difference on campus and they have more power to persuade administration than some may realize. Ticaric has her own shoes to fill, which may be more difficult than it sounds.

She led the force to renovate the University Hall cafeteria, and the upcoming memorial for students who have died while at Bradley is also a result of her efforts, to name a few. She has been visible and accessible on campus, addressing student complaints and taking action. Let's just hope she's not burnt out and will be as motivated for round two.

Even if Ticaric continues her enthusiasm, she can't represent the student body by herself.

Ben Koch is the newly elected vice president, and he's a good match for Ticaric. He has plans to renovate the Garrett Center, including replacing floors and doors and painting the walls.

The Garrett Center desperately needs a makeover, so it's good Koch is has taken initiative as a committee head to focus on the places that need it.

Koch said the project aims at increasing diversity awareness on campus as Multicultural Student Services frequently hosts events and programs in the space.

Increasing diversity awareness is an attainable goal, but to achieve it, Koch will have to look further than the proposed Garrett Center renovations. It's a good place to start, but Koch has a lot on his plate if he plans to make diversity awareness a top priority for Bradley students.

Newly elected treasurer Owen Irwin has big plans for campus, too, and it will take diligence and persuasion on Irwin's part to live up to his goals.

He told the Scout the position of treasurer historically has had limited duties, and he wants to expand it. He said he plans to lobby the administration to cap tuition, and he wants students to have more say in how the university spends money.

These are lofty goals, but they aren't impossible. Hopefully he'll follow through with them and prove he was the right man elected for the job.

Lisa Beltrame won secretary – not an easy seat to fill. The secretary's main job is communication, and it is difficult to get a generally apathetic student body to listen.

Some students don't care about what's going on and don't want to care. Beltrame or anyone else can't change that. Creating Senate newsletters and posting information on MyBU – as Beltrame has suggested – are a start. But she will have to be creative and devise innovated ways to reach students if she hopes to live up to the goals she's set for herself.

We aren't doubting the new student body officers are the right people for the job. The student body chose who they want to represent them, and with hard work, they may be able to make changes on campus. But they have to remember their promises and strive to reach their goals if they hope to leave their marks on this important time in Bradley's history.

Maureen Horcher
Staff reporter

Bradley woman's story should inspire change

They didn't find out until four hours after Meg's birth.

They already called family and friends to say she was born.

Meg's mom Anne McSorley-Hollis, director of Residential Living, said shortly after Meg's birth doctors thought she might have a heart condition.

They soon concluded she didn't.

"Wow, you really dodged a bullet," a doctor told McSorley-Hollis and her husband Todd. "Most kids with Down [Syndrome] have a heart condition."

Her diagnosis was a complete surprise to McSorley-Hollis, mother of two healthy boys.

Almost two years after Meg's birth, McSorley-Hollis is embarking on a journey with an organization she's long supported.

She will leave Bradley in May to begin work at Easter Seals as managing director of development.

During her 10-year tenure as director of the Lewis J. Burger Center for Leadership and Public Service, McSorley-Hollis planned fundraisers for Easter Seals.

After Meg's birth, she took advantage of the services she helped provide.

"You never know when you're going to need a service like that," McSorley-Hollis said. "I spent many years raising money for an organization I never knew I [would] need."

McSorley-Hollis' dedication to this cause is evident.

In addition to her work at Easter Seals, she's in the developmental stages of constructing Touch Down Acres, a work and residential community for adults with special needs.

"We decided that we wanted to try to do something that would focus on [Meg's] years after 21 and make those meaningful," McSorley-Hollis said.

At Easter Seals, she'll create community contacts who will help her build Touch Down Acres.

"It's truly a chance to make our dream happen," McSorley-Hollis said.

There are currently many programs and resources for Meg. But Touch Down Acres will provide the social aspect many programs lack because it will be an actual community.

McSorley-Hollis said it's a scary journey, but she has about 12 to 15 years to get Touch Down Acres running.

This story of devoted parents fighting for their daughter in the most unconditional way is incredibly moving.

Additionally, her contributions to Easter Seals – now and long before the organization affected her personal life – are very admirable.

If only we took part in organizations as if we would one day benefit from them ourselves. Maybe then students would volunteer in droves.

"At this age, you never think it's going to happen to you. And in most cases, you have no reason to do so," McSorley-Hollis said. "I'm so grateful for the people who have no reason to support that organization and do it anyway."

Sunday is the beginning of Volunteer Week. Hopefully this story stirs your heart and you feel compelled to participate.

Do your part. Make a difference and hope that one day, some college student will do the same for you.

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Letter to the Editor

Pro-conceal carry side of issue not covered

As an avid supporter of all rights and not just those I personally agree with, I was put off by Sarah Raidbard's article on March 7. Raidbard indeed highlighted the gun debate that has been brought to light by recent tragedies. However, she somehow failed to report on the other side of the argument, instead interviewing students and administrators who are content to continue in their support of feel-good, but ultimately useless, legislation.

Let me start off with a fact that many are not aware of. Forty-eight states, excluding Illinois and Wisconsin, allow provisions for civilians to carry a concealed weapon, a majority of which are shall-issue states in which permits must be granted to those who meet state requirements.

I understand that to many of us in Illinois, concealed weapons are taboo because our state does not enjoy the right that a majority of other states in the United States do. Many Bradley students who grew up in Illinois have grown up in an environment where a basic constitutional right is highly restricted, and some hold the idea that guns are inherently evil. The feelings of these students and adults were exhibited by many interviewed in Raidbard's article.

Hundreds of thousands of law-abiding citizens legally carry a concealed weapon in the United States every day. These citizens carry in banks, churches, grocery stores, shopping malls and restaurants. Angry wild-west style shootings have not happened, contrary to those who opposed and continue to oppose concealed carry. Why is it that these same civilians who are trusted to carry in those areas are required to relinquish their weapons when on a school or college campus?

We should not become lax in the pursuit of personal safety, and we should not rely on government, school administrators or police officers to ensure security. It's time for Illinois to join the majority of states in the United States and allow qualified, law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons, and this includes college campuses.

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Com Council appoints 2008-09 student media leaders

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

The Communications Council recently announced the 2008-09 leaders of campus media organizations.

Junior business management and administration major John Radtke will be station manager for the Edge.

He spent three years as a disc jockey and two years on executive board. He was also traffic manager and programming director.

He said he wants to increase the Edge's publicity by hosting more campus activities and having better quality promotions.

John Radtke

Radtke also said he wants to increase the number of DJs on the Edge.

Junior political science major David Mullner will take over Broadside's editor position next school year.

He's been Broadside's business manager for three years.

"I want to try to make Broadside more visible to campus as a whole," he said.

He also wants to post art, poetry and prose on Blackboard so the evaluators don't have to come in the office as much to evaluate student work.

David Mullner

Junior English and Spanish major Sarah Raidbard will be the Scout editor.

She's written for the newspaper for three years – two of those on staff in addition to her current position as managing editor.

Raidbard said she'll continue working on changes this year's editor, Erin Wood, implemented.

"I'll keep the changes from this year," she said. "And as the year goes by, I'll see how the paper is going and then assess new changes."

She said she wants to continue covering more investigative issues.

Sarah Raidbard

Executive Director of Student Involvement Greg Killoran said the decision-making for the leader of each media organization varies.

The Communications Council decides who will lead each of the three organizations. There are about eight members – four are students and four are faculty or staff.

This year, there was one candidate who applied for each position.

That doesn't automatically grant the person the position. The council can still vote no to a candidate even if there aren't any other applicants.

Killoran said many times, candidates start at the bottom of the organization and move up through their Bradley tenures, so leading the organization is the most logical step.

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HURT

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times of joy. Families share times of sorrow. And families share special occasions. Somehow I think all of us being here this evening, honoring the memory of Robert Hurt, is all three of these occasions."

Galsky said if everyone who wanted to speak about Hurt had done so Wednesday night, the memorial service would have lasted for hours. Instead, a handful of friends and family spoke about their fond recollections.

"He never felt like he had to impress people, though he was impressive," Hurt's uncle, Tom Hornstein, said.

While tears flowed down the faces of many of Hurt's family members and closest friends, as they hugged and comforted one another during the ceremony, they also laughed and joked about Hurt's carefree, laidback demeanor.

Anyone who walked by Marty Theatre's closed doors on Wednesday night may have questioned if there was actually a memorial service taking place. The crowded auditorium filled with laughter when friends recalled Hurt's habit of not always wearing clothes and his hobby of "scooting" around campus on his moped, honking the horn and waving at cars and pedestrians. He didn't understand that his ATM card wouldn't stop working if he overdrew money, and he tried to install an air conditioner in his dorm with not much more than duct tape.

Friend and Bradley student Jaclynn Avner said picking just a few fond memories of Hurt was a difficult task. She recalled that she would often return to her dorm room after a shower to find Hurt had let himself in to play Nintendo.

As an only child, Avner said she had found a family in their close group of friends at Bradley.

"Rob told my dad he hoped to be part of our family someday," she said. "What he didn't know was that he already was."

Others who spoke about Hurt talked about his favorite hobbies: playing golf, running marathons and taking naps.

His brother Michael Hurt said he was sure his older brother would take him to Big Al's and the Par-A-Dice Casino when he turned 21.

"It's something that as a brother you don't really think about," he said. "You just feel like you know that person will always be there. You never think anything like this could happen."

Michael Hurt said no one will understand him like his own brother did, but that he knows he'll be watching out for him and guiding him – just like always.

"I am the younger brother. I used to hate being called that, but now I'm proud of it," he said. "Even though I'll surpass him in years lived, I'll never beat him on how much he made his years count."

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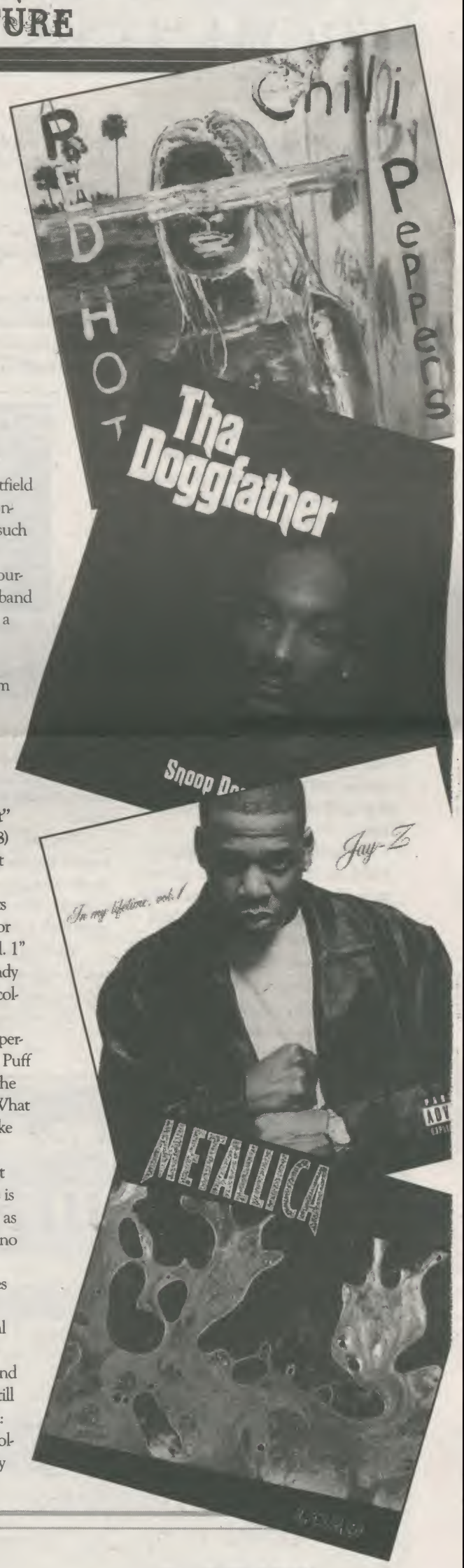
SMALL NAME ALBUMS BY BIG NAME ARTISTS

BY ALEX BAHLER



There's probably a Da Vinci painting serious art fans love just as much as the Mona Lisa, if not more.

Similarly, many Nirvana fans, including this one, prefer the band's abrasive "In Utero" to its classic chart-buster "Nevermind."

Certain albums continue to top those repetitive best-of lists, but for every "Sgt. Pepper" you can bet your iPod there's a "Magical Mystery Tour" waiting to be rediscovered.

These underrated albums continually fail to *escape from the shadow* of the artists' more well-known and sometimes overplayed musical endeavors. They may not be superior or even merely as good as their talked-up counterparts, but they deserve heavy rotation just the same.

Snoop Dogg – "Tha Doggfather" (1996)

Overshadowed by "Doggystyle" (1993)

After his smutty smash debut, Snoop's return to the studio was held up by legal issues (murder was the case that they gave him). He beat the rap, then turned out the long-awaited sequel.

"Tha Doggfather" is a darker, more subdued album than its party-ready predecessor, from the reflective subject matter to the stark cover. He's also a few homies short on this one - Dr. Dre is nowhere to be found, and 2pac only makes a brief posthumous appearance on the outro.

But Snoop Doggy Dogg, as he called himself back then, was far from out of ideas.

"Freestyle Conversation" finds him firing off rhymes in an offbeat, Dylanesque manner, refuting fans and critics alike who said this album would be nothing without Dre behind the boards ("Beats? So that's what makes me now?"). "Gold Rush" sports a chilly beat and probably the best verse of Kurupt's otherwise stagnant career. And the bubbling "Snoop's Upside Ya Head" is straight up more fun than any party song he has written, before or since.

Red Hot Chili Peppers – "By The Way" (2002)

Overshadowed by "Californication" (1999)

Talk about having your cake and stuffing yourself silly with it, too.

Coming hot on the sunburned heels of 1999's insanely successful comeback, "Californication," Red Hot Chili Peppers knew it had the rock community's attention. The band, eons older and wiser than its former frat-party incarnation, chose not to replicate, (which would be cowardice) nor deviate (which would be stupidity) from the recent sound of success. It was the wise move – tracks like "Universally Speaking" and "Midnight" prove the middle road is sometimes the highest road.

The uninitiated should not expect this fantastic album to be "Californication Part 2" – as the record label and a host of younger casual fans most likely wanted – but instead as a simultaneous step forward and to the side. There's nary a true rocker in the bunch, but the superb melodies on "By The Way" soar in ways the band's previous effort only hinted at. Guitarist John Frusciante's falsetto harmonies compliment Anthony Keidis' tamed-animal moans to make something even more inherently "California" than the last one.

Beach Boys mastermind Brian Wilson would be proud.

Metallica – "Load" (1996)

Overshadowed by "Metallica"(1991)

Not overshadowed as much as maliciously attacked by fans, "Load" – Metallica's first album in five years since the self-titled cash cow hit stores – slowed the tempo down to a snakelike crawl.

With an album more Muddy than Maiden, the boys ditched the thrash (and their hair), opting for a wicked blues-alternative hybrid that let James Hetfield sing rather than bark. He lets his guard down a bit as well, even if the lyrics on "Mama Said" and "King Nothing" are a bit too obvious.

Words were never his forte anyway. Hetfield forgoes semantics for unfiltered emotion, confronting his demons in five-minute seances such as the unsettling "2 x 4."

Metallica gone soft? Hardly. The raw bourbon-blues doesn't stop until it has to, as the band was determined to justify the disc's title with a running time of 78:59.

Think Pantera fronted by Stevie Ray Vaughn, with Waylon Jennings heckling from the rafters.

Jay-Z – "Vol. 1: In My Lifetime" (1997)

Overshadowed by "Reasonable Doubt" (1996) and "Vol 2: Hard Knock Life" (1998)

Between his artistically acclaimed debut and his commercial breakthrough, Jay-Z released this weird sophomore effort. He gets a pass because in general, 1997 just sucked for anyone not making electronica albums. "Vol. 1" isn't even that bad once you get past the trendy materialism (ugh, even the disc itself is gold-colored).

Sure, the "jiggy" sound of rap circa '97 permeates a good portion of the disc, thanks to Puff Daddy and like-minded cohorts. But while the party is going on in songs such as "I Know What Girls Like," it's as if Jay sneaks out for a smoke and witnesses a double homicide.

There are no "Annie" samples here, just thick vintage soul turned inside out. "Streets is Watching" jacks the same Labi Siffre sample as Eminem's "My Name Is" and bears entirely no resemblance.

Like a Cracker Jack box, the prize comes near the end. The purchase is worth it for "Where I'm From" alone, a frighteningly real meditation on life in a place where each day could be your last. Every lyric is provoking, and over a decade into his illustrious career, it's still Jay's most haunting song to date. (Cool trick: subtle wind sounds make it like Jigga is schooling you on a park bench in Brooklyn's Marcy projects.)

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

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"Relay For Life," 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Olin Quad.

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SATURDAY

"Peoria Pirates Arena Football" takes on the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pioneers 8:05 to 11 p.m. at the Peoria Civic Center

"Barbecue Kitten Show #6," 5 to 6 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in GCC Room 126.

SUNDAY

"Aesthetic Undergound Open Mic," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center.

MTV'S IRAQ COMMENTARY SUFFERS FROM "LOSS" OF CLARITY

BY ALEX CZUBAK
for Voice

MTV Films joins the Iraq War bandwagon with "Stop-Loss."

Ryan Phillippe ("Flags of Our Fathers"), Channing Tatum ("Step Up") and Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("The Lookout") star as Brandon, Steve and Tommy, three soldiers from Texas who are coming back home from Iraq.

Steve is engaged to Michelle (Abbie Cornish, "A Good Year"), an old family friend of Brandon's.

The three soldiers find adjustment to civilian life difficult as images of their tours of duty in Iraq haunt them, eroding their relationships and states of mind.

Brandon gets orders when he reports in that instead of getting out of the army, he is being sent back to Iraq by the stop-loss policy. He goes AWOL and decides to fight the order any way he can, and Michelle joins him on his journey to help.

Throughout his travels, Brandon visits the family of a slain soldier that served under him, sees other stop-loss evaders and feels the effects of war through himself and those around him.

This film joins "In the Valley of Elah" and "Redacted" in a long line of recent Iraq War films that criticize the war or illustrate the effects it has had on soldiers and those close to them. It's reminiscent of the '70s and '80s Vietnam War films.

However, none of the recent films have reached the level of profundity that the previous era had with films like "The Deer Hunter," "Coming Home," "Apocalypse Now" and "Platoon."

"Stop-Loss" fails in its endeavor primarily because of its clear lack of focus.

The movie opens in Iraq with highly stylized cinematography influenced by the MTV generation. Instead of being gritty and authentic, it looks like it was shot to be a part of a music video.

"Stop-Loss"

Ryan Phillippe
Channing Tatum

Grade: C-

The style never settles in an ominous or threatening tone. It just sets up the subsequent battle and makes it look more like it was for the "Bourne" series than a real fight.

Another issue is that there is never a real connection between the audience and the characters.

The soldiers are introduced in Iraq, so there is no back story or flashback to allow any emotional connection. The changes in the characters are expected instead of felt, taking away most of the impact the film should have.

Also, for a movie titled "Stop-Loss," there is very little regarding the actual policy and its effects. The movie tries to put every reason for the futility of the Iraq War in its two hours, but this happens at the price of never having each reason sink into the audiences' skin.

The acting is a bit underwhelming. Phillippe and Tatum try too hard and come off as actors instead of inhabiting their roles. Cornish never shows anything beyond fear or anger, although she does a good job with that.

Levitt, however, does show his talent with his role.

He is the only one whose emotional scarring rings true, and even during the times when the script gives him very little with which to work, he takes it and makes something of it.

He showed significant growth in "The Lookout," and with this film he continues to fulfill the promise he's always had.

With its many flaws, "Stop-Loss" is difficult to recommend. If it had chosen to focus on one or two of the many issues it presented, it would have been a good movie.

Unfortunately, "Stop-Loss" joins the increasing list of Iraq War films that miss the mark of effective criticism and profundity.

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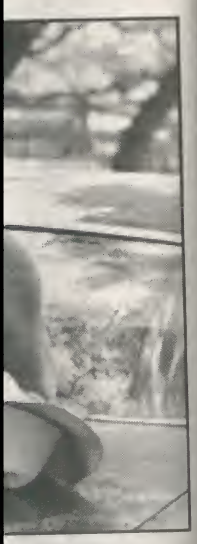


MAKING TAPES & BREAKING RULES

BY BROOKS COURTRIGHT
for Voice

Honestly, who doesn't like breaking rules?

It's awfully exciting to tread that thin line between what is and isn't acceptable. The thrill of being edgy, or perhaps the risk of rejection, has always tempted people – musicians included. Those who abandon the confines of a genre are either labeled as non-committal garbage or hailed as Neo-something-or-other. Too infrequently do these risktakers get the respect or response they deserve from the music community.

The small indie/experimental rock band Tapes 'n Tapes from Minneapolis is a lot like that, and "Walk It Off," its second full studio album, is a sweet example of neo-trash turned treasure.

Although the four-man group got together in 2003 and released its first album, "The Loon," in 2005, it wasn't until 2006 when it received a favorable review from Pitchfork that its success really took off.

Since then, Tapes 'n Tapes has played at SXSW, Coachella and Lollapalooza at Chicago's Grant Park, to name a few *major American* music festivals, and its popularity has grown. This sophomore album is as unpredictable as its first, and delivers with a greater range of emotion, a showcase of good indie rock and excellent musicianship.

It gets loud too, which is nice.

The album starts off with "Le Ruse," an uptempo track stacked with a lot of unorthodox drumming from Jeremy Hanson and a super-heavy bass riff-driven chorus from the rest of the rhythm section. The lyrics are fairly indecipherable but the groove is hard and deliberate. It's a sound Tapes 'n Tapes never explored on "The Loon," which was loaded with quality chill-out cuts, but never anything to get excited about. It's really a nice change of pace.

The third track is like this too. "Hang Them All" begins with a distorted rock funky bass-line, played by Erik Appelwick, that's more reminiscent of early Red Hot Chili Peppers than anything else.

Grier's vocals are similar to those of Radiohead's Thom Yorke, especially his sound on "Hail to the Thief." The chorus section is backed with discordant keyboards and uber-modulated super-synths, courtesy of Matt Kretzman's work with Flaming Lips producer Dave Fridmann. It's actually pretty cool to hear such different elements adding to Tapes 'n Tapes' specific, well-honed sound.

Tapes 'n Tapes

"Walk It Off"

XL; 2008

Grade: B

Tracks such as "Time of Songs" and "Conquest" are exactly the opposite. Both songs are guitar-heavy, with glittery six-string chord progressions taking center stage. Also, the minor tones differ from the uplifting sounds present in "Le Ruse" and "Hang Them All." It's interesting to see how these unique and dynamic styles coexist and contrast each other on "Walk It Off." It's almost as if some internal struggle is being expressed through the music. Grier's semi-elusive lyrics certainly seem to suggest this on "Time of Songs," singing, "Are you on the record when we're gone, stealing covers? Lifting pawns? / It's where you've been and what you've done so long / I'll be your bitter song."

Halfway through the album, "Demon Apple" marks a turn toward something darker. Grier's vocals are sharper, less ethereal and angrier.

"Blunt" is the same way, and the mega-filtered singing is liken to the monotone style of Arcade Fire's frontman, Win Butler. With these two tracks, we get to see the explosive sound that Tapes 'n Tapes is capable of perfecting. The lyrics here are none too conclusive, either.

In "Demon Apple," for example, Grier shouts, "I am the demon of the apples, I / come round when your head's on fire / we will be in touch with time / when you come into the apple's eye."

I haven't a clue what any of that means.

The ends of these songs, however, feature the whole band's descent into a chaotic mess of lo-fi jam-band rock, unifying to build up a harsh, blown-out wall of sound. Good stuff.

"George Michaels" is, again, completely different. With reeling and revolving modular envelopes placed over the ambient synth work, the backdrop is set for another ghost-like ballad. The guitar work is akin to Pixies and Yo La Tengo at the same time, and the effect is mesmerizing.

"Anvil" showcases the proficient skill of Kretzman who once again solos effortlessly throughout the bridge of the beautiful, but simple, three-and-a-half minute song. The tempo has changed again since "Blunt," as if a major cathartic moment has passed.

Perhaps Grier is telling a story, and certainly the style of these later tracks suggests a denouement, some resolution. These slower songs sound more and more like the slackened tempo tunes from the Scottish group Belle and Sebastian. The wavering keyboards and sparkling but amplified guitars are inextricably intertwined in this track and also the next track, "Lines." But in each, Hanson's kit work is prominent and, together with the rest of Tapes 'n Tapes, he presses forward.

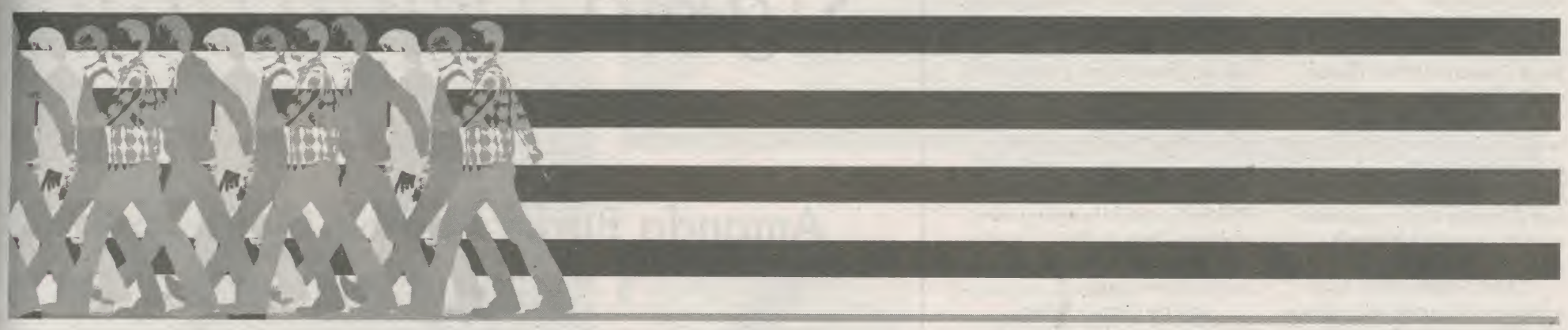
The last track – aptly titled "The Dirty Dirty" – is a final rock-out sesh and layered guitars backed by a driving rhythm section seem to be suggesting more of an encore of "Walk It Off's" earlier tracks, as opposed to adding anything really new.

All in all, it feels like this story, narrated in obscure but angst-filled lyrics, has taken us somewhere. Perhaps on an expedition into all that indie rock has to offer.

Tapes 'n Tapes takes us on a journey into the creative mind of the American suburbia-stranded garage-band dreamer. Unfortunately, the journey lasts just under 45 minutes.

It's alternative, post-rock, neo-psychedelia, art rock and more. With "Walk It Off," Tapes 'n Tapes gives us the best of today's most exciting and experimental rock and makes it its own. Grier and the rest of the group have come a long way since 2003.

Its sophomore album treads confidently and deliberately into every subgenre of indie that you can think of and totally rocks out. Give "Walk It Off" a listen. Whether you're a crate digger looking for a new sound, or a dedicated indie-rock fan, you're gonna dig it.



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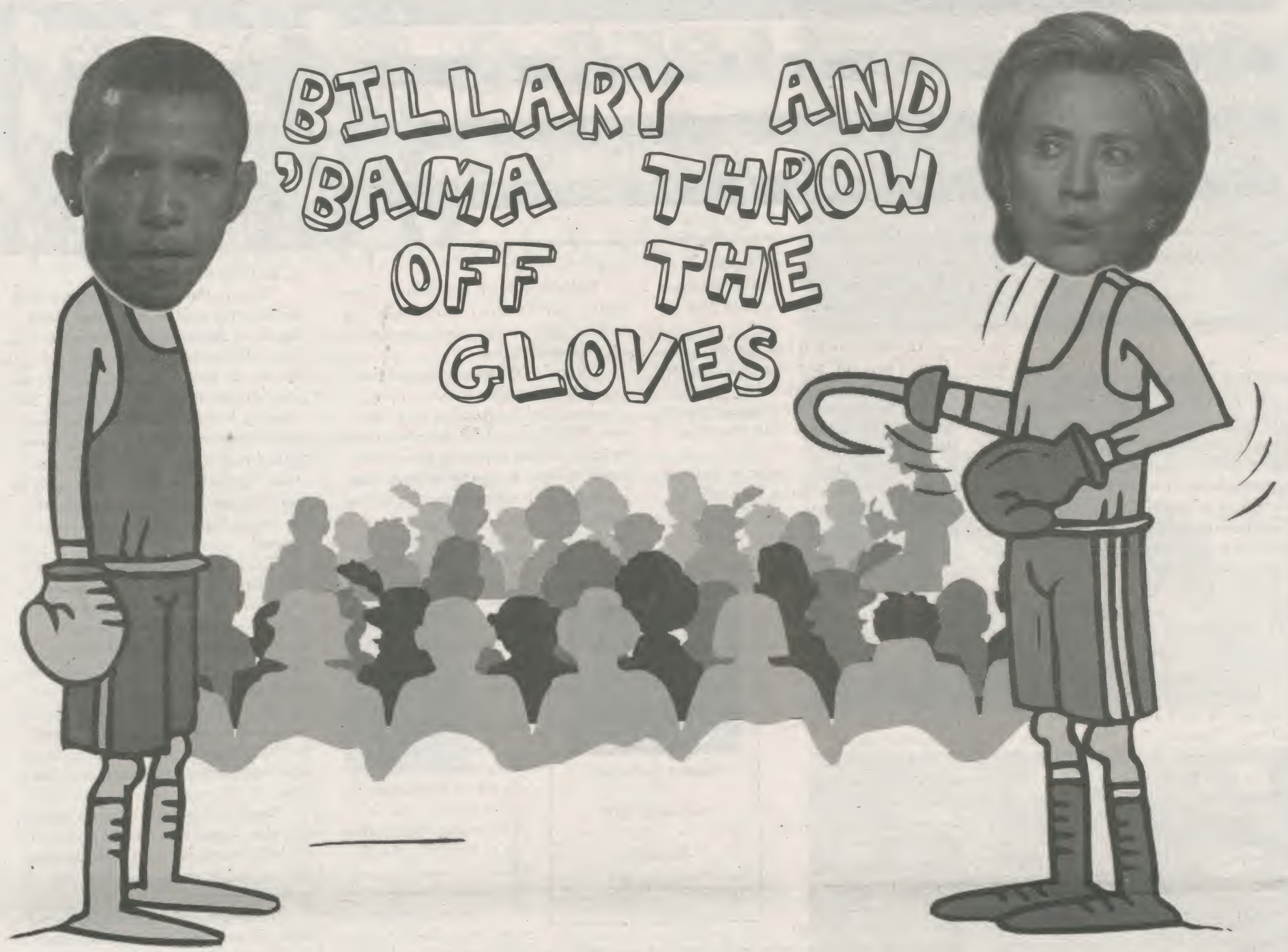

BY MARK HEMMER
of Voice

It's a political inevitability.

Vying for a party's nomination is similar to two ego-driven divas bickering within a band. Both combatants end up nursing hurt feelings and damaged credibility. Meanwhile, the other members of their group are forced to sit back and watch their main goal – team success – evaporate.

Such is the case with the dirt clods and fists that presidential hopefuls Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton trade back and forth on a daily basis.

But recently, their fights have become so enormous that some experts have wondered if either candidate will have any energy left to run for president. ("I wonder if either candidate will have any energy left to run for president" - Mark Hemmer.)

Obama caught flack for his remarks about the gun-owning, religious folk of Pennsylvania. Obama called them "bitter" and Clinton in turn called Obama "elitist." A nasty commercial or two blasting Obama as "out of touch" prompted this harsh response from the Illinois Senator.

"Hillary Clinton is out of touch, but more importantly, my dad can beat up her dad," Obama said.

The shocking switch of tone and topic had the media caught off guard. It became clear Obama was done with being polite and the proverbial gloves were coming off.

Just after Obama's taunt hit the news (the fathers of the respective candidates failed to respond), the Obama campaign had a startling announcement. "Apparently, when Mr. Obama heard his doorbell ring last evening, he found a bag of fecal matter on fire at his doorstep," Obama spokesperson Bill Burton said. "And we tend to believe that the gray- haired gentleman running away from the scene was Bill Clinton."

The Clinton camp has refused to comment on the incident. However, the campaign did leak a contract proposing a tag team wrestling spectacle in which Clinton would team up with Barbra Streisand and Magic Johnson to take on Obama and two partners of his choosing.

Obama was quick to respond to the rumor. "This isn't just politics anymore." Soon after, he announced that his partners – George Clooney and Will Smith – would be ready to brawl whenever Clinton wants.

Which venue will hold such combustible elements?

Both the Ultimate Fighting Championship and World Wrestling Entertainment have expressed interest in hosting the event. Even boxing promoter Don King has been spotted loitering near Capitol Hill trying to make the celebrity death match happen.

What started with careless comments and childish pranks has clearly erupted into something more. Whether or not the contract negotiations for a super-fight between the two camps will succeed, there is no turning back.

Both Clinton and Obama have fired shots the other likely won't recover from. But whatever comes next, one has to contemplate what this means for the Democratic Party's hopes of a presidential run. Republican candidate John McCain has watched the two Democratic candidates squabble through the media along with the general public, so his image remains largely unblemished.

While it's unclear who will emerge victorious in this unprecedented struggle, one thing is certain – Obama and Clinton should stop playing Slash and Axl before their mutual goal of a democratic presidency goes on hiatus like "Chinese Democracy."

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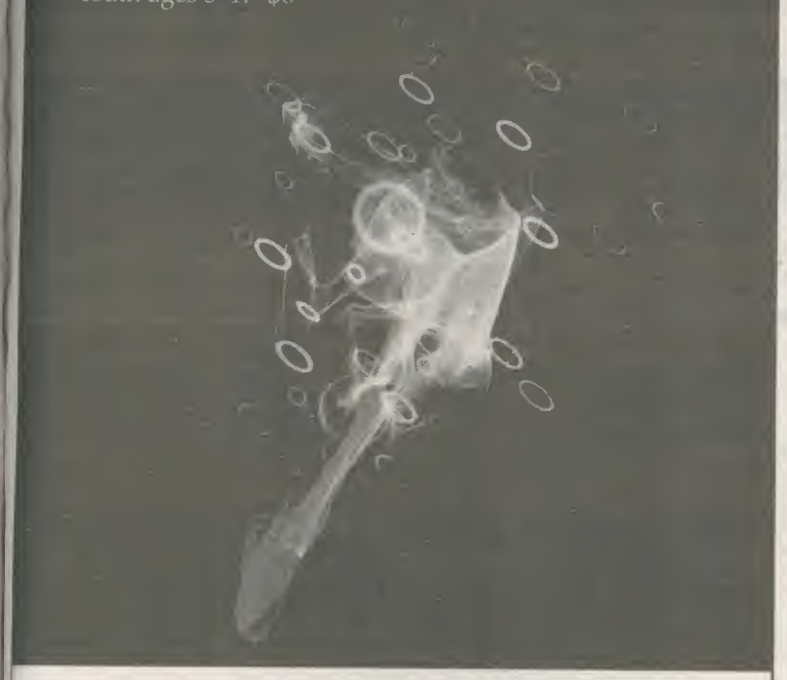

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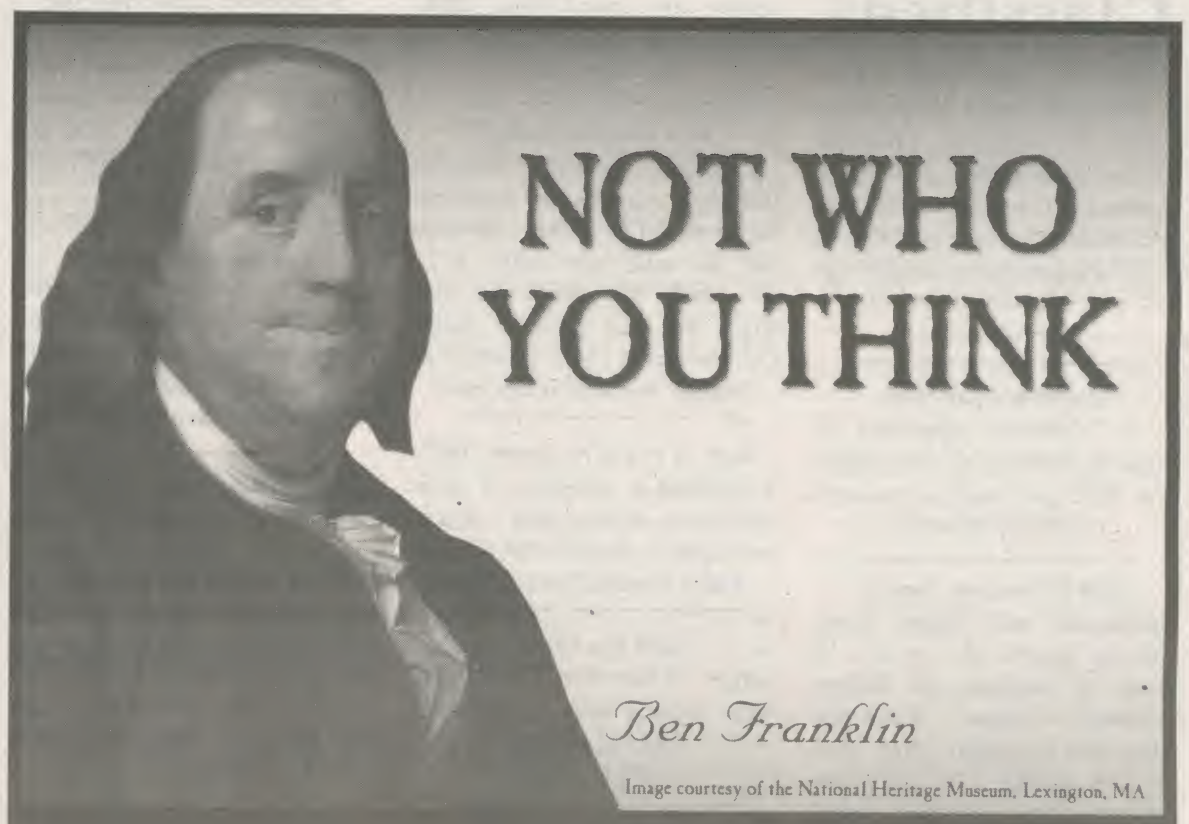

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Junior pitcher Ashley Birdsong winds up during Monday's game against Illinois State. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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lead when Lauren Meister singled home the go-ahead run.

ISU shortstop Kaprice Williams then came to the plate with two runners on in the seventh, and hit a two-run home run to give the Redbirds a 5-3 advantage. She recorded all five RBIs for ISU.

Birdsong recorded the 600th strikeout of her career in the game, becoming only the second player in the history of the program to do so.

The Braves showed more offense in Game 2.

Although ISU scored first, Bradley answered back with an RBI single off the bat of Clack to tie the game 1-1.

In the sixth, the Braves' bats heated up.

They pushed across six runs in the inning, including a grand slam by Clack. The home run was her seventh of the season, putting her one behind the single-season record.

The Redbirds began to climb back into the game, scoring one run in the fifth and three more in the sixth, but the Braves still had a 7-5 advantage going into the seventh.

After two runners reached base on walks, Michelle Henderson of ISU hit a thee-run home run to score the go-ahead and eventual winning run for the Redbirds.

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ahead in the count, and in that situation, I was looking for a fastball on the outer half of the plate. Fortunately, it was over the heart of the plate and I was able to put a good swing on it."

The Braves then added an extra run for insurance, and Altbach shut down the Salukis in the bottom of the frame to secure the win.

Bradley 4, Southern Illinois 3

Wildness was the story of the game on Saturday, as four Bradley pitchers combined to walk a school-record 14 batters.

The excessive walks didn't come back to haunt the Braves, however, as they managed to work around all the baserunners and hold SIU (18-15, 3-6 MVC) to just three runs in the game.

Junior right-hander Bryan Porter was Bradley's most effective hurler, tossing 2 2-3 innings of scoreless baseball to record the win.

Luttrell was the only Braves hitter to record multiple hits in the game, going 2-for-4 while driving in one of Bradley's four runs.

Bradley 11, Southern Illinois 6

Luttrell was again the star for the Braves on Sunday, going 3-for-6 and driving in a career-high six runs to help Bradley secure the sweep.

"I felt very comfortable at the plate all weekend," Luttrell said. "I was seeing the ball well and was being patient and looking for good pitches to hit."

Brewer also had a strong day at the dish, going 2-for-5 with an RBI. He also scored three times.

Starting pitcher Chris Wright struggled in the game, giving up four runs in only three innings of work, but Altbach came on in relief and gave up just one run over 3 1-3 innings to secure his second win of the series.

Junior right-hander Kori Jensen pitched the final 2 2-3 frames to earn his sixth save of the season, a single-season Bradley record.

Luttrell said he hoped the series sweep would help the Braves build momentum, but it didn't work out that way.

Bradley dropped a non-conference doubleheader to Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Tuesday. The Braves lost 4-3 in the opener, then fell in the nightcap 4-2.

Bradley returns to conference play today, hosting Missouri State in the first of a three-game series at O'Brien Field.

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Darian have the skills to help fill that void."

The official signings of Norris and Dunson complete a four-man recruiting class for the Braves, who already received commitments from guards Eddren McCain and Chris Roberts during the fall signing period.

McCain, a 6-foot point guard, will have four years of eligibility, while Roberts, a JUCO transfer, will have two years remaining when he joins the Braves in the fall.

With the four-man recruiting class, the Braves now have a full roster of 13 scholarship players for next season.

Seven of the 13 players are guards, adding depth to a position thinned out by injuries last year.

"I think it gives us good balance," Buescher said. "It gives us good depth which I think is certainly very important and I think it will create great competition."

Buescher said the team has no plans to redshirt either of the incoming freshmen, but hasn't ruled out the possibility.

"That type of stuff works itself out," he said. "I think al the newcomers have the abil ity to play and contribute righ away."

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JAMES STEGNER	31
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Women's golf takes 4th at MVCs

BY LUKE MROZINSKI
for the Scout

The women's golf team captured fourth place in the Missouri Valley Conference Championship, sparked by senior Whitney Cox's final round of play on Tuesday.

Her score of 78 was second best on the day and pushed her into a tie for third place.

Many outside factors came into play at the event, as the par-71 Oak Hills Country Club in Omaha, Neb., was plagued by terrible weather throughout the three-day championship event.

The Braves struggled on Sunday in the first round, placing ninth and shooting a 332 amid cold temperatures and blustery winds.

Freshman Breanne Neufeld carded a first-round 81, which was the top score for the Braves and 20th overall.

Round 2 on Monday proved to be a turning point for the Braves.

They moved up three spots into sixth place and their second-round 308 was the third-best score of the day.

Junior Bari Erais provided the single best highlight of the MVC Championship with a hole-in-one.

Erais, the defending MVC medalist, aced the par-3, 165-yard 12th hole with a five iron. She finished the event in a tie for 15th place.

Senior Rikki Sobel took a big jump in the standings, shooting a 78 and climbing to 30th place at day's end.

Cox also took advantage of the momentum she was riding, turning in the third-best score for a golfer of the day, carding 75, and moving 14 spots in the standings to 10th place overall at 157.

Cox finished her career in style, as she completed the turnaround for Bradley on the final day with her seven-over-par 78, carding a 235 overall to tie for third place.

Bradley shot a 328 in the final round, which was the second lowest round of the day.

Neufeld had a strong final day, as she carded 79, placing just outside the top 10 in 11th place. Freshman Caitlin Deeken claimed 25th place with 251, while Sobel trailed two shots back in a tie for 30th.

Erais finished out in 19th place, carding 244 over the three days. She joins Cox as an All-MVC selection.

Erais finishes the year with a team best 77.2 stroke average, which ranks as the third best season average in school history.

Once at ninth place after the first round, Bradley managed to post the second lowest average, 318, over the final two rounds.

Rival Illinois State came out on top in the end, claiming its league-record ninth MVC women's golf title.

Men's golf's struggles continue

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

A season of struggles continued last weekend for the men's golf team at the Illini Spring Invitational.

Bradley finished in last place in the 11-team event, marking the sixth time in nine outings that the team has finished at the bottom of the pack.

Rain and strong winds hampered the golfers throughout the event, leading to higher than usual scores on the par-72 course.

"Both days were cold and they both had some rain, sleet and snow mixed in," coach Jeff Roche said. "The first day though, the winds were considerably more sustained. I think the gusts were probably 25 to 30 mph."

The Braves carded a total team score of 335 in the first round of play on Saturday, leaving them 26 strokes behind DePaul, which sat atop the leaderboard with a 304.

The inclement weather then forced the event to be shortened from three rounds to two, leaving Bradley with less time to close the gap.

The Braves managed to cut 17 strokes off their total score on the second day of action, carding a 318, but it wasn't enough to lift them from the tournament cellar.

Bradley finished with a two-round score of 653, finishing 44 shots behind event champion and host Illinois, which finished at 609.

Freshman Nathan Perry was the Braves' best golfer at the event. He turned in rounds of 84 and 75, finishing tied for 34th place on the individual leaderboard.

Perry was the only Bradley golfer to card a round in the 70s and was also the only one to finish the event in the top 40.

Roche said he was impressed with Perry's second-round score, especially considering the environment.

"It was pretty close to being one of the lowest scores of that round," he said. "It was really just a solid round in some very tough conditions."

Freshman Coby Thompson and senior Tommie Ackerman finished the tournament tied for 44th place. The pair turned in identical rounds of 83 and 80 to finish with scores of 163.

The Braves will play their final event of the season on Monday and Tuesday, when they travel to Davenport, Iowa, for the MVC Championship.

Roche said he thinks the team can still salvage the season with a strong showing at the tournament.

"We're capable of a lot more," he said. "Everybody on this team has had success in the past. Golf's a great game to where if you can get yourself in the right mindset and just allow yourself to play to your abilities, anything can happen."

Women's tennis snaps conference losing streak

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The women's tennis team's last conference win was against Creighton in 2006, but the Braves stopped the losing streak with a win against the Bluejays last Friday.

Nicole Miller

"With Creighton, we always have a very competitive match," coach Scott Petersen said.

Freshman Nicole Miller led the Braves by attaining her 11th spring victory and also won the No. 2 doubles match with sophomore Emily Regenold.

The doubles win also gave Miller and Regenold their 10th win together. They are the only doubles pair to win a match in league play.

The final score of the game read 5-2 in Bradley's favor. The Braves won the doubles point 2-1 with the win from Miller and Regenold and the No. 3 doubles match via forfeit.

Jessica Buterbaugh

Sophomore Jessica Buterbaugh stepped up her game at the No. 3 singles match by defeating her opponent in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. The victory stopped a seven-game losing skid for Buterbaugh in singles.

The fourth point given to the Braves guaranteed victory, but junior Erin Krubeck added on to the tally with a strong win at No. 5 singles, 6-0, 6-0.

The victory was short-lived for the Braves, however, as the next day they had to hit the courts again and square off against Wichita State.

Petersen said the team used the match against the Shockers as a measuring stick to see how well it's playing.

Bradley got the short end of that stick, as it was swept 7-0 by the nationally-ranked Shockers.

Wichita State jumped out to an early advantage by hanging onto its lead in the doubles matches.

Regenold and Miller fell to a huge deficit of 7-0, but managed to battle their way back to 7-6. The Shockers duo was able to recover and claimed the eighth point to seal the victory and the doubles point.

Regenold then played No. 1 singles and lost in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0.

Sophomore Kelly Donohue stepped into the No. 2 singles match, but came up short in her sets, 6-2, 6-0.

The rest of the Braves followed suit and dropped their matches in straight sets.

The men's tennis team was also swept by Wichita State this past weekend, 7-0.

The next day the team played against New Mexico State on a neutral court.

The two teams decided before the start to shorten the match. The first team to reach four points would win the match, and the Aggies' swept the Braves, winning 4-0.

Both the men's and women's squads will soon be preparing for the conference tournament.

"Our goal is to make sure that we are prepared and ready to compete," Petersen said. "There are several matches that have to be played, and we have to focus on the first match, see what happens and then worry about who is next."

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Chicago trumps Boston as best sport town

Assistant Sports Editor

BY ALEX MAYSTER

Knowing it was playoff time in the NBA, I figured I would check the standings to see what the post-season would look like.

As I scanned through the records, the team that sat on top was none other than the Boston Celtics.

I began thinking to myself what it would be like to be a Boston fan – having the best team in the NBA and the defending World Series champion Red Sox and watching the Patriots go undefeated in the regular season.

Being a true Chicagoan, it's hard for me to admit that Boston may be a better sports town than the Windy City.

And I won't.

Looking at current-day sports, Boston may be ahead by a little. But in the overall scheme of things, nothing beats Chicago sports.

I am aware that the Red Sox have won two of the last four World Series championships, but other than that they don't have much to brag about.

If anything, winning those titles makes them less fun to watch in my mind. The team is turning into its arch-rival Yankees, and its recent success has left fans greedy.

Chicago Cubs fans are anything but greedy. Wins are few and far between for the Northsiders – 100 years in between if you're counting by titles. Cubs fans appreciate every win they get, and a playoff appearance sends the city wild.

While we may not have the recent winning of the Red Sox on our side, all you have to do is travel to the Southside. The White Sox brought a championship home in 2005.

As far as football goes, last year's Patriots were the best team in the history of the NFL not to win it all.

What does that mean? Nothing.

Its three championships are impressive, but where was the team before 2000?

The only thing I know about any Patriots team before the turn of the century was that the 1985-86 team was defeated in the Super Bowl by none other than the Chicago Bears.

That Bears team is considered one of the best teams ever, and it did win it all.

Everyone remembers the Super Bowl Shuffle, the Monsters of the Midway's intimidating defense and the best running back of all-time, Walter Payton, anchoring the offense.

Now back to what got this whole thing started – the NBA.

The Celtics are one of the most storied franchises in all of sports. They've had Bill Russell and Larry Bird and won eight championships in a row. But there is one thing, one person, that never did don that green uniform – Michael Jordan.

Having the best player ever means a lot, and Air Jordan was just that.

MJ is who all the little kids pretend to be while playing in their driveways at home. He is the face of the basketball world.

Having a legend of legends says a lot about a team and a city, and Michael Jordan will always be remembered as a Chicago Bull.

So as much as it may seem like Boston is on top of the sporting world right now, if you choose to look deeper into the world of sports, you can find a city of champions not far from home.

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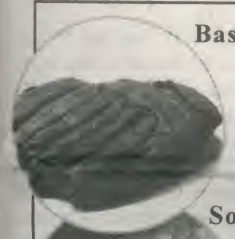

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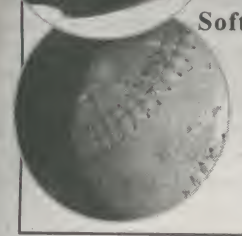

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One-on-One

Should the NBA raise its age limit?

Yes

The NBA took a step in the right direction last year when it raised the minimum age to enter the league to 19, but that's still too young.

The league should raise the limit again, forcing players to wait until they are 20 years old before they can play.

As it stands, the majority of players coming out of high school must now attend a year of college before entering the league.

This rule benefits both the players and the NBA, because rookies entering the league will now be a year older and more mature.

It also helps weed out those players who thought they were ready to turn pro, but realized after a year of NCAA competition they are not.

But why stop at one year? Most 19-year-olds are still not sufficiently mature to handle the bright lights and big salaries of the NBA.

An extra year in college would not only help the players mature even more, but will also give them a far more substantial education to fall back on, should their playing career not pan out.

The age limit has been a successful part of the NFL for years.

There's no reason the NBA shouldn't follow suit and improve its restrictions.

- Adam Mettrick

No

Changing the age limit to enter the NBA draft would be unfair.

This new rule is trying to force potential new players to receive a college education.

Last time I checked, being an athlete was a career. Since there is no major called "NBA Player," athletes shouldn't have to complete college before going pro.

Granted, it goes against being loyal to his school, but if a player doesn't care about pride, then he should go into a league that is a bunch of solo artists.

Some players are just plain ready to play in the NBA and won't gain anything by spending time in college.

Imagine Lebron James playing for the Ohio State Buckeyes.

He wouldn't benefit because he is already above the competition and isn't going to be challenged.

Then from the rest of the players' perspectives, how are they going to grow if all they play is superstars who can jump over them and slam dunk?

Giving the already elite players a chance to jump early will allow the great players to shine and develop into stars.

- Dru Tate

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Braves break out brooms at SIU

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Junior right fielder Colby Luttrell hit a game-winning home run last Friday and drove in 10 runs over the weekend, leading the baseball team to a three-game sweep of Southern Illinois.

The wins snapped a mini-skid for the Braves (16-15, 7-5 MVC), who had dropped each of the previous two Missouri Valley Conference series.

The SIU sweep also lifted Bradley's conference record above the .500 mark for the first time in three weeks.

Luttrell said the wins were a big boost for the Braves.

"A sweep is always a tough feat to accomplish," he said. "It was huge for our conference standing, and I also think it brought us a great deal of confidence, especially after we struggled a bit in the last couple series."

Colby Luttrell

Bradley 7, Southern Illinois 3

Bradley started the series in style on Friday night, thanks to some late-inning heroics from Luttrell.

After sophomore Brad Altbach blew a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the ninth to force extra innings, the Braves took the lead right back in the top of the 10th.

Juniors Grant Escue and Dan Brewer led off the inning with a pair of singles, then advanced to second and third on a wild pitch.

Luttrell then stepped up to the plate and delivered a go-ahead three-run homer to put Bradley ahead, 6-3.

Luttrell said he was simply trying to hit the ball in the air and get the sacrifice fly.

"I'm not trying to do too much in that situation, just execute," he said. "I was able to get

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Softball struggles, drops seventh straight

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The women's softball team extended its losing streak to seven games on Monday, being swept in a doubleheader by rival Illinois State.

A grand slam by junior Amanda Clack wasn't enough for the Braves, as they gave up too many runs late in the games and let the victories slip away.

The Braves took leads into the final inning of both games but were unable to hold on, giving up home runs in the seventh inning of each game and losing to the Redbirds 5-3 and 8-7.

Coach Buddy Foster said that he hasn't given up on his team.

"We just have to keep plugging away," he said. "We're playing decently well we're just not getting breaks."

Junior pitcher Ashley Birdsong pitched complete games in both contests, but her struggles didn't end in this series.

After allowing two runs in the first inning of the opener, Birdsong seemed to collect herself and didn't allow another run over the next five innings.

In the bottom of the seventh, ISU (18-15, 8-4 MVC) got a three-run homer to take the lead, again.

Birdsong wasn't as sharp to start Game 2, but still held the Redbirds to just five runs over six innings. Bradley (3-11, 11-19 MVC) took a 7-5 lead into the final inning.

In the seventh, ISU again got a three-run homer to take the lead.

Foster said he stands by his decision to use Birdsong in both games.

Sophomore Amanda Clack puts the ball in play during the first game of Monday's doubleheader against Illinois State at the Eastside Centre in East Peoria. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

"She's my workhorse, and I felt like she gave us the best opportunity to win that game."

The Braves recorded just four hits in the first game but added on eight in the nightcap.

Clack went 2-for-3 in Game 2 recording a game-high five RBIs.

Senior Stephanie Ramsey also went 2-for-3, knocking in two RBIs.

Bradley fell behind early in Game 1 when ISU's starting pitcher Amber Smith went deep with a runner on to give the Redbirds an early 2-0 lead.

The Braves didn't answer back until the sixth inning.

With two runners on base, junior Miriam Wegmann singled to knock in the first run of the game for the Braves. Junior Alycia Bachkora's double pushed the Braves second run across, and Bradley took a 3-2

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Men's hoops signs two guards

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

The men's basketball team filled its final scholarship for the 2008-09 season this week with the signing of Darian Norris.

Norris, a 5-foot-11 guard from Mojave High School in Las Vegas, returned his signed National Letter of Intent to Bradley on Wednesday, making his decision to join the Braves next fall official after a verbal commitment earlier in the week.

"Darian is a quality player," said Associate Head Coach Eric Buescher. "He's a guard who can do a lot of things. He can put the ball on the floor, get to the basket and shoot from the perimeter."

Norris originally signed with South Carolina State last fall, but later requested he be released from his commitment. He received his release in February and reopened his recruiting.

Considered one of the top point guards prospects from the west coast, Norris averaged 18.7 points, 7.1 assists and 5 rebounds per game during his senior season.

Buescher said Norris will be a good fit for the Braves.

"He's just a quality four-year player who I think fits very well into our style of play," he said.

Bradley also received a signed LOI from 6-3 guard Dorian "Dodie" Dunson on Wednesday, following his verbal commitment earlier this spring.

Dunson, a junior college transfer, will have two years of eligibility remaining when he joins the team next season.

"We are excited to add not only two outstanding players, but two quality young men to our program," said coach Jim Les. "Obviously the graduation of Jeremy Crouch and Daniel Ruffin creates a large void in our backcourt, but Dodie and

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3 men not returning to BU

Former soccer players promised readmission, families say

BY ERIN WOOD
of the Scout

Two of the three former Bradley soccer players convicted in the death of Danny Dahlquist have been denied readmission to the university, raising questions about whether the proper procedure was followed.

David Crady and Ryan Johnson reapplied to Bradley in January before starting their six-month sentences at the Peoria County Jail, though Associate Provost of Student Affairs Alan Galsky told them it wasn't necessary, Crady's mother Tricia said.

Galsky, who declined to comment on the situation, told them not to worry about reapplication and that he would take care of it when they were released from jail in July, Tricia Crady said.

David Crady

Ryan Johnson

Nick Mentgen

However, Galsky told the Scout in January that any student who leaves Bradley for a semester must reapply for admission.

"It's a shorter application process," he said. "But it's not automatic."

The two men decided to follow proper procedure, and they each filled out the one-page reapplication and sent it to admissions, though Galsky told the men they would have no problem being readmitted to Bradley, Tricia Crady said.

"He told David to make sure that his office was the first stop when he got out of jail," Tricia Crady said. "He did not need to worry about the readmission paper – that they would take care of it right in his office – and he would get him registered for classes."

She said Galsky was kind and compassionate, and he reiterated that the men should go to his office, not to admissions.

Near the beginning of April – about three months after sending their reapplications – Tricia Crady said she began to wonder about the status of her son's application, and she made several phone calls to various people at Bradley, including Galsky's office and the admissions office.

Tricia Crady said her family and the Johnsons then were requested to have separate meetings with

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RELAXING IN THE RAYS

From left to right: Freshman education major Liz Connelly, freshman AEP major Lauren Schofield and freshman psychology major Amy Stites reminisce about the school year on Sunday as they take a break from studying. Last weekend was one of the first this spring with temperatures in the 70s, and many students took advantage of the warm, sunny days without class. *photo by Megan Loos*

Bradley launches fundraiser campaign

BU announces $150-million goal at 'red-tie' gala

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

Bradley revealed its fundraising goal of $150 million last night during the launch of the Campaign for a Bradley Renaissance.

About 1,000 alumni, faculty, staff and students attended the "red-tie" gala at the Peoria Civic Center, where the university revealed it has raised $104 million to date. Caterpillar Inc. has donated $30 million – the largest gift in Bradley's history.

Notable campus changes as part of the campaign include adding Caterpillar's name to the College of Engineering and Technology.

An engineering and business convergence center is in the works, providing "high-tech classrooms and laboratories for multidisciplinary teams to design and produce real products," according to Senior Director of Public Relations Kath Conver.

"As a citizen of central Illinois, Caterpillar sees Bradley as a resource for economic development, and we count on Bradley to enhance the quality of our life in our community," Caterpillar Chairman and CEO James Owens said in a press release.

Bradley Board of Trustees Chairman Gerald Shaheen, who is also chairman of the campaign committee, listed other plans for the campus makeover, assuming Bradley reaches its fundraising goal.

Westlake Hall's interior will be renovated and expanded to 60,000 square feet.

The Markin Family Student Recreation Center, a major addition to campus, will likely be completed in August, Conver said.

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Today
76 / 41
Thunderstorms likely.

Saturday
62 / 42
Partly sunny.

Sunday
55 / 36
Cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms.

*Weather forecasts are according to the National Weather Service.

NEXT WEEK

For the last issue, the Scout sums up the top 10 stories of the school year.

Bradley Briefs

•"Accidental Death of an Anarchist" will be performed at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday with a 2:30 p.m. show Sunday in the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for students, $12 for faculty and $14 for adults.

•The Bradley High School Honor Band will perform from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students and $5 for the general public.

•Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia will sponsor 24 Hours of Music from 7 p.m. tonight to 7 p.m. Saturday on Olin Quad. The event will raise money for music education.

•Comedian and magician Sean O'Connor will visit campus from 7 to 9 tonight in Lydia's Lounge.

Sean O'Connor

•The Bradley Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band will perform from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students and $5 for the general public.

•The Bradley Chorale and Chamber Singers will perform from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students and $5 for the general public.

•Spring Fling will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday on Olin Quad. A picnic and games will be provided for students. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Michel Student Center.

•The Bradley Women's Choir will perform from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Dingeldine Music Center. Admission is free for students and $5 for the general public.

Around the World

Peoria woman says police used force in shooting

A lawsuit filed against two Peoria police officers alleges they used excessive force in a lethal shooting last year.

The lawsuit was filed by Jessica Flowers, girlfriend of James E. Lee, who was killed by Peoria police officers John Peterson and Robert McMillen last year.

Flower's attorney, Berve Power Jr., said during a press conference on Wednesday that Lee was unarmed and the use of force was unwarranted.

"From accounts that we know from Jessica Flowers, police officers shot through the door of the residence and we maintain that shooting through a closed door is not only reckless, but leads to situations like occurred here," Power said.

Power said Flowers was an innocent bystander and was shot in the right hand.

Lee and Flowers are plaintiffs in the lawsuit, which is seeking more than $100,000 per person.

Information from www.pjstar.com.

Chicago woman charged with drowning child

A South Side Chicago teenage mother was held on a $600,000 bond on Wednesday on charges of drowning her 5-month-old daughter.

Rozlynn Rodgers, 19, was charged with first-degree murder on Tuesday in the death of her daughter, Makalah. She later told authorities she drowned the child because she didn't want to be a mother any more.

She told police "she didn't want to be a mom anymore because she couldn't go to parties if she had to take care of the baby," Assistant States Atty. Mary Anna Planey said during a bond hearing on Wednesday.

Planey said Rodgers placed the child into a bathtub full of water on April 4. When the baby went under the water, Rodgers sat and watched for several minutes, Planey said. Someone else in the house dialed 911 after Rodgers removed the child from the tub.

Information from www.chicagotribune.com.

Clinton wins decisive victory in Pennsylvania

Sen. Hillary Clinton won a decisive victory over Sen. Barack Obama on Tuesday night in the crucial swing state of Pennsylvania.

Clinton won the popular vote with 55 percent, which will give her a boost going into the next contests in North Carolina and Indiana in two weeks.

The Clinton campaign has released statements saying her ability to carry key swing states proves she is the better candidate to face Sen. John McCain in November.

Meanwhile, Obama's campaign is struggling to gain back the support of the white working-class workers. However, Obama possesses more pledged delegates, a number which is impossible for Clinton to surpass.

The Obama campaign released a statement on Wednesday saying that the race is "fundamentally unchanged."

Information from www.nytimes.com.

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BU buys 400 tickets to Chiefs' game

Glasser will throw first pitch, "hang out" with students after

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Joanne Glasser

A petite woman will step foot on the pitcher's mound tonight, and she said the catcher better be ready.

University President Joanne Glasser will throw the first pitch tonight at O'Brien Field in front of students, faculty and the Peoria community during Bradley Night with the Peoria Chiefs.

Four hundred free tickets to the game are available for students today at 2 p.m. in the Michel Student Center. Students will also get a T-shirt, a free food coupon and a raffle ticket for a drawing. The tickets are first come, first serve, and students must have an *ID for each ticket they* are buying.

However, students who don't pick up a ticket can get into the game at a reduced charge because it is Bradley Night.

Glasser said she and Student Body President Jordan Ticaric decided the baseball game would be a good idea for the annual Bradley Night event.

"At the end of the academic year, this is a great opportunity for students to get together and have some fun before the last big push around finals," Glasser said. "In addition, I am always looking for opportunities to hang out with students."

Glasser said the soccer team is the guest of honor tonight.

The Chiefs will wear jerseys modeled after Bradley's soccer jerseys, and they will be auctioned off at the game. Proceeds from this year's raffle go to the Danny Dahlquist Scholarship Fund.

Glasser will throw the first pitch at 6:30 p.m. and stay for the game.

"I'm going as a fan," she said. "I hope to be sitting with the students to enjoy their company, the game and hopefully a warm evening."

Sophomore elementary special education major Casey Stark said she hears many students plan to attend.

"It's kind of a big deal that President Glasser is trying to get everyone together," Stark said. "She's not only pushing that people get together, but also that she's interested in being part of it."

Stark said she'd still attend the game even if the tickets weren't free.

Shuttle buses will run from the Student Center to O'Brien Field beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Pike philanthropy a shear success

BY EDGAR ORTIZ
for the Scout

Freshman civil engineering major Trent Ruestman grimaces as his head is shaved for Pi Kappa Alpha's St. Baldrick's Foundation charity event. *photo by Megan Loos*

Danielle Creamer raised $1,500 and lost her locks for charity on Wednesday afternoon.

Members of Pi Kappa Alpha and other students shaved their heads for donations to raise funds for Bradley's first St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser.

The organization raises awareness and funds to cure childhood cancer by supporting cancer research and fellowship.

Mechanical engineering major and Pike member Luke Soltis got his head shaved at the event and said it was fun to participate because it was for a good cause.

"The members of the fraternity were the first ones to do it," he said. "We thought it was great to raise money for the foundation."

Freshman accounting major Angelica Sanchez wandered among a crowd of people gathering to see the first few students shave their heads.

"I was on my way to class and decided to stop by and see what was going on," Sanchez said. "I wasn't aware that people were shaving their heads until I saw a bunch of guys and a girl with their heads shaved."

Sanchez considered the event a great way to raise awareness of kids with cancer, but she said she was only going to donate instead of shaving her head.

"I can't see myself without hair," she said. "I really think these guys are doing a good philanthropic event, and I support them, but I really like my hair."

Students had to first register and fill out a form, and then they waited in line to shave their heads, got some food or just tossed a football around.

Students could make contributions, too.

Junior entrepreneurship major and Pike member Brad Soyak said about 300 students donated.

At the peak of the event, there were hundreds of students on Olin Quad gathering around the people who decided to shave their heads.

Sanchez said it was a good day for the event.

"I was surprised to see how many people were here, and this is the first time I see this many people on the quad gathered together." Sanchez said. "I think the nice day was also a factor on the students' participation."

Soyak said people just wanted to have a good time besides contributing with their donations.

"This is a great cause," he said. "People are having a good time, we have free food, we have music and we are supporting a great organization."

8 sex offenders live on same streets as students

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

This map shows 17 registered sex offenders who live closest to campus. Black squares denote sex offenders, and white squares denote schools. *Graphic from www.familywatchdog.us.*

Afton Hallauer was buying batteries in Campustown during the summer when an older male approached her and said he had batteries in his truck she could come and get for free.

"It seemed highly unlikely that this fellow had any batteries for me in his truck," the freshman electronic media major said.

Hallauer said this situation has made her cautious of strangers around campus.

University Police Chief Dave Baer said some of the most polite individuals are the most conniving. Though the man who talked to Hallauer likely wasn't a sex offender, there are many near campus. However, they are difficult to identify.

"I don't know if there's any way to identify a sexual predator besides looking online, and even then it's not a guarantee. It's not like a scarlet letter," Baer said. "However, in the interaction between people, certain things should trigger to set off your safeguards and barriers."

Actions that should make individuals cautious include when people are grabby, touchy, angry or change when they've consumed alcohol, Baer said.

He said people have recently "begun doing their homework" on Web sites that provide names and addresses of sexual offenders, such as www.isp.state.il.us/sor/offenderlist.cfm.

According to the site, eight of the 17 sexual offenders in Bradley's zip code live on streets also common for student residences, with three on Columbia Terrace, two on University Street, one on Moss Avenue, one on Sheridan Road and one on Ayres Avenue.

College students are generally very accepting, but they need to be more cautious when strangers or acquaintances try to become intimate, he said.

Hallauer said she and her friends are careful when walking around campus, especially late at night, but she's not sure how the rest of campus is.

"It gives you a different attitude after something like [the battery incident] happens," she said. "When people get completely smashed and go out, that's probably not the best idea. Friends need to use the buddy system."

Sexual offenders can be defined by many offenses. Six of the eight individuals closest to campus committed crimes to children younger than 18.

"These individuals, in my opinion, take advantage of individuals in a variety of ways," Baer said. "Being older or stronger, in a position where they can take advantage such as a coach or with very young kids, they'll try to get youngsters to be on their side."

This is done by making games out of sexual contact or making the children swear to secrecy, he said.

All of the sexual offenders who live near campus are listed as compliant, meaning they register annually with Illinois State Police.

There are 383 sexual offenders in Peoria, according to the site, which is updated daily.

Speaker tells emotional story about drunk driving

BY JESSICA LAMPE
for the Scout

More than 600 people filled Neumiller Hall Saturday to hear Mark Sterner speak about his experiences with drinking and driving.

After being introduced, he showed a short video he and his friends made while on Spring Break in Florida, the night he said changed his life.

"We made the tape so we could look back and see how stupid we were and how much fun we had in college," Sterner said. "Now we will never sit around and watch this tape, because only 15 minutes after we finished making it, my three best friends were dead."

Sterner said he and his friends were on Spring Break in Fort Myers, Fla. during his senior year in college when they made a decision that would change their lives – the decision to drive drunk.

Two of Sterner's friends were killed when they were thrown into trees, and the third was crushed and killed. A fourth friend suffered minor injuries.

After the video, Sterner described what it was like waking up in the hospital, not knowing how he got there.

His older brother told him his three best friends were dead, and then two Florida police officers entered his room and read him his rights.

"I never thought that one decision that one night, could hurt those I loved the most," he said. "As I watched my family cry, I realized that I would not be the first in my family to graduate college, but I would be the first to go to prison."

Spending three years in a high-security Florida prison was not the worst consequence, Sterner said.

"More than half the inmates in my cell block were in prison for life, and half of those had life without parole," he said. "They had nothing to lose but their reputations, and they were not about to let a college kid get off easy. But you could find the worst prison in the world, and I would go there for life if it meant giving those three guys a chance to say goodbye to their families for just 10 minutes."

Sterner, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity in college, said feeling like he let his brothers down was the worst part of his entire experience.

"It's about a bond between you and your brothers or sisters," he said. "If they have a problem, talk to them, don't kick them out. I know I didn't take care of my brothers."

Mike Manseau, director of risk management for the Interfraternity Council, said he knew this presentation would have a lasting effect on students.

"Mark said the worst part was that he's spoken to over a million college students, but he does not know if any of them will listen," Manseau said. "But, as I looked around at people in the audience, I knew they were listening."

Sterner told the crowd that life is all about choices.

"My friends trusted me that night, and they made the wrong choice," he said.

Mark Sterner addresses the Bradley community Saturday, sharing his drinking and driving experience as a part of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council's risk management program. *photo by Amber Huett*

Heitz workout room to close despite students' efforts

BY MAUREEN HORCHER
of the Scout

Senate sent a letter to administrators last week asking them not to close Heitz Hall's workout facility when the new one opens on the other side of campus.

Student Body Secretary Lisa Beltrame created a petition for students to sign if they wanted the facility available after the Markin Family Student Recreation Center opens in the fall.

Vice President for Business Affairs Gary Anna said the 3-year-old workout facility will close when Heitz is renovated, but he didn't specify a date.

About 200 to 250 students use Heitz's workout equipment daily, Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports Mike Keup said.

Beltrame met with Keup to discuss the student perspective.

Beltrame said dorm residents complained it's less convenient to walk across Olin Quad to workout rather than to Heitz.

She said some students are also nervous to walk alone at night.

Freshman biology major Leanne Murphy said the closing would be a disappointment – more for convenience reasons than safety.

Murphy will live in the dorms again next year. However, she said she won't mind walking to the Markin Center if there is quality equipment.

"If Markin will be as nice as Heitz and Haussler put together, it'll be worth going over there," she said.

Beltrame also said some women work out in Heitz because most men don't go there, so they feel less self-conscious about their bodies.

She said Senate is sending the letter now instead of later, so the administration is aware of student opinion.

"[Senate] wants to send a letter now because it will be a lot easier to try to keep it rather then get it back," she said. "We're really trying to work with the administration here because we really want to keep this open."

Keup and Anna said once the Markin Center is built, the original purpose of the Heitz facility won't stand.

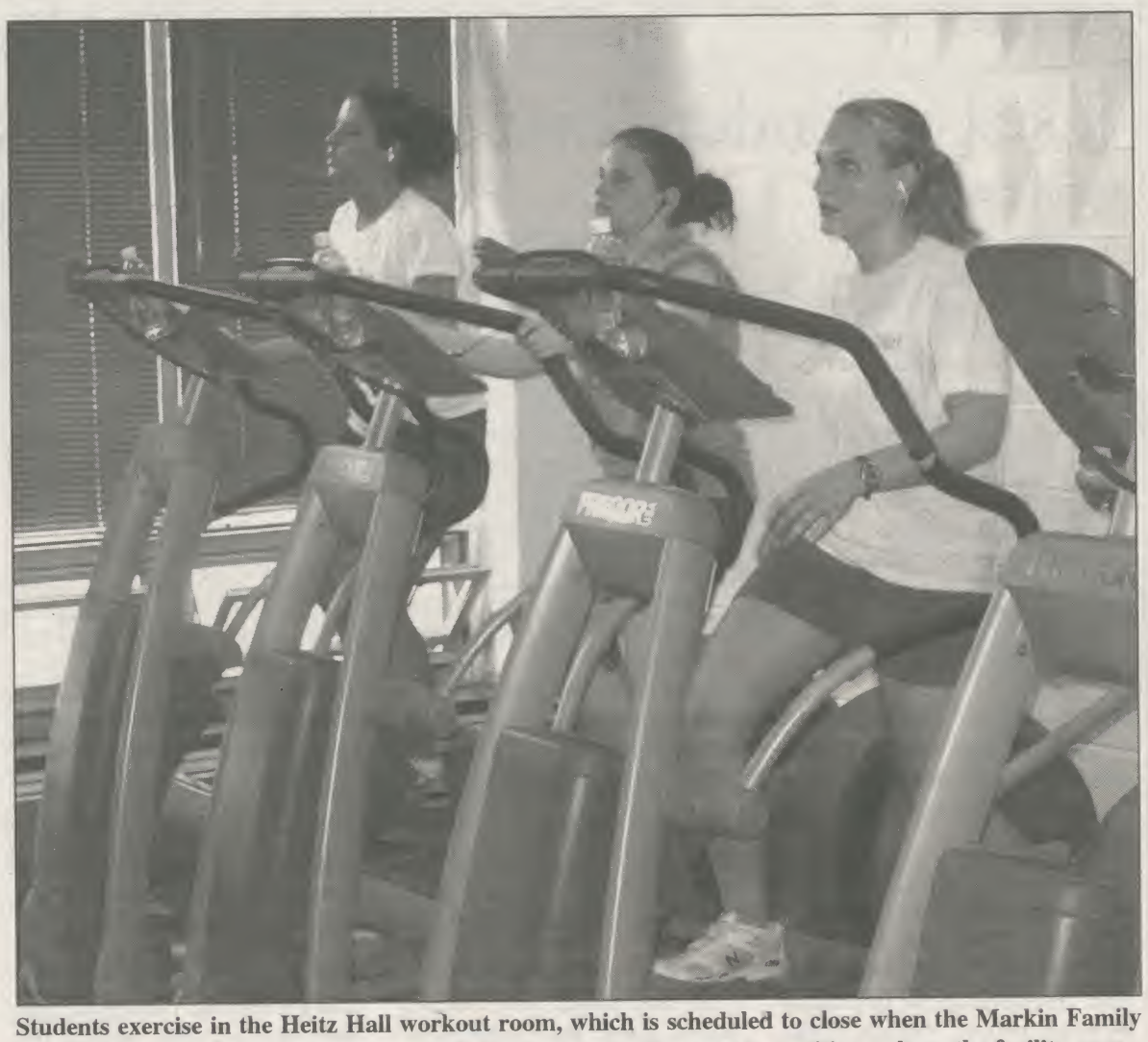
Administrators moved equipment to Heitz because there were long lines for machines at Haussler.

"When you commit wholeheartedly to what we're doing with the Markin Center, it's hard to believe you need a satellite facility to meet the needs and the demands of the community," Keup said.

He said managing Heitz is a challenge because it's another place to maintain equipment, and he must also staff the facility.

Keup said he realizes it's less convenient for students who live near or in the dorms to walk to the Markin Center, but he said he thinks students will see that it's worth the walk.

"The new facility is not done, so it's hard for some people to visualize how nice this facility is going to be until they walk in," he said. "What [Heitz] offers isn't even close to what people are going to have in the Markin Center."



Students exercise in the Heitz Hall workout room, which is scheduled to close when the Markin Family Student Recreation Center opens next fall. Students recently created a petition to keep the facility open. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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Editorial

At the very least, families deserve answers

With the three men responsible for the death of Danny Dahlquist not returning to Bradley, it seems the central argument would be whether the university made the right decision.

However, there are much more puzzling questions to which the Bradley community should turn its attention: did the university follow the proper procedure? Why did Bradley never grant the men hearings when they all attended the entire fall 2007 semester? David Crady's mother Tricia said the families "just wanted to get it done and out of the way," but Bradley didn't give them a chance, she said.

Was the university waiting to hear the court's decision? All that's changed since last semester is that the men began their jail sentences. But Associate Provost of Student Affairs Alan Galsky told the Scout in January that the university operates independently from Illinois and federal law, so why would the court's decision matter?

In his rejection letters to Crady and Ryan Johnson, Galsky said the men were denied readmission because they were "in violation of Illinois law and Bradley's Standards of Conduct." Those are the Standards of Conduct that come from the same handbook that says the men have a right to a fair hearing.

Galsky told the Scout in September that the university follows the same procedures for every case.

"We have to follow the same process every time," he said. "It's really critical."

But it just doesn't add up.

Until recently, when Crady's and Johnson's reapplications were denied, the families said they were treated with the utmost compassion. During a time of grief and anxiety brought on by a looming court date and a probable jail term, the families said the university quelled their fears and offered assurance that everything would work out.

Tricia Crady said Galsky told the families not to worry about reapplication to Bradley and that he would take care of it when they were released from jail in July.

"I was so grateful for him taking the time to meet with David on this very dark day in his life that I even sent him a beautiful thank you card," Tricia Crady said. "I thanked him for bringing light to David at such a dark time. I thanked him for his time and for giving David something to think about while in jail. We knew then that we did not have to think about readmission to Bradley."

Nick Mentgen's mother Jeanne said her son didn't reapply because Galsky convinced them it wasn't necessary.

"He was so warm and genuine – very, very kind and loving," she said.

Then why, three months later, did the Cradys and Johnsons each receive a two-sentence letter denying the men readmission to Bradley without an explanation?

The families feel betrayed by the same people who promised support and understanding and by the university who gave them hope of light at the end of the tunnel.

Of course, when top administrators decline comment and the university's side isn't represented, a one-sided account is the inevitable result. But when three families tell the same story, it's impossible to ignore. And it's difficult to overlook the unanswered questions.

Instead of resolution and closure, Bradley is opening its wounds and raising questions: who made the decision not to readmit the men? Why were the men allowed to attend Bradley during fall 2007, and what has changed since then that has made the university reject their applications? How long was Bradley going to wait to tell them the decision? Would the families not have found out until the men were released from jail had they not continued to call the university?

And most importantly, why didn't the men or their families get a chance to defend themselves or present their cases in a hearing?

It's difficult to pinpoint which is the most important question. But the Cradys, Johnsons and Mentgens deserve responses to all of them. And so does the Bradley community.

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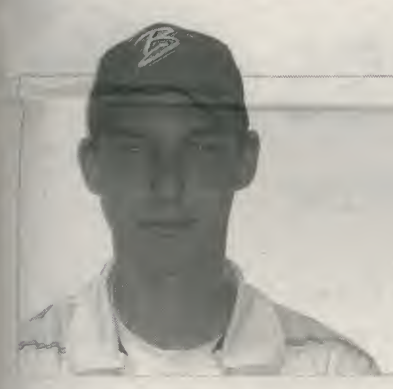

Adam Mettrick
Sports editor

College years provide a wealth of life experience

Gather 'round kids – this old man has some stories to tell and lessons to teach.

How old am I, you ask? Well, let's see.

When I arrived at Bradley as a freshman, Bradley Hall had yet to be renovated and University Hall still had a fully functional cafeteria. Your beloved Starbucks was still a restaurant called "The Lodge."

That's not all. I came to BU when the workout room in Heitz was still a study lounge, when Bacci was still Jesters and when Tau Epsilon Phi was still a fraternity on campus.

I could probably go on like that for a while, but I won't. I know you youngsters don't like it when we old-timers ramble on.

OK, so I'm not really that old, but as a fifth-year senior and the elder statesman of the Scout's staff, I often feel closer to 72 years old than I do 22.

But while my hair isn't quite gray yet, I've still seen a lot in my time here at the Hilltop and learned a thing or two along the way.

One of the most important things I've learned is that life is short.

Cliche as that sounds, it's true. I've already seen far too many young people die before their time.

Two members of my freshman-year floor have already passed away, and three more Bradley students have died this year alone. Countless other college students were killed in shootings at Virginia Tech University and Northern Illinois University.

That's an awful lot of young people meeting untimely deaths.

Unfortunately, they don't hit home for a lot of college students, who continue to live their lives as if they're invincible.

I'm not saying you need to completely alter the way you live your life. What I'm suggesting is to merely step back from time to time and appreciate the things you have and the people you love.

None of these things will last forever.

The second lesson I have for you today is another that you may have heard before – happiness is more important than money.

In other words, don't pick a career because you know you'll make a lot of money. Instead, pick something you love to do.

You might be surprised to learn that I came to Bradley as a computer science major, thinking I'd make plenty of dough working on computers for some massive corporation.

But wait, you thought all journalism majors were too dumb to do something as difficult as computer science?

Well, you thought wrong.

I was more than capable of handling the subject. The problem was that I found programming about as interesting as reading a book on tax law.

So instead of computer science, I decided to pursue a career that involved something I'm passionate about – sports.

I opted to become a sports writer, and it was the best decision I've ever made. I know I'll never make a lot of money, but I'm doing something I love, and that's far more satisfying than a big paycheck.

I advise you all to do the same thing. Boring yourself to death for money just isn't worth it.

Not everything I've learned in my time here at Bradley is quite so serious and philosophical though.

I've also learned that betting friends to say and do stupid – but harmless – things will always be funny, that I'll never be too old to watch classic cartoons and that combining Diet Coke and Mentos creates some spectacular fun.

And I've learned that no matter how much I try to learn about women, I will never, ever understand them.

But by far the most important thing I've learned during my time in college is that, uh, um. Wait, I forgot what I was going to say.

That must be the Alzheimer's kicking in.

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Relay for Life nearly reaches fundraising goal

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

The red carpet has been rolled up from this year's movie-themed Relay for Life, but the donations are still making debuts on the charity scene.

Last weekend, Bradley's fourth annual Relay for Life took place in Haussler Hall rather than on Olin Quad because of rain.

The event, which took place from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday, brought in a record number of participants, event co-chair Ellen Hanson said.

"Participation was way up this year," Hanson said. "There were about 50 more participants than usual, more or less."

Thirty-five teams registered for the event this year, however, only 32 teams were present, freshman social work and religious studies major Annie Azriel said.

"We kept the teams coming from the Bradley campus and didn't open it up to the community," she said. "Peoria has its own Relay, so we wanted to keep our Bradley community. There was one team of alumni who came out to support the cause."

Relay took up all three of the Haussler gyms, devoting two and a half to the walking path and the rest to the stage event.

The event began with the survivor lap, honoring and remembering those who have battled cancer. This year, four students and one parent walked in the survivor lap.

Throughout the night, students participated in a number of fun events at Relay. "Hairspray" was played to follow the movie theme of the night, along with appearances by BBQ Kitten and the color guard.

Themed laps also took place throughout the evening, with students walking around dressed up to fit the theme. Some of the night's themes included superhero and decade laps.

One team, called Fashion Focus, based their team on the movie "The Devil Wears Prada" and walked the entire first lap in heels, Azriel said.

The highest fundraising team on campus came from the Leadership Lifestyles floor of University Hall. Azriel, who is a resident of this floor, said the amount they raised was more than they could have imagined.

"All together, we raised approximately $4,500 as a floor," she said. "We were all really proud of the work we did."

With a fundraising goal of $36,000, the Bradley Relay for Life is well on its way to reaching its benchmark.

"In my last count, $35,346 was the amount we raised," said Hanson. "However, we are still receiving checks. I was given two today in fact. We would like to surpass our highest amount of $45,000, which we achieved in our first year, but we are happy with passing our regional office goal of $36,000."

Participants begin the 12-hour walk around Haussler Hall for Relay for Life on Friday.

photo by Saleena Fortunato

Hanson said she believes that Relay is something necessary to the campus community.

"It's a good way to get students to start thinking about cancer awareness and funding research for cancer cures," said Hanson. "Relay is a great way for students to have fun as a group while gaining the responsibility as students to raise money for a great cause."

Azriel said students also gain some valuable experience from Relay that goes beyond being involved on campus.

"Students get a sense of pride and accomplishment while helping to fight for something that we hope to see in the near future," Azriel said. "Cancer affects almost everyone, and together, we can and will find a cure in the very near future."

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Group walks Main Street, surveys pedestrians

BY PAT OLDENDORF
of the Scout

More than 10 people gathered on Main Street last Saturday morning to take part in a walking audit.

The people were residents of the West Bluff neighborhood and members of the Campaign for a Walkable West Bluff. Their goal was to photograph and record conditions on Main Street and interview any pedestrians to find out their views of what Main Street should be.

West Peoria resident and group member David Pittman said his vision for the corridor went beyond Main Street.

"I'm hoping they'll go along Western [Avenue] to the Radisson as well," he said. "Ring Bradley with walkable areas. Bradley Avenue should be a gateway to the university."

The group was separated into three teams, one for each "node" of Main Street.

The first node, the university node, spans from about Main Street to Sheridan Road. The second, the technology node, anchored by the PeoriaNEXT Center, spans from about Sheridan to Glen Oak Avenue. The third, the medical node, anchored by the hospitals, spans from about Glen Oak into downtown.

As the teams returned from the audit, there were several common complaints.

The complaints ranged from narrow walkways, lack of crosswalks, short cross-walk times, cracks in the sidewalks and cars driving too close to the sidewalk.

The group's goals for the university node include retail shops, restaurants and more public areas such as parks, Lisa Ferolo, co-organizer for the WWB said.

"Students use Main as much, if not more, than residents," she said. "There should be trees to buffer the sidewalks from traffic. There should be wider sidewalks. We want to make it not only pedestrian friendly and safe, but to change the infrastructure as well."

Freshman psychology major Hayley Braatz said she also wants to see safer conditions and small retailers along the street.

"I hate that you feel like you're about to get hit by a car every time you walk on Main," she said. "I think opening some new businesses would be a really good idea. There are only restaurants now, and it would be nice to go into a small shop from time to time."

Ann Bartolo, another co-organizer, said she has been in contact with Student Body President Jordan Ticaric, who she said has informally surveyed students about Main Street.

"We have excitement and vision for Main Street," Bartolo said. "It seems that students have the same wants as the residents, such as a book store and a coffee lounge. More services like hair and nail salons – things like that. And people also say they want retail, almost any kind of retail, especially like you would see around other campuses."

Ferolo said her group isn't expecting any big-box retail stores to relocate to the area because that wouldn't be a good fit.

Freshman photography major Dana Mashek said she thinks the section of Main Street close to campus needs to be renovated.

"I would like to see more shops that are open and welcoming to the public instead of all these run-down buildings that are always closed and uninviting," she said. "I would also like to see better looking sidewalks. They're pretty dirty."

Ferolo also said she hopes with the city's study of vehicle traffic on Main and her group's study of pedestrian traffic, there will be many ideas to improve the street.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Bradley Hall 139. Ferolo said students are encouraged to attend.

SABRC allocates most money for entertainment

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Student Senate unanimously passed the Student Activities Budget Review Committee's budget this week, allocating 23 student organizations money next year.

One of the most costly allocations is $14,036 for the Marty Theatre.

"Because movies shown in the Marty Theatre are often shown *between theater release* and DVD release, it costs quite a bit to purchase the rights to the show," SABRC chairman Jake Schmitt said. "The proposal received funding because SABRC feels that this is an event the entire student body continues to take advantage of each week."

More than $5,000 was allocated for Welcome Week activities.

More than $14,000 was allocated for intramural and club sports fees, which include referee, umpire, league and tournament costs.

Funds for lectures and comedians both received more than $12,000.

Four organizations requests' were denied, but SABRC declined to comment as to which organizations or why.

SABRC receives its funding from a $35 activities fee included in tuition and a $32,400 contribution from the university. It estimates how much money it will have to spend in the next year based on projected student enrollment.

Schmitt said funding changes on a year-to-year basis.

"SABRC is made up of students that come from a variety of organizations and backgrounds," he said. "As a result, we feel we are able to make decisions that accurately reflect the needs and wants of the campus as a whole."

Next year's budget was created projecting the organization will have $320,000.

SABRC immediately allocated $83,200 for major concerts, and $15,000 for emergency appeals.

These appeals can be made anytime during the school year by an organization directly asking SABRC for funding.

The organization allocated about $150,000 for specific events next year, and set aside a little over $100,000 for organizations that won't make requests for spring 2009 until next semester.

There were nine categories for requests including administrative, music, comedy, performing arts, novelty, films, lecture, sports and publication.

Films and sports were the only categories to receive all requested funds.

Schmitt said SABRC could only afford to fund part of the requests many organizations made, but it encourages organizations to continue coming to SABRC for funding even if events couldn't be funded this year.

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Music fest to raise funds for schools

BY ANNE CREIGHTON
for the Scout

For the 10th year, 24 Hours of Music will take over Olin Quad today to raise money for District 150's music programs.

"It's going to be a good time," said Jess Lammers, co-chair for the event. "Everyone is welcome to bring tents and sleeping bags and pillows."

More than 24 bands and performers will play between 7 tonight and 7 p.m. Saturday. Many Bradley students will be on stage, Lammers said, but there are also a few bands from around the Peoria area as well as St. Louis, Chicago and Indiana.

Junior accounting major Brian Lock said he's excited to attend the event for the first time.

"I lived in Geisert when the Geisert 8 Band formed, and I'm excited to check them out," Lock said. "It sounds like it's a great showcase of campus talent, and you get to hear a lot of different styles of music being played."

Sophomore psychology major Kirsten Juhl said she is attending for the second time and she is looking forward to seeing her brother, Eric Juhl, perform.

"I went last year, and it was really good," Juhl said.

The event is hosted by Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the two music fraternities on campus.

Sophomore Barry Draper, the treasurer for Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, said he has a couple favorites he's excited to see perform, such as junior music and English major Jared Bartman and On the Rocks.

"They are interesting and unique in their own special way," Draper said.

Draper also said the event is important because it helps the members of the music fraternities pursue their missions to advance music.

Many of the schools in District 150 are only getting about $120 a year for their music programs, Lammers said.

"There is technology-based learning for music that costs a lot of money, and we want to help the Peoria schools get these things," she said.

Lammers said she hopes the fraternities can reach their donation goal of $1,000.

To help reach their goal, an Apple iPod valued at $400 will be given away in a raffle. One ticket is 25 cents, and five tickets are $1. Students must be present to win.

WHOI will broadcast the weather on Saturday morning live from Olin Quad support the event.

The schedule of performances can be found at Myspace.com/24hoursofmusic.

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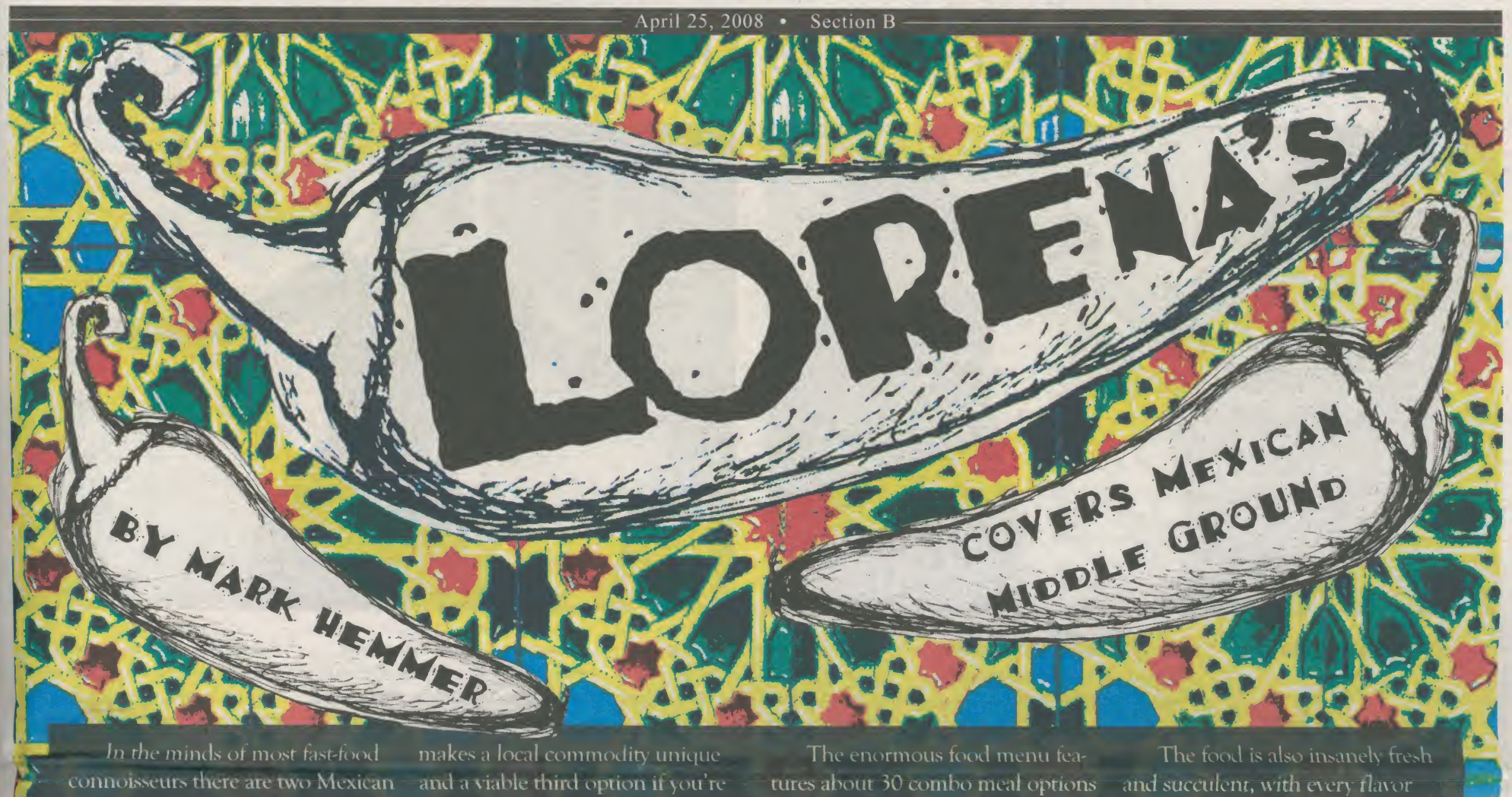

In the minds of most fast-food connoisseurs there are two Mexican restaurants. The first is a low-grade, but dependable, source for gorging known as Taco Bell.

The second is the "premium" delicacies offered by Chipotle. Sure, Qdoba and La Bamba exist. But to keen consumers, they're simply Chipotle wannabes and digestive death certificates, respectively.

Unbeknownst to many, there is a third way to cross the border and satisfy your stomach at the same time. Whatever city you're in, a smaller hole-in-the-wall burrito joint is somewhere around the corner.

In the case of Lorena's Mexican Restaurant, it's situated at 422 Riverside Drive in East Peoria.

While having less resources, man power and money than a national chain, Lorena's does an excellent job of covering up its weaknesses and highlighting what makes a local commodity unique and a viable third option if you're in a Mexicano mood.

Walking into Lorena's, it's apparent that the atmosphere is very different from a chain restaurant. The walls are hand-painted and give the customer the illusion that outside the walls is a pasture in rural Mexico – complete with horses, mariachi men and fresh cut watermelon sitting on the windowsill.

The tables were noticeably clean and seating wasn't a problem. After being seated, a waiter appeared at the table with a bowl of tortilla chips and a red semi-hot salsa. Hot sauce was already available on the table along with any other pertinent dressings.

If you're of age, the drink menu looks adequate and includes several flavors of margaritas a number of beers. If you're not, your drink choices remain the standard lemonade, soda and iced tea selections.

The enormous food menu features about 30 combo meal options which allows customers to sample two or more Mexican mainstays.

The menu is full of smaller font and is almost overwhelming to read at some points. From the long list of combos to a page devoted to specialties like burritos, carne azucla, alambres and chimichangas, Lorena's boasts the "War and Peace" of menus.

Food arrives very hot, so be careful. The fried steak chimichangas were served with beans, guacamole, lettuce, sour cream and cheese. Needless to say, customers can throw a mouth fiesta no matter what dish they order. The combo meals come stacked with a similar array of flavors, which also can include rice, salsa and tomato.

The platter of food is daunting, but it makes it hard to leave hungry, which fulfills the purpose of eating in the first place.

The food is also insanely fresh and succulent, with every flavor trying to stand out at once. The guacamole was tastily refreshing and complimented the searing hot entree well.

Even though the portions may not be right for an average meal and the check was generic and hard to read, the food hits the spot and pleasures the taste buds.

The service was diligent and hard working and the price range (starting at about $8) won't put a dent in your wallet. Also, Lorena's features live mariachi music from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays.

So bring a few friends, a group outing or maybe a date (but probably not), to Lorena's Mexican Restaurant. You'll leave content and you'll have a new option for those late-night burrito runs.

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

"Accidental Death of an Anarchist," 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for Bradley students.

Live at the Five Spot presents **"Larry Harms & the ICC Jazz Band,"** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is $6 for student members, $9 for student non-members.

SATURDAY

"Accidental Death of an Anarchist," 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for Bradley students.

ACBU presents **"Sweeney Todd,"** 6 to 8 p.m. in the Marty Theater. Admission is $1 for students.

SUNDAY

"Accidental Death of an Anarchist," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for Bradley students.

Misplaced white nerd almost saves 'Kingdom'

But even Jackie and Jet can't save movie

BY ERIK JOHNSON
for Voice

Upon seeing a preview for "The Forbidden Kingdom," you would expect it to be a film about two of the greatest martial arts actors in the world fighting a lot of the worst ones.

What you don't expect is it to be a movie about a random time-traveling white kid who can't fight.

That's right, what they didn't tell you in the preview was that the main character of the martial arts epic starring Jackie Chan and Jet Li is actually a time-traveling cross between Shia LaBeouf and the Karate Kid.

Jason, played by Michael Angarano ("Seabiscuit") is just a wimpy Boston youth with an obsession for martial arts films that borders on a fetish. He spends all of his time at an Asian pawn shop.

When some saucy Italian bullies rob the store, he gets sent on a ridiculous time journey to ancient China, bearing a magical staff and the instruction to "return it to its rightful owner."

Once he lands in China with absolutely no idea what is going on, he is rapidly attacked by an army of horse-riding Asians chasing after the same magical staff that's responsible for his time warp.

Fortunately for him, the alcoholic Lu Yan (Chan, "Rumble in the Bronx") is passing and manages to outfight 40 of the Jade Warlord's finest troops while completely smashed.

Recognizing the staff, Lu Yan takes Jason with him to tell him the legend of the Monkey King, a cheery immortal who wielded a magical staff and protected the land from the Warlord. He was tricked into dropping his staff, and the Monkey King was turned to stone until the staff could be returned to him.

When the legend is complete, Lu and Jason attempt to skip out on their check and leave the restaurant, but they are stopped by yet another conveniently placed army of comically inept soldiers. This time, they are saved by the young and beautiful Sparrow, played by newcomer Liu Yifei.

With the addition of another random character, it's time to set off on an epic quest to save China from the Warlord and learn just how terrible Jason is at fighting.

Honestly, if they were going to put in the random white guy, he could at least have been a closet Kung-Fu master.

Anyway, they head for the desert, where the staff is suddenly stolen by yet another completely arbitrary character. The Silent Monk (Jet Li, "Cradle 2 the Grave") is

"The Forbidden Kingdom"

Jackie Chan
Jet Li

Grade: C-

on a quest to find the Seeker of the staff. Seeing Jason carrying it, he misses the obvious logical deduction that Jason is in fact this mysterious Seeker, and instead just steals it and hides in a cave.

Lu Yan fights the monk, and it's awesome. Then they realize they should all work together and head off to save the world from the Warlord.

The acting in this film is just about what you'd expect from the cast. Acting has never been a strength point of Chan or Li, and "The Forbidden Kingdom" is no exception.

They aren't particularly bad, they just don't really do anything good either. To be fair, the writing isn't particularly strong, but they still could have risen above it.

Angarano was pretty weak as well. He just didn't really have any good lines, and he didn't make any of the bad lines decent. As for Yifei, her character could have been played by a doll with a mean face on it.

However, all of the main characters delivered on the incredibly epic fight scenes front.

Even Jason, once he learned to fight, administered some pretty elaborate beat downs.

And as for Chan and Li, they gave exactly what they promised: flying, spinning around, punching, kicking and all sorts of awesome wall runs and such.

As with any martial arts film, there was no end to the army of pathetic henchmen, providing infinite fodder on which the good guys could practice the art of shaming your opponent's family. The fights were well-choreographed and encompassed a wide variety of styles, weapons and cool special effects. Other than the fights, though, the film had few redeeming characteristics.

The cinematography was unbelievably over the top. Every shot either spanned a cool move or approximately 500 miles of breathtaking scenery. The director had a tendency to make incredibly non-epic things look ridiculously epic, and after a while, you just get tired of it.

Sometimes you just want to see the characters walking and talking, not the specks representing them moving slowly up a mountain covered in pink blossoms disappearing into the clouds above, with waterfalls and castles at the top.

In the end, "The Forbidden Kingdom" was a letdown.

It seems impossible to mess up a martial arts film starring Chan and Li, but they pulled it off with this one.

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WHITESNAKE JUMPS ON '80s RESURGENCE BANDWAGON

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

Here they go again. Hair bands, that is. Only this time, they're not exactly on their own.

Few noticed, but Asia came out with an album a couple weeks ago. Yeah, the band Steve Carrell was "gay" for liking in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin." Next week, Def Leppard pours another hairspray can full of sugar on us with its latest disc.

And on "Good to be Bad," '70s upstarts Whitesnake suck in its collective beer gut to belt out 11 fat new anthems about not getting enough.

Enough of what? It doesn't matter.

Did someone turn the clock back 20 years? Next thing you know we'll be wondering where the beef is.

Whitesnake is just one of a few hair metal outfits that, like Pauly Shore or Vanilla Ice, just refuses to die. However, it deserves a place at the top of the heap. The band formed in the late 1970s in the ashes of underrated scuzz-groovers Deep Purple – automatically boosting credibility above contemporaries such as Ratt and Van Halen.

Sure, it's 2008, but lead singer and solè original member Dave Cloverdale still sings like he has something to prove – even if he sounds like he hasn't bought an album since 1993.

Two of the songs have the word "need" in the title. Three have "love." These guys sure are clingy. However, what they're clinging to isn't as clear.

One would think with an 11-year layoff between albums, originality wouldn't be a problem, even if the songs themselves sound familiar and tired.

But for Cloverdale and co., playing an old style of rock means lifting liberally from old songs – check the Led Zeppelin rip "Lay Down Your Love," where Cloverdale outright mugs Page and Plant's metal-boogie declaration "Black Dog," sneering the whole way home.

Songwriting quality notwithstanding, Whitesnake is well past its prime. The pop-metal genre was steadily dying back when Clinton took office, and while some music ages like wine – soul and post-punk come to mind – others take on an odd, creepy quality. Like your uncle when he introduces you to his "girlfriend" at Thanksgiving. Ew.

Like most bands that have been around since the me-decade, the voice – the bread and butter next to a greasy slab of guitars – isn't as sweet as it used to be. On matzah-ball ballads such as "All I Want, All I Need," Cloverdale's yearning tuff-guy croon is more weathered, showing age if not wisdom.

The next track, a caffeinated night out called "All for Love," finds him pledging "I'm gonna tear this place apart / just to get close to you" to a faceless mate, every word a processed rasp. However, in the preceding schmaltz, Cloverdale sounded like he tore himself up first.

This characteristic, however accidental, makes the leather-clad pining on songs such as "Summer Rain" more believable, more human than rock star. It's a suit that better fits Cloverdale.

When he sings, "these are the best years of my life," in the opening track "Best Years," you have to question who he's trying to convince. Syrupy Queen-esque guitars suggest more affinity for nostalgia than now. Maybe Cloverdale isn't trying to cling to a "who" as much as a "what." Fleeting youth? A size 32 waist? Maybe that car on which Tawny Kitaen famously preened in that music video for "Here I Go Again" (a Jaguar XJ, trivia dorks).

Parts of "Good to be Bad" are admittedly a thrill, but it's the kind of good fun that leaves you feeling a little gross afterward, like an ill-advised McDonald's run at 1 a.m.

Whitesnake albums went like hotcakes around the time many reading this were born, but "Good to be Bad" is just cold batter.

Then again, if your idea of a good day is killing off a case domestic beer with friends and complaining about union dues, then fire up the grill and crank the stereo to 11.

Whitesnake

"Good To Be Bad"

SPV; 2008

Grade: D+

Photo Poll

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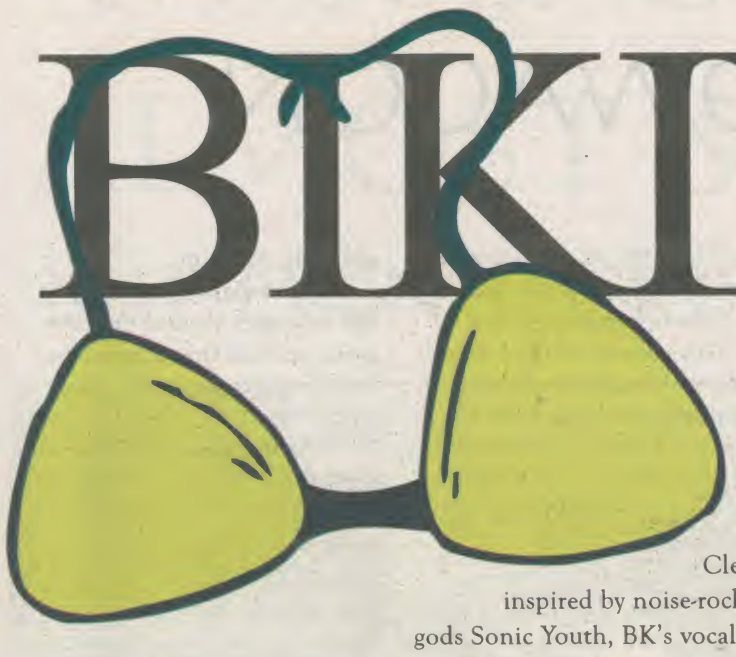

BY JUSTINE HARRIS
for Voice

An original founding band of the riot grrrl genre, Bikini Kill's music has blown dust off speakers for nearly two decades.

BK was undoubtedly influential to the hardcore punk music scene of the early '90s, paving the way for bands like Viva Knievil, Bratmobile and Hole.

One might sum up BK in general terms as "angry girl punk rock." It's definitely hardcore punk, and the band members are definitely angry girls, but that's all just an understatement.

Clearly inspired by noise-rock gods Sonic Youth, BK's vocals parallel those belted by Kim Gordon. Its chord progressions channel the Sex Pistols – loud and disorderly. Also thrown in the mix are hints of early frenzied Pixies. The result is an amazing set of albums that fit perfectly in any indie, punk and even grunge lover's collections.

Originally the name of a fanzine, BK was formed in Olympia, Wash., by Kathleen Hanna, Kathi Wilcox and Tobi Vail. They later recruited Billy Karren to complete the band, propelling it into punk rock stardom.

Its lyrics scream of feminism, anarchy and complete independence. Topics range from body image to sexuality, and coarse language weaves in and out like it's nothing.

This music is pure, unadulterated punk rock, and it's just amazing.

Its first album, "Bikini Kill EP," gained the band a voice in the world of punk music. While this first album wasn't well received, the band gained its potent bad-girl reputation from live performances.

Tops came off, mosh pits were declared "women-only" and uncontrollable violence erupted at each show.

Members of BK and Bratmobile began the idea of the riot grrrl movement, an underground subculture complete with feminist fanzines, self-publication and promotional artwork. At the time, punk music was entirely male-oriented, with bands like Bad Brains and Rancid piloting the genre.

The girls felt connected to the punk/grunge music field, but it wasn't enough for them just to be connected. They wanted to truly live it. Riot grrrl opened so many doors for women in punk rock music, endorsing female empowerment and political activism.

In creating the riot grrrl movement, BK was highly influenced by women in music such as Patti Smith, Aretha Franklin and Joan Jett.

From the get-go, BK was signed to the Kill Rock Stars indie label. (Alumni and recent artists of Kill Rock Stars include Elliott Smith, The Decemberists and Xiu Xiu, to name a few.)

Eight successful albums were harbored throughout the '90s by KRS Records, including "CD Version Of The First Two Records," "The Anti-Pleasure Dissertation," "Reject All-American" and a greatest hits album released in 1998.

In the early '90s, BK toured with Nirvana. (A big fan of BK, Kurt Cobain even dated drummer Vail for a short while.) The tour was a success, and the band's popularity soared.

However, with popularity came controversy, and the band was constantly misinterpreted throughout the media as being overzealous.

Successful as BK was in the underground scene, other band frequently missed the point. What was so great about BK was that the band didn't care what the media thought, nor what anyone thought, for that matter.

In all, BK's eight-year run was a complete success. Creativity in its publicity, feminism in its lyrics and an all-around bad girl disposition made the band a permanent staple in the history of hardcore punk.

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The center will include an indoor swimming pool, fitness facilities, a climbing wall, basketball courts and a cafe. The building will also house the Wellness Program, Health Center, Counseling Services and laboratory space for the Department of Nursing.

A 4,200-seat athletic performance center is in development and will serve as a home court for women's basketball, including new locker rooms, strength training, cardiovascular and whirlpool facilities and hospitality suites. The center will also function as a concert hall and convocation center. A Hall of Fame will be included to "honor Bradley legends," according to a press release.

The Puterbaugh Men's Basketball Practice Facility will share a wall with the athletic performance center and will include study areas, weight rooms, lounges and offices.

Bradley Hall may expand west, creating an area for an Alumni Center overlooking a new alumni quad with benches, walkways and open grass areas, located behind the hall. The facility would include a ballroom, an alumni hall of pride, a library and conference rooms.

The Campaign for a Bradley Renaissance also will include strengthening endowment and support to provide more scholarships, which the university hopes will help to attract a more diverse student body from across the country and provide technology to enhance learning.

Alpha Chi Omega loves its seniors

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The Library Column

This week's Did You Know?

The CREDO reference collection contains over 100 on-line electronic reference works including language and quotation dictionaries, five different encyclopedias, conversion tables and historical atlases. The Encyclopedia Britannica is also available separately.

Special announcement:

Midnight Munchies, the Library's effort to cure the hunger pangs associated with intense late night studying, begins the evening of Study Day on May 7th. Anyone wishing to make a contribution or volunteer to help with this very popular program should contact Sharon Obery at ext. 2850 or sobery@bradley.edu.

The secrets of Interlibrary Loan:

If you've never used Interlibrary Loan, (or ILL to insiders), you may think it's just another boring Library doodad the Librarians think you should know all about and you don't really care. I won't kid you, it's not as good as a free plasma TV, but it isn't a poke in the eye with a sharp stick either. All it does is get books and journal articles from another library when ours doesn't happen to own the item. There are a bunch of ways and places to place a request. Sometimes a database will provide a direct link to a pre-populated online form. Or you can find blanks forms through a link on the Library's home page. There's even a "Request" tab on the item record when you're in the consortium catalog. But here's the Big Secret you need to know if you do send in an order: The stuff doesn't come in immediately! Real human people actually handle each individual request and then manually fill the order, shipping it to us through one of several delivery channels. Sometimes we do get fast turn-around on things, however you can't count on that so here's another Secret: If you want to use things from other places, give yourself time to let the stuff come in. So how long does it take? Anywhere from 2-5 days on average.

Barbara's Thought of the Week:

"Always tell the Truth. That way you won't have to remember what it was you said."
Mark Twain

SOCCER MEN
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Galsky.

Tricia Crady said Galsky was "cold" during the meeting, which hadn't been his usual demeanor with them. He told them it was in the best interest of the university and their sons that their applications be denied. But he gave them no answers about who made the decision to deny the men readmission, Tricia Crady said.

"We were shocked," she said. "I do not need to tell you that I had to excuse myself from his office in tears."

The two families also received a two-sentence rejection letter from Galsky. The letters, which are identical aside from the men's names and addresses, states that the reason they are denied readmission is because they violated Illinois law and Bradley's Standards of Conduct, committing "acts that resulted in the death of a fellow Bradley student."

However, Galsky told the Scout in September that state or federal government doesn't usually affect the university's proceedings, if the student is also being charged on that level.

Nick Mentgen, the other Bradley student convicted in Dahlquist's death, did not receive a rejection letter because he did not apply for readmission, his mother Jeanne Mentgen said.

Her son didn't reapply because they trusted Galsky's word that the men would have no problem being readmitted, she said. Galsky told them Bradley doesn't have a policy that says felons can't attend, she said, and that he was there to help because the men are part of the Bradley family.

"For the most part, we've just done whatever they told us to do," Jeanne Mentgen said. "We've complied with everything … We never reapplied because [Galsky] said there would be no problem."

Normally, in a case involving student misconduct, Bradley sends that student a letter telling him the exact standard code he broke, according to the Student Handbook. That student then is supposed to have a hearing in which he is given a fair opportunity to refute the charges. The handbook states that "the institution not be arbitrary in its action, and that there be provision for appeal of decision."

Tricia Crady said the men were never told exactly what standard code they broke, and they never had a hearing, though they attended Bradley the entire fall 2007 semester.

However, Galsky told the Scout in September that the university follows the same procedures for every case.

"We have to follow the same process every time," he said. "It's really critical."

The only letter the men received in the fall, Tricia Crady said, was an Aug. 24 letter that said their participation in the fall 2007 semester was contingent upon an evaluation from Director of Counseling Janine Donahue. Donahue determined their mental and emotional states were satisfactory, so the men were allowed to enroll, Tricia Crady said.

"What's different now than in August?" she said. "Why lead them on and then pull out their support system? They need their friends and Bradley and the people who understand."

Tricia Dahlquist said her family didn't know the men weren't returning to Bradley until after the university made the decision. She said she and her husband, both Bradley employees, had nothing to do with the decision.

Crady, Johnson, Mentgen and Illinois Central College student Daniel Cox all pleaded guilty in January to involuntary manslaughter, a reduced felony, as part of a plea agreement with Peoria County State's Attorney Kevin Lyons.

The four men had been drinking with Dahlquist in an off-campus house at 2008 W. Laura Ave. Sometime after Dahlquist went to bed during the morning, the men gathered Roman candles and fired them underneath Dahlquist's door and into his room. Dahlquist was unable to escape, and an autopsy indicated he died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Lyons told the Scout in January that he understands what it means to be a college student, and he tried to put himself in the four men's positions.

"I have made decisions for a long time, and I have made much more difficult decisions than this," he said, referring to the plea agreement. "It's not the end of their lives. They will recoup and recover, and I know the Bradley community will help them do that."

Galsky, university spokesman Shelley Epstein, Vice President of Business Affairs Gary Anna and men's soccer coach Jim DeRose declined comment.

University President Joanne Glasser was out of the office and unavailable this week.

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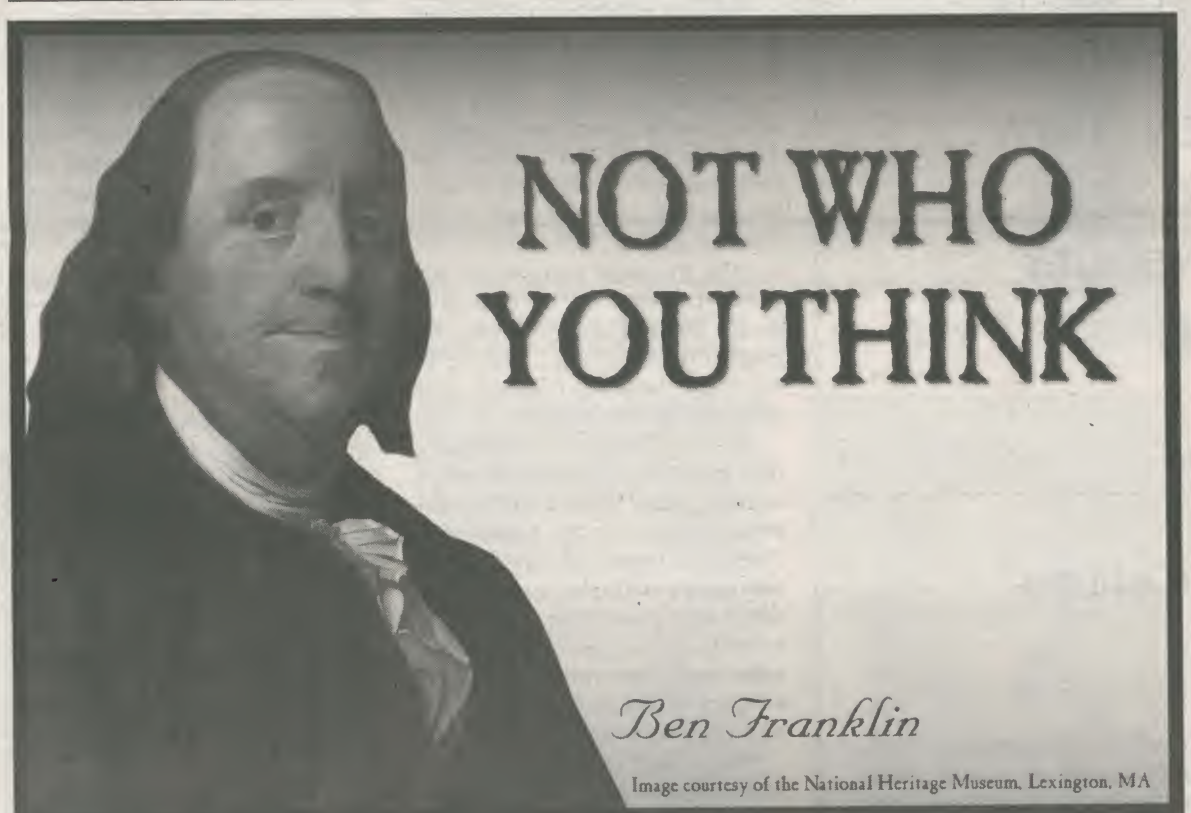

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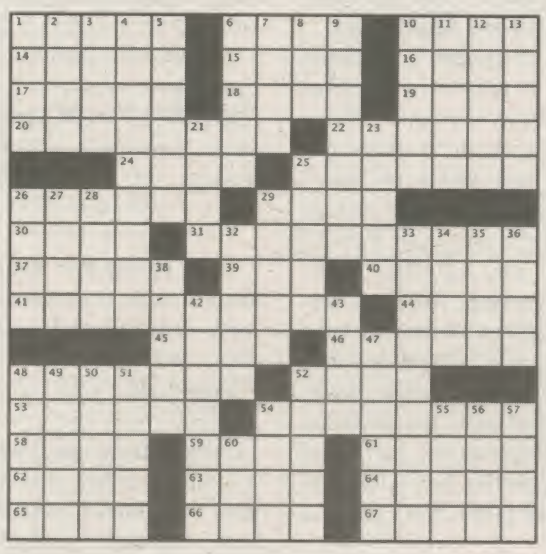

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20- Short note
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24- Inert gas
25- West Indian musical style
26- Missing
29- Album unit
30- Heavy hammer
31- Self-taught person
37- Pack leader
39- Pinch
40- Sorrow
41- Domain subject to a suzerain
44- Vexation
45- Baseball glove
46- Dinner course
48- Toward the shore
52- Duo
53- Hinder
54- Absurd
58- Affirm solemnly
59- Public disturbance
61- Adversary
62- Bound
63- Poems, often used to praise someone or something
64- Lowest point
65- Catch sight of
66- Bouquet
67- Ignore

Down
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2- Nimbus
3- Prepare a book or film for release
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5- Pre-Easter
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23- Chilly
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32- Join
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35- Central part
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42- Paradrop
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48- Angry
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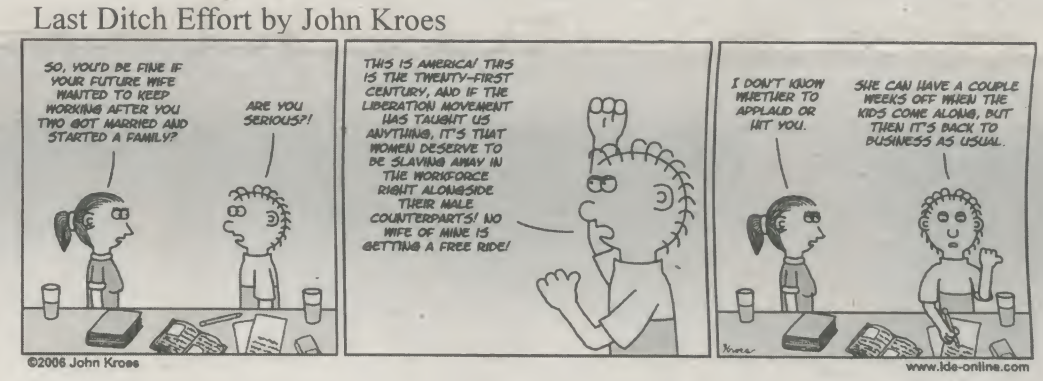

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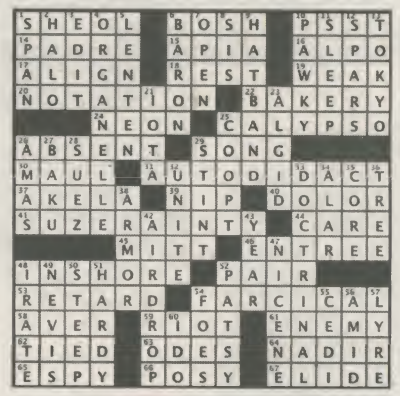

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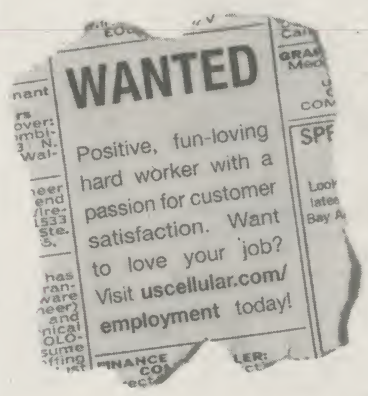

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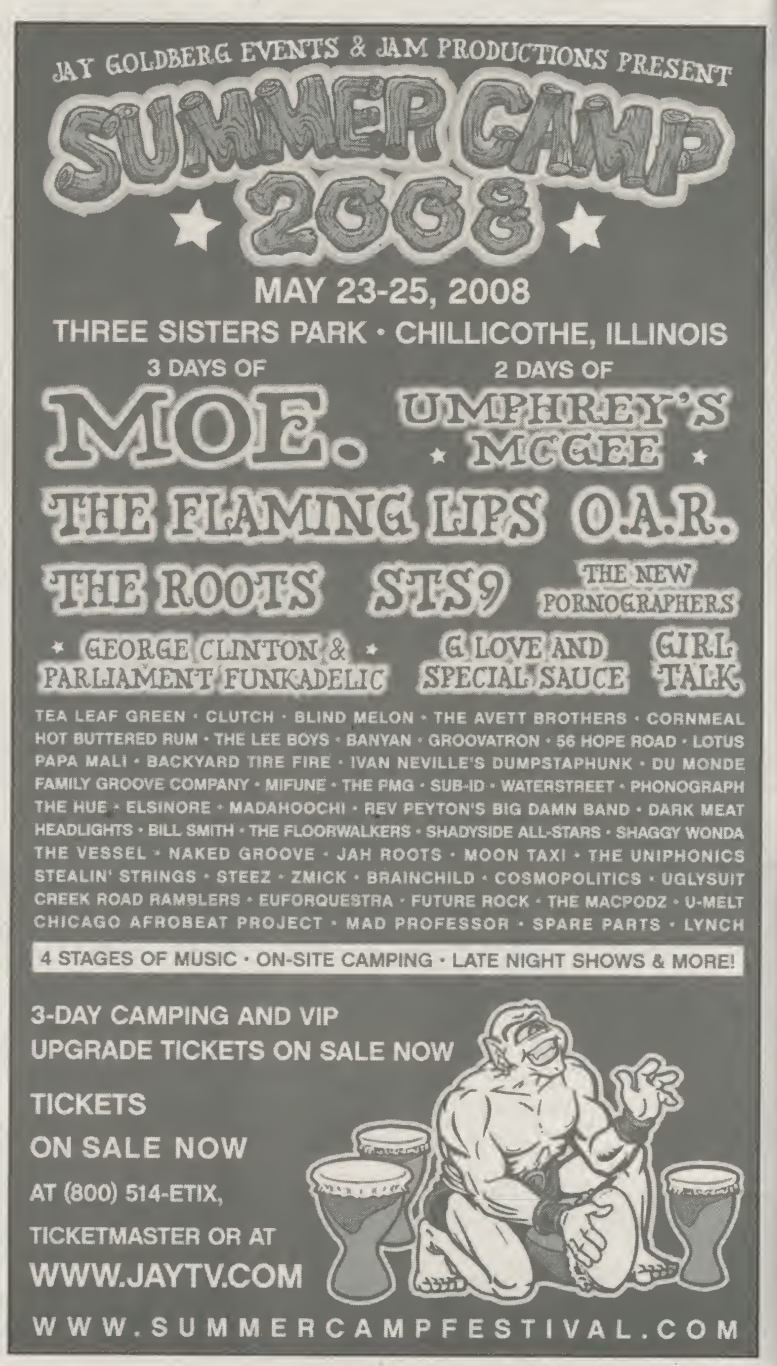

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Braves drop seven straight to end season

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The men's tennis team was shutout for the fourth and fifth times in a row last weekend.

The Braves started their weekend with a match at Southern Illinois. The Salukis dominated the whole match, sweeping the Braves in doubles play and losing just one set in singles.

Junior Evgeny Samoylov and freshman Milos Romic went down in No. 1 doubles, 8-4. Freshmen Vuk Bolic and Wilder Sampson fell 8-5 at No. 2 doubles and to complete the sweep, sophomore Richard Robertson and junior Michel Macara-chvili were defeated 8-7 in the No. 3 doubles match.

Bradley headed into singles play down 1-0 and couldn't bounce back from the early deficit.

Romic was the only Braves player to steal a set from the Salukis, as he took the second set to force a tiebreaker in the No. 2 singles. The third set didn't swing in his favor as the final scorecard read 6-2, 6-7, 6-0 for the Salukis.

Samoylov lost in straight sets in No. 1 singles, 6-0, 6-3. Bolic managed to only squirm out one point in his match at No. 3 doubles as he fell, 6-0, 6-1.

Macara-chvili then lost in the fashion of 6-3, 6-2 and Sampson failed to win a point as he was swept, 6-0, 6-0.

Robertson lost in an abbreviated match, 8-5. The victory was already secured for the Salukis so both sides agreed to call it quits.

Coach Jacek Wolicki could not be reached for comment for the third consecutive week.

Indiana State 7, Bradley 0

A new day for Bradley gave the same results, as it was swept again to conclude the regular season.

Samoylov and Romic were able to go out on top in doubles pairings, as they won their match, 8-7.

The victory gave the pair their sixth victory this spring and second in conference.

The win at No. 1 doubles wasn't enough to give the Braves an edge as the No. 2 and 3 doubles were lost to the hands of the Sycamores.

Macara-chvili and Robertson lost, 8-5, while Bolic and Sampson were bested, 8-2.

Samoylov couldn't ride his own momentum from the doubles match as he lost in the No. 1 singles game, 6-1, 6-3. Romic suffered the same fate, as he lost in the No. 2 singles, 6-3, 6-2.

Bolic stumbled in his loss at No. 3 singles, 6-2, 6-4.

Macara-chvili gave his second set a tough fight, but couldn't finish it off, as he lost, 6-1, 7-6.

Sampson started off winning the first set, 6-4, against his opponent in No. 5 singles. He lost the second set, 6-3, and, at the tiebreaking third set, Sampson was ousted, 10-6.

Robertson competed at No. 6 singles, but like the rest of his teammates he lost, 6-3, 6-0.

The Braves will compete this weekend in the Missouri Valley Championship tournament in Omaha, Neb.

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The sophomore right-hander went the distance in the game, giving up just a pair of runs while fanning 11 Bradley hitters.

Junior right fielder Colby Luttrell, who went 0-for-4 in the game, said Clubb was difficult to face.

"Clubb was probably one of the better pitchers we've faced up to this point in the season," he said. "He had some pretty good stuff and he used a good mix to keep us off balance."

Bradley 9, Missouri State 6

The Braves bounced back from the tough loss to take Game 2, with the team clearly fired up for the game in the early innings.

An abundance of loud chatter directed at Missouri State could be heard coming from the home dugout early on, leading to a warning from third base umpire Kevin Wirth.

Tensions continued to run high though, and a fight nearly broke out during the third inning, with both benches emptying. No punches were thrown, however.

Luttrell said the banter between the two teams stemmed from Bradley's desire to redeem themselves in the second game.

"We began the game with a lot of energy," he said. "The bench-clearing incident definitely had an impact on the game. I think it added even more to our intensity and our motivation to win."

Despite the high energy level, Bradley found itself trailing 2-0 after five innings.

It wasn't until the sixth inning that the Braves offense finally awoke from its slumber, posting four runs in both the sixth and seventh to take a commanding lead.

The Bears attempted to claw their way back, using two-run rallies in the seventh and eighth, but it wasn't enough, and Bradley held on for the 9-6 win.

Brewer was a big part of the Braves offensive outburst, going a perfect 5-for-5 at the plate.

He also got some help from junior Mike Brumleve, who entered the game as a pinch hitter and went 2-for-2 with three RBIs.

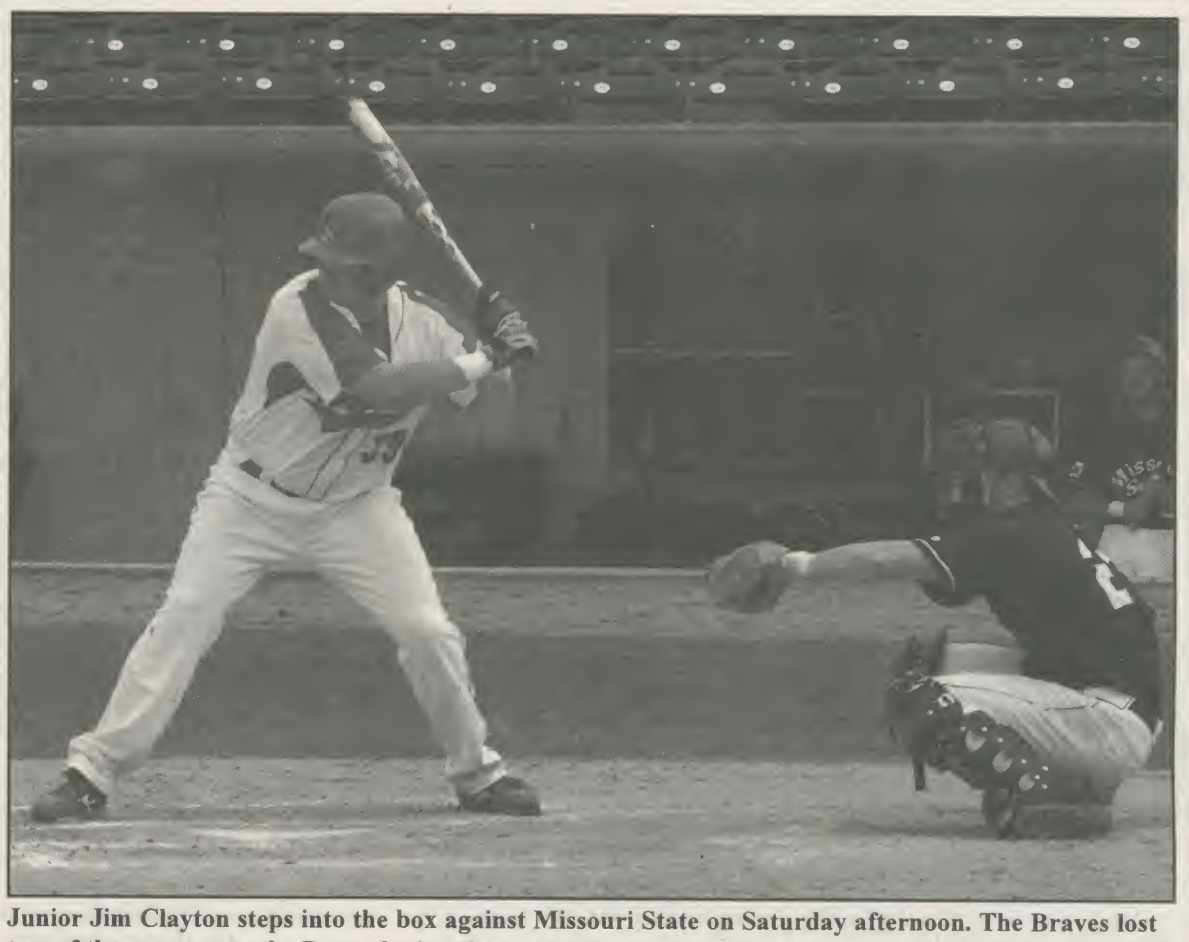
Missouri State 12, Bradley 6

Bradley's offense continued to hit in Game 3, tallying six runs on 14 hits, but the Braves' pitchers couldn't capitalize.

Missouri State pounded Bradley's hurlers for 12 runs on 16 hits to seal the win and the series victory.

Junior right-hander Collin Brennan took the loss for the Braves, giving up four runs on six hits while walking five hitters over 3 2-3 innings.

Junior Kori Jensen also struggled to get outs in the game, surrendering seven runs on seven hits over 4 1-3 innings of work.



Junior Jim Clayton steps into the box against Missouri State on Saturday afternoon. The Braves lost two of three games to the Bears during the weekend series. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Luttrell was the top performer for the Braves in the game, going 3-for-5 with three RBIs and a pair of runs scored.

Bradley was in action again on Wednesday night, downing Eastern Illinois, 11-4.

Freshman catcher Brett Hendricks turned in a strong performance in the game, going 3-for-5 with four RBIs.

Bradley will get a break from conference play this weekend, hosting Chicago State in a four-game series, starting with a game at 1 p.m. today.

Sophomore forward Justin Bigelow attempts to take the ball from a Drake player during Saturday's exhibition game. The Braves beat the Bulldogs, 2-1. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

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still happy to come out on top.

"It's good to get a win and play the guys," he said. "Just to get them minutes is great and great for Drake to come over. It gives us a good quality game."

The Bulldogs took the early lead in the game, scoring a goal 12 minutes in to take the 1-0 lead.

The goal was the lone score in the first half, as the teams played at a slow and leisurely pace.

Both squads picked up their intensity in the second half, however.

"I think the first half was probably a spring game," DeRose said. "You go in at halftime and we're down a goal, they're up a goal and the competitive juices get flowing. I think the second half mirrored more of a fall game."

Bradley drew even early in the second half when freshman midfielder Ephraim Beard sent a kick from the right side sailing into the left corner of the net in the 47th minute.

From there, the two teams battled back and forth with both squads missing on solid scoring opportunities.

Drake had several chances to score in the game's final 20 minutes, but freshman goalkeeper Drew Van Kampen made four saves in a 5-minute period to preserve the tie.

Bradley then took the lead with just 3 minutes remaining when sophomore Grant Campbell sent a ball into the right side of the net.

Campbell, who was playing for the first time since having sports hernia surgery, usually plays in the midfield but was playing at forward during the game's final minutes.

"He's just come back and we wanted to get him five extra minutes just for fitness," DeRose said. "We put him up top and he happened to get a goal. He hasn't played forward since he's been here, but he did a good job."

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Men's golf falls short in quest for MVC title

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

Zach Wanken

A season-best score of 295 on Tuesday wasn'tenough to move the men's golf team from the cellar of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, as it ended its season with a last-place finish.

After last-place finishes in each of the first two rounds of play, the Braves took it to another level, finishing in fourth for the third round with a score of 295.

Coach Jeff Roche said he was proud of the way his team ended the season.

"It was a huge way to finish out the year," he said. "Especially for Wanken and Perry and Thompson to have that to build on for next year is just a huge boost of confidence."

Wichita State finished with a score of 850, finishing two under par. The Shockers were the only team to finish under par in the tournament.

Wichita State was lead by Connor McHenry and Dustin Garza who finished one and two, respectively.

Sophomore Zach Wanken led the way for the Braves.

He paced Bradley with a score of 227 finishing 14-over par for the tournament. His score put him in a tie for 25th place.

After posting scores of 79 and 78 in the first two rounds, Wanken cut his score dramatically by shooting a 70 in the third round, finishing second.

"He's had it in him all spring and all year and I think he finally allowed himself to play to his potential," Roche said.

Freshman Colby Thompson finished second for the Braves, shooting a 229 overall and finishing the tournament tied for 30th.

He was able to improve his score in each round, shooting a 79 and 76 on Day 1 and finishing with a 74 in the final round.

Senior Nick Roth finished third for the Braves, shooting a 230 for the tournament. Roth finished the second round with a score of 75 to complete his best round of the tournament.

Freshman Nate Perry and senior Tommie Ackerman finished 41st and 45th, respectively, with scores of 235 and 250.

As a team, Bradley's last-place finish came with a strong run on the final day.

After the first two rounds, the Braves found themselves 31 shots behind Creighton for eighth place. When all was done, Bradley finished just 17 shots back, making up 14 shots in the final round.

Southern Illinois, Illinois State, Drake and Evansville rounded out the top five, with Missouri State, Northern Iowa and Creighton finishing below them.

The MVC tournament marks the end of a rough season for the Braves, in which they were never able to finish in the top half of a tournament.

Softball swept in three-game series

BY ALEX MAYSTER
Of the Scout

Junior hurler Ashley Birdsong regained her early season form, but received no run support over the weekend, as the softball team was swept by Drake.

Birdsong pitched in Games 1 and 3 giving up just three runs over the two contests, but the Braves were not able to put any runs on the board in support of their ace.

Ashley Birdsong

Bradley also dropped Game 2 and extended its losing streak to 12 games.

Offense has been a problem for Bradley during the losing streak. The team has averaged just two runs per game over the last 12 contests.

Coach Buddy Foster said the team has been having a tough time coming through at key times.

"We had opportunities, we're just struggling to find that big hit at the right time," he said. "We've lost so many one-run ballgames that their starting to doubt themselves and we just have to get back to playing with confidence."

Birdsong's struggles on the mound have not been helping her team's cause, but that wasn't the case this weekend.

In Game 1, she pitched 9 2-3 innings giving up just five hits and one run, then came back in Game 3 with another complete game, pitching six innings and giving up just two runs.

Although the bats never got going in the series, one player who performed well was junior designated hitter Miriam Wegmann.

She went 3-for-6 in the series and was walked four times to reach base a total of seven times in the series. She also scored one of the Braves' three runs of the weekend.

"Miriam is playing with a lot of confidence right now, and that's something that we need more people to step up and play with," Foster said. "She's a gritty kid, she's a fighter, that's why I recruited her."

Miriam Wegmann

The first game of the series was a pitchers duel that took 10 innings to complete.

Drake used two singles and a walk to load the bases in the bottom of the tenth before a walk-off single from Kristin Bircocci won the game for the Bulldogs.

Bradley had an opportunity to knock in some runs in the seventh, but with the bases loaded, and only one out senior Trish Kowalewski hit a ground ball and Drake turned two to end the inning.

The Braves were able to put up three runs in the seventh, but were overpowered by the bats of the Bulldogs.

Drake had 13 hits and four home runs in the game on their way to a 12-3 win.

Bradley scored two runs in the first inning.

Sophomore Amanda Clack had an RBI single and senior Stephanie Ramsey walked with the bases loaded to give the Braves an early 2-0 lead.

Drake went on to score seven runs over the next two innings, and after Bradley scored one more run in the fifth, the Bulldogs added five in the bottom of the inning to end the game.

Senior pitcher Rebecca Bishop took the loss for the Braves, giving up seven runs, three earned, in 1 2-3 innings.

The Braves recorded just one hit in the series finale.

After Drake scored a run in the bottom of the second, Wegmann doubled for Bradley's only hit of the game but did not score.

The Bulldogs added another run in the sixth inning to take home the win, 2-0.

The Braves doubleheader against Western Illinois was canceled on Wednesday due to rain. It was the 15th game canceled so far this season.

The Braves will end the season with a six-game home stand starting this weekend with Evansville.

Foster said he still has hopes that the team can finish in the top eight and make the conference tournament.

"As tough as this stretch as been, we sti have an outside shot." he said. "We're going go out and take it one game at a time and try to put some runs on the board."

Women's tennis drops weekend matches

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

The women's tennis team was knocking on the door of victory, but nobody answered this past weekend.

Saturday concluded the regular season for the Braves, as they hit the courts against Southern Illinois.

The Salukis bested the Braves narrowly with the final scorecard reading 4-3.

Bradley took the early lead as it won the doubles point for the eighth time this spring.

Sophomore Emily Regenold and freshman Nicole Miller battled into a tiebreaker at No. 2 doubles and came out victorious, 9-7. Juniors Erin Krubeck and Kim Braun fended off their opponents in a tiebreaker, 9-7.

The doubles point was not enough to give Bradley an edge, as the Salukis roared back and took four singles points from the grasp of the Braves.

Regenold squared off in No. 1 singles, but was bested in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3. Sophomore Kelly Donohue was stopped at No. 2 singles, 6-3, 6-4.

Sophomore Jessica Buterbaugh was then defeated at No. 4 singles, 6-4, 6-3, and followed by Krubeck losing at No. 5 singles, 6-4, 6-0.

With victory clinched by the Salukis, Miller and Braun were able to grab default victories in their singles games giving the Braves three points.

Miller finished her season with 13 wins in singles.

The previous day for the Braves pitted them against the Purple Aces of Evansville.

Bradley lost 5-2 at the indoor complex.

Krubeck and Braun were the lone pair that won their doubles match, so the Purple Aces jumped to an early lead.

Miller was given her first chance this spring to play at No. 3 singles. She proved that it was the right decision by coach Scott Petersen, as she pulled out a victory in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3.

Krubeck was able to nab a victory, 6-1, 7-6, in the No. 5 singles match.

Regenold went down in No.1 singles via straight sets, 6-1, 6-3. Donohue followed suit at No. 2 singles, 6-2, 6-0.

Buterbaugh was dropped to No. 4 singles but still couldn't earn a victory as she lost, 7-5, 6-1.

The Purple Aces then took the No. 6 singles match from Braun with a score of 7-5, 6-3.

Petersen said he was pleased with the effort he got from the team during the matches.

"In both of the matches this weekend we had our chances," he said. "Against both teams we competed very hard."

Despite the losses, Petersen said he still thinks the Braves will have success at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships.

"I told the team after the match that if we continue to compete the way we did in those matches, we would give teams trouble in the MVC Championships," he said.

Bradley will return to action Friday against Creighton in the first round of the MVC Championship.

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Two-month playoffs are far too long

BY DRU TATE

Since 2000, just two out of 32 playoff matches, involving the No. 7 or 8 seeds, have seen the low seeds come out victorious in the NBA.

The NHL hasn't had a seventh or eighth seed come out of the first round since the lockout of 2005.

The playoffs are two months long and are often referred to as the "second season" for the NBA and NHL.

If this is the second season, why should I have bothered watching the first?

It's time the NBA and NHL playoffs are shortened.

The first and most unlikely step is to eliminate the fact that 16 teams get into the playoffs.

Sixteen teams getting into the playoff bracket is more than half of the league.

The playoffs are also supposed to be considered an accomplishment for a team if they make it.

Let's do some basic algebra.

Being the 16th-best team means the team was worse than half the league. This is not a successful percentage (47 percent to be exact). Yet, the team still gets in the playoffs.

So by this math, the NBA and NHL committees are saying even though the team isn't even finishing better than half of the teams, they are deeming that team successful with a playoff berth.

MLB has 32 teams now and only allows eight teams into the playoffs. Nobody complains about there only being two wildcard spots. There are 162 games to earn those spots.

MLB has October – Reggie Jackson's favorite month and Alex Rodriguez's worst enemy.

For the NBA and NHL, what are we supposed to nickname a player who did extremely well in the time period? Mr. Spring and sort of Summer?

Shortening the season would also solve a huge complaint of regular season NBA games. The players will actually have to try every night.

Players will value the games more, which equals more seats being filled for the executives. Allen Iverson might actually care about practice again.

Since I realize it's impossible for such a dramatic change, I, the compromising guy that I am, have come up with a solution for the execs who want more money and for fans who want the playoffs to get over with quicker.

Make the first round a best of three. Sure it's short and unfair, but is it fair the Atlanta Hawks had a losing record and are given the same chance as the Los Angeles Lakers to win a championship? No.

After the weaklings have been weeded out, make the final eight battle it out in a best of five just like MLB. MLB scores huge ratings in the playoffs yet NBA and NHL seem to lack. Hmm, I wonder which option is better.

Once at the championship series, it can resume the best-of-seven style. Teams earn the right to be given three chances to lose and still pull out a victory.

So instead of two months of twiddling my thumbs, it would be nice to have 30 days of non-stop action, where at the end of each game, some team may go home packing or hoisting Lord Stanley's cup.

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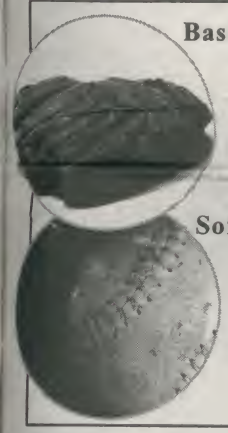

Baseball

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at O'Brien Field	*at O'Brien Field*	*at O'Brien Field*

Softball

Saturday	Sunday
at Noon	at Noon
vs. Evansville (DH)	*vs. Evansville*
at Laura Bradley Park	*at Laura Bradley Park*

One-on-One

Who will be the NFL's Rookie of the Year in 2008?

Darren McFadden

The Miami Dolphins will make Jake Long the top pick in Saturday's NFL draft, but they might end up regretting it.

That's because Darren McFadden is easily the best available talent in the draft pool.

McFadden is a rare talent at the running back position. He has blazing speed, outstanding agility and the power to roll over defenders.

That type of player doesn't come along often, and the Dolphins will likely be kicking themselves for passing up on the chance to take McFadden with the No. 1 overall choice.

It's not yet clear which team will end up with McFadden in its backfield, but what is clear is that it won't make much of a difference.

McFadden has the skills to put up huge numbers, no matter what jersey he ends up wearing.

He rushed for 1,830 yards and 16 touchdowns as a junior, all while splitting carries with talented teammate Felix Jones and playing in the highly competitive SEC.

There's no doubt he will put up similarly big numbers in the NFL and take home the Rookie of the Year award.

- Adam Mettrick

Rashard Mendenhall

My pick for the 2008 NFL Rookie of the Year is none other than Illinois' star running back Rashard Mendenhall.

I know all the talk when it comes to the offensive side of the ball is about Darren McFadden.

I'll admit that he is good, but not that good.

His off-the-field habits are questionable. He was once injured during a fight and had to miss playing time.

Mendenhall has been a stud on and off the field throughout his whole career.

He rushed for 1,681 yards last year, added on 318 yards receiving and scored a total of 19 touchdowns.

Mendenhall's total yards and touchdown totals were both higher than McFadden's.

Not to mention he led his team to a Rose Bowl and proved that he shows up for big games.

Mendenhall rushed for 155 yards on 17 carries in the game and scored a touchdown.

Running backs seem to make the biggest impact as rookies in the NFL, and it looks to me like Mendenhall is the best running back out there.

- Alex Mayster

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JAMES STEGNER	31
CHELSEY HOSHAUER	30
ROSE FREEMAN	29

BU drops 2 of 3 to Missouri State

Braves earn split in doubleheader on Saturday, fall short in series finale

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

After sweeping Southern Illinois two weeks ago, the baseball team fell back to earth last weekend, dropping two of three at home to Missouri State.

Pitching was the main problem for the Braves (18-19, 8-7 MVC), as the staff surrendered 30 runs during the three-game series.

The lone bright spot for Bradley came in Game 2, when junior center fielder Dan Brewer turned in a 5-for-5 performance and scored three runs in the team's lone win.

Missouri State 12, Bradley 2

Originally scheduled for Friday night, the first game of the series was pushed back to Saturday due to rain, but Bradley's pitching staff didn't benefit from an extra day of rest.

The Braves gave up 12 runs on 13 hits, while the offense mustered only two runs of support.

Sophomore right-hander Rob Scahill took the loss for the Braves, giving up eight runs over 6 1-3 innings of work.

"MSU is a very good team," he said. "I made a few mistakes and left some balls up in the zone. Those are the ones that got hit hard."

Scahill said he wasn't as sharp as he would have liked, and said the extra day of rest may have been a factor.

"Having that start pushed back kind of screwed up my routine," he said. "I have been doing the same thing all the time, and not knowing if I was going to throw Friday kind of messed with me a little bit."

While Scahill struggled, the Bears (25-13, 10-5 MVC) got a strong performance from their starter, Tim Clubb.

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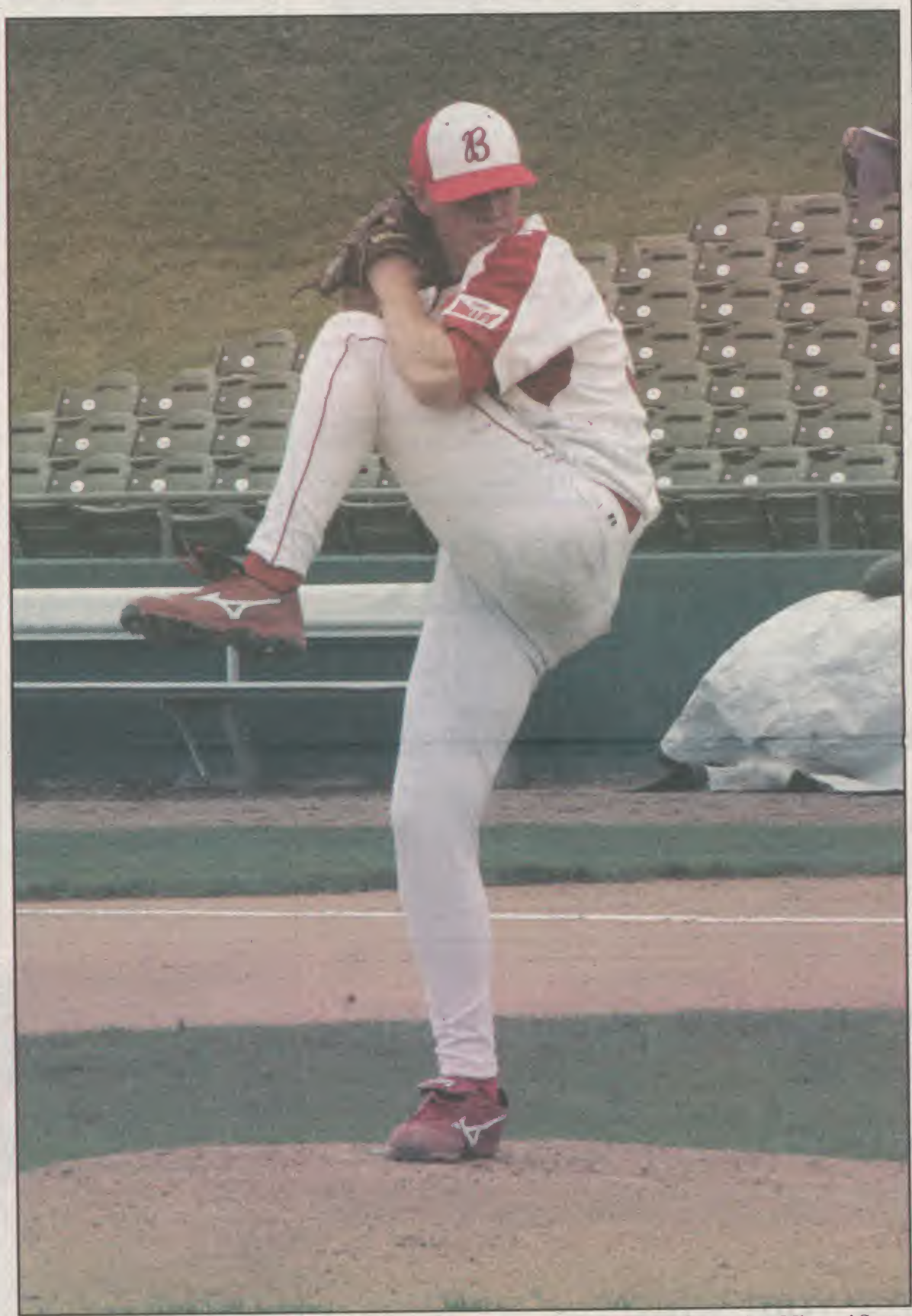

Senior right-hander Chris Wright delivers a pitch during Saturday's doubleheader against Missouri State at O'Brien Field. *photo by Saleena Fortunato*

Soccer wins home game, celebrates 2007 season

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Following the most successful season in team history, the soccer team got one last chance to celebrate its success when the Braves hosted their annual postseason banquet last Saturday.

About 450 people were on hand at the Embassy Suites hotel in East Peoria, helping Bradley commemorate its run to the Elite Eight in the 2007 NCAA tournament.

The night wasn't just about celebrating though, as the event was also used to remember Danny Dahlquist, the player who was killed in a house fire last August.

Proceeds from the banquet went to the Danny Dahlquist Memorial Scholarship Fund, and it was announced at the end of the evening that the remaining $15,000 needed to completely endow the scholarship had been raised.

The fundraising didn't stop with the banquet though. The Braves will continue to raise money for the fund by auctioning off the team's jerseys from its historic season.

A multitude of game-worn red and white jerseys are available to bidders, with a minimum bid of $15.

Fans wishing to purchase one of the jerseys should log on to Bradley's official athletics Web site, www.bubraves.com.

"I think it's a great idea," coach Jim DeRose said. "To have one of the jerseys from the year, I think for some people it could be very important, and anytime we can raise money for Danny's fund it's just fantastic."

Along with the postseason banquet, the Braves also took to the field on Saturday afternoon for their lone home exhibition match of the spring.

Bradley hosted Missouri Valley Conference rival Drake at Shea Stadium and defeated the Bulldogs, 2-1.

DeRose said though the result of the game didn't mean much, he was

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BU RELEASES ALCOHOL PLAN

New policy will crack down on student drinking, provide alternatives

BY SARAH RAIDBARD
of the Scout

Underage drinkers may suffer increased punishments from the university as part of a new Alcohol Action Plan meant to deter and reduce underage drinking.

The plan, released Tuesday, imposes an additional $50 fine from the university for alcohol violations. However, University President Joanne Glasser said the plan isn't focused on implementing increased punishments for underage drinkers but rather offers alternatives to drinking and increases alcohol education.

"Change is not going to occur over night," Glasser said during Tuesday's press conference. "But this is a step – one important step – in what I believe is going to be an evolutionary process."

As part of the plan, students who host drinking parties attended by underage drinkers will be fined $250 by the university in addition to any city fines.

Also, students who violate the university alcohol policy three times within two years may be subject to suspension. These violations could be in the form of a drinking ticket, Residence Hall Referral, accidental harm to self or frequent alcohol abuse, according to the

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Students remembered with garden

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric and Student Body Vice President Ben Koch plant flowers in Bradley's new memorial garden. *photo by Jessica Lampe*

BY LAUREN REES
of the Scout

University officials and student body executive officers gathered Wednesday to dedicate a memorial garden to students who have passed away while attending Bradley.

The garden, which includes two inscribed benches, small trees and flowers, is located east of Bradley and Jobst Halls.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said she introduced the idea of a garden to the Bradley Board of Trustees over the summer and to Student Senate at the beginning of the year.

"We knew we could do it with a combination of raising money and good timing," she said.

University President Joanne Glasser called the memorial garden a "special initiative" and said she admired the idea because it came from students.

"This garden is about students," she said. "It's about healing. It's about memory – and it's about love … It's a garden of life

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THE SCOUT'S TOP 10 STORIES OF 2007-08

1. Soccer player killed, devastated team makes Elite Eight

Sophomore Danny Dahlquist was killed Aug. 12 in a prank gone awry, but the men's soccer team overcame its grief to celebrate its most successful season in the history of Bradley soccer.

Dahlquist, a redshirt freshman, was killed by four friends after a night of drinking just before fall classes started.

Bradley students David Crady, Ryan Johnson, Nick Mentgen and Illinois Central College student Daniel Cox gathered Roman candles and fired them underneath Dahlquist's door in an off-campus house while he was sleeping. Dahlquist was unable to escape.

Last September, the team, down four players and devastated by Dahlquist's death, wasn't focused on a winning season.

"For the first time ever, we're not putting those NCAA tournament goals and conference championship goals [up there], and in the past we've been able to hit them," Bradley coach Jim DeRose told the Scout in September. "But I think this year, we're going to really start very small."

But DeRose and his players regrouped and continued to win. In December, the team advanced to the Elite Eight by defeating Maryland in double overtime, and DeRose was later named the national Coach of the Year by "Soccer America."

Bradley welcomes first female president

University President Joanne Glasser arrived on campus in August, becoming the university's first female president.

When she first came to campus, Glasser promised she would be visible and accessible to students. She's gotten a taste of campus life by attending various events and visiting with student organizations.

Last week, Glasser announced the official launch of Bradley's $150 million Campaign for a Bradley Renaissance. Besides getting to know the campus' hopes

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

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Editor's note: This is the last issue of the Scout this school year. We will resume publication in September.

Bradley Briefs

- The Bradley Theatre Department will host "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hartmann Center.
- The Bradley Music Department will host Collegium Musicum from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Monday in Dingeldine Music Center.

Kyle Dunnigan

- The Activities Council will host comedian Kyle Dunnigan from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday in Lydia's Lounge.
- Barbeque Kitten will perform from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Global Communications Center 126.
- Final exams will take place from Thursday until May 14.

- Kappa Delta will host Midnight Munchies from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday on Olin Quad.
- Study Day will take place Wednesday.
- A Multicultural Graduation Reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Garrett Center.

City official visits BU to talk about MOVNs

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

About 400 students a year receive Municipal Ordinance Violation Notices, violations for drinking, noise, littering, zoning and parking, Executive Director of Residential Living and Leadership Nathan Thomas said.

Assistant Corporation Counsel for the city of Peoria Sonni Choi Williams came to Bradley to address why and how students receive MOVNs on Monday.

The tickets carry a $75 to $500 fine, but don't stay on people's records if they pay them 14 days before their court dates, she said.

Williams said students tend to be most concerned about drinking tickets.

Section 3-8 of Peoria city code states that any person under 21 shouldn't possess or consume alcohol.

Williams said many students don't understand why Breathalyzer tests aren't administered before drinking tickets are given, but students don't have to be drinking to be given tickets.

"These are the tests the officer gives if someone is driving," she said. "If you're under the age of 21, you can't be in the control of alcohol. This means you can't be in an arm's reach of alcohol, even if you're not drinking it."

Williams said those who are 21 may also receive tickets if they're in the presence of underage drinkers.

"If you see any underage drinking, you're supposed to leave," she said.

Williams said those who use excuses such as being a designated driver, having been in a back room and not knowing what was going on or only being at the location for a few minutes are always found guilty in court.

"Not knowing Peoria law is not a legal defense in court," she said.

Williams said the $375 drinking tickets aren't a mechanism for revenue.

"The fines that we collect from people are less than 3 percent of city revenue," she said. "We're not raking in a pot of gold or anything like that. It's supposed to be a deterrent."

Williams said drinking tickets are commonly administered because of noise complaints.

"No person is supposed to be playing any music or machine that can be heard at a distance greater than 75 feet," she said.

Noise tickets administered on private property have a minimum $325 fine.

Williams said environmental laws are one of the few laws judges don't always uphold in rulings.

"It depends on who the judge is," she said. "But it is a violation to have indoor furniture outside."

Outdoor furniture is made to weather the elements, but indoor furniture may obtain mold if it's outside, Williams said.

The city has had continuous problems with students living on university-owned property and moving indoor furniture outside. It may begin administering tickets to Bradley if the property's tenants don't start complying, she said.

A common zoning violatio is three unrelated adults livin in the same residence, and th carries a minimum $150 fi plus court fees, Williams said

"We like to go after proper owners and landlords for th because they have the econon ic interest [when holding mo tenants]," she said.

Parking on unpaved su faces or parking too close an intersection, fire hydrant crosswalk are also reasons f receiving a ticket.

Williams said the city som times allows late payments o tickets when requested ahea of time.

"I always tell people, rea the ticket and comply wit what it says as much as po sible," she said. "They hav the ability to expunge record but as far as I know, they kee them as long as possible. So it really important to pay the on time."

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Health Center concerns addressed

BY EMILY REGENOLD
of the Scout

Newly elected Student Body Vice President Ben Koch is looking to change the Health Center.

He said many students have complained about its services this year, and although he doesn't have an exact plan to better the facility, he hopes to address some specific complaints.

He said students don't like being asked if they're pregnant.

Medical Director for the Health Center Dr. Christina Nulty said this question will continue to be asked.

"That's a very common office procedure for any facility," she said. "It's part of our quality assurance. We do certain things to make sure we give the same quality care to everybody and we have to know [if someone is pregnant] before we give out medication."

Koch said the negative aspects of the Health Center are often brought out more than the positive. He recently met with Executive Director for Student Development and Health Services Joyce Shotick to address potential changes.

"She was really receptive to our concerns and spoke very highly to address student concerns," he said.

The two have a common goal to better communication between the Health Center and students, Koch said.

Sophomore elementary education major Amanda Soucie said she thinks the Health Center needs more availability.

"They only have a doctor on staff a couple days so it's hard to get an appointment," she said. "And it's hard to get an appointment for testing."

Soucie also said she thinks the nurses could make a better effort to be compassionate with students.

Koch said he is looking to strengthen the Health Center's Web site, so it provides descriptions of illnesses students might face.

The site already does this with some illnesses, but Koch said he hopes to provide more detailed explanations, as well as statistics showing how many students are facing certain illnesses so students know which illnesses are circulating.

"I don't know if you'd get online if you were puking blood, but you might look online at the beginning of the year, and know what to do in that instance," Koch said.

He said he also hopes to list all the services covered under the health fee on the Web site, so students know what treatments they have access to.

Sophomore nursing major Krissy Braun said she thinks students want answers from the Health Center.

"What I want to see changed about the Health Center is for the nurses to take you seriously when you have a concern about your health," she said. "Most of the time when students use the Health Center, their concerns are not taken seriously."

On Aug. 11, Dr. Jessica Higgs will replace Nulty as medical director.

Higgs said she's excited to come to Bradley, and is completing a course in sports medicine so she can help students with sports-related injuries.

Flowering trees span campus, smell foul

Bradford Pear trees emit fish-like odor because of blooming white flowers

BY JEREMY BEHRENS
of the Scout

Spring is finally on its way to campus. Birds are singing, the sun is out and the air is filled with the pungent scent of – fish?

Students heading across Olin Quad will notice a distinctive odor emanating from a few of the blossoming trees on campus.

The trees, called Bradford Pears, have blossoms that smell like rotten fish, and the smell's intensity varies from year to year, according to www.atreegrowers-diary.com.

And while the tree is a fruit tree, it bears no edible pears, according to www.davesgarden.com.

The putrid plants appear sporadically on campus, and students are usually more aware of the smell before they see the trees themselves.

"I was walking by Olin Hall the other day and smelled something foul," said senior business major Wade Dooley. "I just thought it must have been a bad reaction in a lab or something."

These trees are most notably recognized by their spoiled fish scent, but also for very abundant blossoms.

Bradford Pears are thought to be the "perfect street tree" by landscapers and urban planners because of its early bloom of white flowers, pyramidal shape and the shades of its leaves in the fall, according to gardening Web site www.emmitsburg.net/gardens.

Spring is the time when the plants give off the most repugnant smell because the blossoms on the trees are in their first full bloom. As the summer wears on, the scent slowly dies off.

Sophomore theatre production major Melissa Schlesinger said the smell to her, although not the best, isn't the main problem.

"I like that we have pretty trees on campus, but people don't like the allergies from them," she said. "Allergies are bad enough without any added smelliness."

Depending on weather conditions such as rain and heat, the smell can be more overpowering some days than others.

With only a few more days left on campus, be sure to open up those nostrils and take in that wondrous once-in-a-season smell.

Wake up and take a whiff.

Bradford Pear trees can be seen all around campus. When in bloom, the trees produce a strong odor.
photo by Louis Amberg

SCC donation spurs internship center

BY JESSICA LAMPE
of the Scout

A former employee of the Smith Career Center and her husband recently donated funds to expand Bradley's internship and cooperative education program.

The Marjorie and Bill Springer Center for Excellence in Internships was dedicated Monday night, allowing the SCC to revitalize the co-op and internship program, Executive Director of the Smith Career Center Jane Linnenburger said.

"Many faculty and staff have been working hard on this program since it was started in 1982, and Marjorie and Bill's gift gives us the opportunity to breathe new life into a 25-year-old program," she said.

Neither of the Springers originally attended Bradley, but through Marjorie's work, the couple became active supporters of the university.

Bill serves on the Braves Council, and Marjorie helped develop the SCC into a resource for students looking for internships and full-time jobs.

"The Smith Career Center is a shining light on this campus, and the Marjorie and Bill Springer Center for Excellence in Internships will make it even brighter," University President Joanne Glasser said.

Glasser informed the crowd of about 50 former and current faculty, staff, students and alumni that 96 percent of Bradley graduates last year went on to work or to attend graduate school. Of those, 78 percent had career-related experience when they graduated. She gave credit for these statistics to the work Marjorie and her colleagues did when forming the co-op and internship program.

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said although many people in attendance Monday night had retired from Bradley, most of them, especially Marjorie, had never really left.

"Although we get a lot of gifts, and they are all important to us, it is the ones from the individuals that are truly special," Galsky said. "It is the individual families that really understand how their contributions will affect our students."

Senior advertising major Ashley Sweeney was recognized as the Co-op / Intern of the Year from the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts during the dedication. She said she has used the center more than she anticipated over her four years at Bradley.

"I know from personal experience that the Career Center is vital to students, and it is an exciting opportunity for future students to use this new center," she said.

Marjorie and Bill addressed the crowd, thanking everyone for their kind words and expressing excitement for the new center.

"I always had an open door policy when I was an adviser," Marjorie said. "I remember times when truly great students were turned down for employment because the job market was nothing like it is now. We hope our gift will provide opportunities for students and keep this center running, because without people who really care about the students, even the best-designed program will fail."

Group wins $15,000 in business plan contest

BY EDGAR ORTIZ
of the Scout

A group of four students recently took home $15,000 for creating a business plan as part of the Second Annual Springboard Business Plan Competition at Bradley.

The plan is called Les Memoires, meaning "the memories," and it fills a need in the wedding and special events industries by providing an easy-to-use interactive audiovisual guestbook.

The plan was selected from a field of 12 others.

The group is composed of junior international business major Vanessa Carranza, senior electrical engineering major Adesegun Sun-Basorun and management and administration major Bradley Kusak. Les Memoires won a prize package valued at more than $100,000, including consulting and legal services as well as office space at the PeoriaNEXT Innovation Center.

Preliminary judging took place December and January with semi-finalists announced in late January. The six finalists were announced in mid-March.

"We were so nervous," Carranza said. "We couldn't conceptualize the idea of winning."

The winners were announced at the end of a dinner on Wednesday where entrepreneurs from many companies, students and professors attended.

Sun-Basorun said he was nervous before they announced the winners.

"I'm so excited, and it feels good because we are doing something right," he said. "Springboard is history in the making of Peoria and Illinois, and soon in the nation, and I feel proud to be a part of it."

The competition was established in fall 2006 as a result of a $200,000 gift from Alexis Khazzam of Junction Ventures LLC to Bradley.

"Many students from Bradley have to go away and find jobs in other states," Khazzam said. "I did it to encourage job creations in Peoria."

Sophomore entrepreneurship major Tyler Fryer said this competition helps shape the ideas of student entrepreneurs by challenging them to think critically in real world situations.

"Springboard is a great opportunity for young students because it allows them to present their ideas to a real world panel of judges," Fryer said. "If you take business very seriously and feel passionate about it, this competition is a great idea."

Fred Fry, the Turner Chair of Entrepreneurship in the Foster College of Business Administration, said Springboard goes beyond academics.

"Team members develop critical thinking skills and they turn ideas into strong business models that add value to the market," he said.

Senior entrepreneurship major Stephen Bruning said the competition is a great opportunity for all students.

"This is a great opportunity for entrepreneurship as well as other business majors to take a step towards a professional career while still in college," Bruning said.

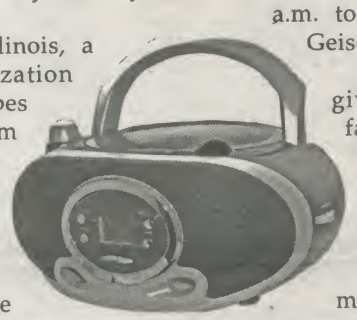
Carranza said she looks forward to the years ahead.

"It's really happening," she said. "We did it and it's real, but the job is just starting."

Students to recycle used electronics for good cause

BY ANNABELLE VANG
of the Scout

Recycling for Illinois and Bradley's Green Electronics Campaign will work together for an e-waste pick-up day on May 10.



Recycling for Illinois, a nonprofit organization that accepts all types of electronics from sources including individuals, schools and businesses, will distribute the electronics they receive throughout Illinois to low-income students, nonprofit agencies and disabled people.

"Our goal is to improve the lives of the financially disadvantaged and individuals with disabilities to make them independent, productive and key members of society," said Director of Recycling for Illinois Michael Hodge.

Students can drop off their unwanted electronics from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Geisert patio.

"This event gives students, faculty, staff and alumni the chance to clean their closets, storerooms, attics and basements from ... any unwanted item that either runs on electricity or batteries," Hodge said.

Any electronic item, regardless of age or condition, will be accepted, he said.

Freshman accounting major Sam Ulloa said he thinks the recycling drive is a good idea.

"It's hard to find a place to recycle old electronics," he said. "But it's for a good cause and it's good for the environment."

Twenty to 50 million metric tons of e-scrap, such as used electronics, are generated each year, according to the United Nations.

"We hope that this event will reduce the amount of electronics left behind in the dorms and other buildings on campus at the end of the year," President of the Green Electronics Campaign Leah Moran said.

"During move out, many students throw them in the Dumpsters or leave them in the dorms, and we hope this opportunity to responsibly recycle the items will encourage everyone on campus to recycle throughout the year, instead of adding to the immense amount of waste created each year," she said.

The campaign will accept anything that plugs into an outlet or runs on batteries, even if it's broken.

"Since students are one of the largest groups of electronics purchasers, we have the ability to make a difference by voicing our opinions and taking action in our communities," Moran said.

Ulloa said he thinks it will be difficult to find people to donate.

"The best we can do is spread the word so they know there's a place where they can recycle it," he said.

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Editorial

Alcohol plan a good step, but not enough

The university recently announced the new Alcohol Action Plan, which focuses on implementing alcohol education programs and offering alternatives to drinking on weekends.

Part of the plan is Late Night BU, programming that could include entertainment or intramurals going as late as 2 a.m., giving students an alternative to drinking on weekend nights.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said during a press conference on Tuesday the plan aims to change the culture on campus, so students don't view drinking as the "cool thing" or the only way to spend their weekend nights.

What Ticaric is saying makes a complex issue too simple. A plan such as this can't change a culture on this or any college campus. It's a well-known fact college students drink.

We may all wish that wasn't the case, but thinking students will choose to attend Late Night BU and stay away from drinking just isn't the reality.

The plan also includes increased education on alcohol given during freshman orientation, EHS 120 classes and residence hall programming.

It's great the university wants to create alternative activities and increase alcohol education on campus. We understand why the university is approaching the issue in this way.

The plan also includes new punishments as part of the plan, imposing an additional $50 fine from the university for alcohol policy violations. The new punishments may be one of the only effective aspects of the plan.

Students respond to steep monetary sanctions because they usually don't have the money to pay for repeated fines.

Even with the new sanctions, however, there are always going to be students who drink. The sanctions hold some students responsible for their actions, but others fall under the radar. Monitoring underage drinking has proved to be a difficult task.

But we're not saying students shouldn't be held responsible for their actions, we're just asking that the university continue to be prepared to respond when situations arise.

Alcohol-related incidents are going to happen. It's almost impossible to prevent them. Throughout their entire lives, students have been taught to make responsible choices, and they are still drinking and putting themselves in potentially dangerous situations.

Students need to realize for themselves the possible consequences of their actions, and no alcohol education can teach them that. Making responsible decisions is part of growing up, and students need to make mistakes to learn.

The plan just drives students away from campus to drink – probably the last place the university would want students to be while intoxicated.

It's too simple, too idealistic to work.

Ticaric said one thing on Tuesday that's important to recognize, "I don't think we can be in denial that drinking does happen on college campuses."

And we don't think the university can be in denial that it won't continue to happen.

Column

Lauren Rees
Managing editor

University should leave journalism to journalists

After the recent release of the university's Alcohol Action Plan, I downloaded the 36-page PDF file, pulled my chair closer to my monitor and got ready for a fun half hour of perusing new plans, sanctions and guidelines that the university hopes will decrease underage drinking.

The plan's goal of changing campus culture took me aback, but a little snippet on page 32 also stood out – "The University will consider eliminating on-campus advertising of alcohol and drink specials … advertised on campus via flyers and in the Bradley Scout."

Minus all the bull, that basically means Bradley is thinking about censoring the Scout. And clearly, I hold the Scout very dear to my heart.

Barring establishments involving alcohol and drink specials from purchasing ads in the paper eliminates revenue for the Scout. This in turn makes the Scout poorer, and we must run a smaller paper with less news, features, graphics, color – basically, less useful information for students on a weekly basis.

It isn't clear from the Alcohol Action Plan as to whether the university will prohibit the Scout from running ads with alcohol or drink specials – as of now, Bradley will just "consider eliminating" these elements.

But the fear of censorship rings in any journalist's heart.

Let's dust off our eighth grade social studies books and take a look at the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

It prohibits laws that infringe on the freedom of speech and expression – including the act of "seeking, receiving and imparting information or ideas, regardless of the medium used," according to Wikipedia. And while you should probably take any information from Wikipedia with a grain of salt, the general concept is correct.

Advertisements in the Scout impart information to readers.

A large portion of Scout readers are over 21 and are probably interested in the specials at local bars. While students younger than 21 could (and will) see the ads, removing these ads from the paper won't end underage drinking alone. It won't even end underage drinking combined with other elements in the Alcohol Action Plan.

Kids have been trying to get away with crazy stuff since the beginning of time. A little advertisement for J.Pree's in the Scout isn't going to contribute to any sudden upsurge in drunk underagers.

Perhaps the cry of support for the First Amendment is premature.

After all, the university is only considering a slight censorship of the Scout.

But I ask university officials to understand what ad eliminations will mean for the paper – lowered revenue, disgruntled employees and most importantly, less news for the Bradley community.

We aren't a major media conglomerate here – we're students trying to work 40-hour weeks around our classes while still putting out a quality paper.

Bradley is a private university and thus it can do pretty much whatever it wants, but c'mon – have a heart, guys.

Leave the running of a publication to us.

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Opinion from another campus

Wal-Mart needs to apply uniform censorship standards

Last night, millions of America's youth started car jacking innocent victims, beating hookers with baseball bats and committing bloody, senseless murder.

Yes, after massive anticipation, "Grand Theft Auto IV" was released Tuesday to lengthy lines of fans awaiting the midnight sales.Like "Halo 3" last year, "GTA" is expected to smash sales records despite its extreme violence and hefty sexual content.

We especially like the idea of visiting a prostitute to boost your health. Genius.

Not surprisingly, not everyone enjoys this type of clever game-making. Some have already come out against the game, claiming its content will be detrimental to younger players.

What is surprising, however, is the noticeable absence of corporate giant Wal-Mart's voice among those decrying Rockstar Games, the company behind "GTA."

When Wal-Mart is not busy denying its employees benefits and better pay by blocking the formation of unions, the big shots at Wal-Mart spend their days censoring CDs for explicit content.

The company takes a firm stance on inappropriate language and themes, but its moral compass seems to point only toward music.

Meanwhile, it continues to shill R-rated movies such as "Charlie Wilson's War," a great flick chocked full of sex and drugs, and games such as the "GTA" series.

We are all for defending one's morals and refusing to contribute to the downfall of values in society. But is so much, then, to ask for a little consistency?

If Wal-Mart is willing to alienate a large portion of the music-buying public by censoring its CDs, it has no excuse for allowing movies and games that carry the same messages and content to clutter its shelves.

Wal-Mart's executives are guilty of blatant hypocrisy and their behavior has not gone unnoticed.

The Internet is filled with angry music lovers, including those at the New York Times, questioning the double standard of shutting up Dr. Dre while letting Rambo gun bad guys down.

Putting aside the ridiculous notion that explicit lyrics and violent gameplay adversely affect children's behavior, it is clear that Wal-Mart has some ulterior motive that guides its censorship practices.

Video games, music and movies should be left to buyers to decide their offensiveness. If stores such as Wal-Mart are looking to make that decision themselves, so be it.

But please, for our sanities, apply the same standards to all of your products.

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and dreams, Glasser named the fundraiser a top priority when she arrived.

From visiting with students and bustling around campus to leading an ambitious fundraising campaign and networking with alumni, Glasser has a busy schedule. But she knew that when she accepted the position.

"It's not a cliche when I say it's a 24/7 job," she told the Scout in September.

15-year plan underway, Bradley kicks off fundraising campaign

The university has entered the first stage of its 15-year plan to expand campus and construct new buildings.

Workers laid the foundation for the Markin Family Student Recreation Center last summer and it is expected to be completed in October.

The center will include an indoor swimming pool, fitness facilities, a climbing wall, basketball courts and a cafe.

"It meets the needs that I think over the last 10 years I've seen," Executive Director of Student Involvement Greg Killoran told the Scout in October.

A 4,200-seat athletic performance center is in development and will serve as a home court for women's basketball. Also as the part of the plan, the university is building a new parking deck on Main Street.

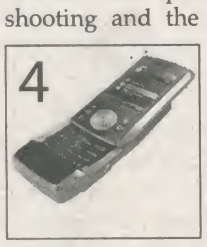
The Robertson Memorial Field House was also recently demolished.

Future plans as part of the campaign include the creation of a new alumni center, an alumni quad as well as an addition to Westlake Hall, according to an April press release.

The convergence of the engineering and technology schools is also part of the campaign.

BU introduces emergency communication system

After last April's Virginia Tech shooting and the recent tragedy at Northern Illinois University, Bradley has implemented several measures to ensure students will be able to respond to emergencies if they arise.



Many students have signed up for foreWarn, the university's emergency text messaging system.

The system, created this year, also includes a phone number that students can call for updated information about campus-wide emergencies.

"Those things are so unprepared for when they happen," University Police Chief Dave Baer said. "You have to react to it. You have to play it as the hand is dealt."

Students were also forced to accept or opt out of foreWarn when they registered for classes this semester.

The university may also implement a policy allowing students to keep their cell phones on vibrate during class in case of emergencies and is implementing a speaker system atop Bradley Hall and the SAC that would alert the campus of emergencies.

Student alcohol abuse sparks drinking initiative

After several alcohol-related arrests and tragedies this school year, administration decided to address the campus drinking problem.

"When my students are in physical harm's way, it's time to say, 'Time out,'" Glasser told the Scout in January.

Glasser assembled a committee to come up with recommendations of how to address alcohol abuse on campus, and the plan was revealed this week.

While she noted specific events involving alcohol, Glasser said drinking is campus-wide problem.

"We've got to stop this uncontrolled use and misuse of alcohol," she said during a speech addressed to Student Senate. "It's a very serious issue. I don't want to lose another student, and I don't want you to lose another friend."

U-Hall cafeteria gets a makeover

After almost two years of sitting vacant, the University Hall cafeteria was remodeled into a student lounge.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric led the effort to transform the space into a welcoming, usable area for students. In her initial project proposal, Ticaric envisioned it as "a meeting place for student organizations, a location for students to study and/or relax and a venue for smaller programs."

In February, after about $150,000 in renovations, the new lounge was revealed. It has two large screen TVs, a projection screen, a stage for small performances, new furniture and new flooring.

The space was renamed "Lydia's Lounge," and it has been used for studying, relaxing and hosting various performances and event-viewing parties.

The kitchen will be renovated this summer, and food will be served from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Saturday and Sunday beginning in the fall.

Food, including burger and sandwiches, will be served from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Students and police fight at party

A party in September ended with a university police officer in the hospital, the arrests of four Bradley students and the issuance of 22 drinking tickets.

University Police Chief Dave Baer told the Scout in September the incident was probably the most serious the university has dealt with in terms of an officer being injured.

Police reports said officers heard loud noise coming from Apt. 2 of 1400 Fredonia Ave. on Sept. 7. The partiers refused to let in police, according to reports.

Junior Joshua Helsel allegedly beat up Officer Scott Klinkradt when Klinkradt tried to enter the apartment through a window. Helsel was also injured. He was taken to OSF St. Francis Medical Center and then spent two days in the Peoria County Jail.

But junior Alex Henderson said said Klinkradt entered the apartment through a window and pushed Helsel's head into a wall.

Henderson admitted that if they knew how the incident would turn out, they "would have just opened the door and taken the drinking tickets."

Multi-million-dollar lighting project brightens campus

The university allocated $4 million this year to provide better lighting outdoors around campus to increase safety.

The project will increase the number of light poles on campus from 200 to 500 and introduce brighter, more energy-efficient lights, Ron Doerzaph told the Scout in October.

During the first of three phases, which began in October, the university installed 80 light poles in the parking lots between Fredonia and Bradley Avenues and on Bradley Avenue. The lighting project entered its second phase in March ahead of schedule and under budget.

The second phase installs lights from Elmwood Avenue to the S-curve on University Street. The final phase will light up Elmwood to Glenwood Avenues.

Light poles will gradually be erected as the Markin Family Student Recreation Center, parking deck and new arena are built in the area.

Students make switch to new e-mail provider

Last summer, *B-Mail* replaced WebMail as the e-mail provider for the university, and by spring break, all students, faculty and staff were forced to make the switch.

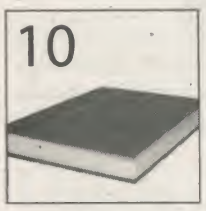
B-Mail features include expanded storage, specialized searches, e-mail grouping and the ability for students to communicate through instant messages.

"We weren't able to keep up with WebMail," Stephen Patrick, the executive director of Computing Services, told the Scout in September.

Students can keep their Bradley e-mail addresses after they graduate. All students now have "mail.bradley.edu" addresses instead of "bradley.edu" addresses.

After funding problems, student disinterest, yearbook stops publishing

The Anaga decided not to publish a yearbook after struggling to finance the book for several years.



For the past two years, the Anaga was denied funding from the Student Activities Budget Review Committee, a committee that allocates money to organizations from the pool of student activity fees.

The decision to not publish comes after the Anaga did not deliver the 2007-08 yearbooks on time this year. The books were supposed to be delivered in September but by October, they hadn't been delivered.

The Anaga Editor-in-Chief Sarah Mosberg told the Scout in February the decision to not publish was made by different groups.

Mosberg said she isn't sure whether the yearbook will publish next year.

The Library Column

This week's Did You Know?

The Library Lost & Found has many items missing their owners. There are hats, gloves, (probably no need for those now), but more importantly, several schedule planners, some CD's, some books, and notebooks. Ask about these things at the Circulation Desk.

Special Mention:

The Library would like to thank everyone who completed a LibQual survey during the past few weeks. Your responses will help us determine how our service is perceived and where we can make improvements. Of course, we're always ready to hear your comments in person or you may use the Suggestion Box at the main entrance.

Several More Things You probably Didn't Know:

Since June of 2007 the Library has cataloged over 18,000 items published by the U.S. government. Why is that something you might want to know? Well, the GPO, (government Printing Office) is the world's largest publisher, and it produces all sorts of items on an incredibly wide variety of subjects: health information, education, history, music, art, child labor, drug abuse, environment, countries of the world, foreign relations, maps, wildlife, and materials in Braille, to name a few. The library's cataloging project is a work in progress; so each week may bring something new when searching the library catalog!

If you're stuck for the answer to a research question, and you aren't able to stop by the Library Reference desk, consider using the Ask?Away reference service available from the Library Home Page. Ask?Away is a 24/7 chat reference service, that connects you with a librarian who can help you with research any time, any where. Bradley Librarians cooperate with librarians from around the country and the world to assist researchers online. You may not always get a Bradley Librarian when you use the service, but you will always get some help with your research needs.

Barbara's Thought of the Week:

"Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because as has been said, it is the quality which guarantees all others." Winston Churchill

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ANARCHY LIVES

Theatre Department shows no sign of tiring with year's last play

BY MARK HEMMER
of Voice

At the end of a successful and tiring theater season, it would make sense if "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" was collectively phoned-in by a bunch of sluggish, complacent actors and actresses.

Luckily, the Bradley Theatre Department doesn't care to make sense as it turned in its most energetic, in-your-face performance this year.

While the set design was modest, it was brightly colored and full of light, which was a refreshing change of pace from "Hamlet" and "Night of the Iguana."

The set featured a distorted design of a police station where anarchists seemingly have a habit of falling out of high windows. Because of that troubling knack, the government is investigating the allegedly crooked police force. However, a masquerading mental ward veteran, played by sophomore theatre performance and secondary education major Jeremy Behrens, finds his way into the investigation under the guise of a high judge.

The false judge torments Captain Pisani, played by senior theatre arts and English major Doug Luman, and Chief Bellati, played by senior theatre arts major Sean Capistrant, all while avoiding the one man who knows his true identity – Inspector Bertozzo, played by junior theatre arts major Sean Patrick Cummings.

Behrens exudes charisma and consistently captures the audience with engaging asides and over-the-top facial expressions and body language. There are times when he comes across as legitimately crazy, which makes for some entertaining scenes of what could otherwise be plain dialogue.

"Accidental Death of an Anarchist"

starring
Jeremy Behrens
Doug Luman
Sean Capistrant

Grade: B+

In the same way, Luman and Pisani play off one another perfectly and their teamwork and cohesion is evident as they both play the sheep to Behrens' wolf. Luman gives an especially fun performance and even incorporates physical comedy into his acting in a scuffle with Cummings.

Cummings had a tough assignment as the sharp-witted and frustrated Bertozzo, who's forced to frantically find a way to expose the fraudulent judge before their entire station is brought up for a crime they claim they didn't commit. He did an admirable job and was convincing during a climactic gun-wielding scene near the end of the play.

"Anarchist" was loud and animated, more so than one would expect, even having previewed the show. With that said, it's also a unique offering and reminiscent of the year's earliest production, "Urinetown." Both shows offer a different breed of comedy to audiences that set themselves apart from the intense drama that sometimes accompanies the theater experience.

Overall, it's a fun show acted with chutzpah by its wacky cast. It also has a comedic element that should be experienced at least once by anyone who considers him or herself a theater enthusiast.

"Anarchist" tells a politically charged story of alleged deception, corruption and of course, the accidental death of an anarchist.

THIS WEEK IN PEORIA

TODAY

"Accidental Death of an Anarchist," 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for Bradley students.

Live at the Five Spot presents **"Robin Crowe Band,"** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. Admission is $6 for student members, $9 for student non-members.

SATURDAY

"Accidental Death of an Anarchist," 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for Bradley students.

Comedian **"Kyle Dunnigan,"** 7 to 8 p.m. in Lydia's Lounge.

SUNDAY

"Accidental Death of an Anarchist," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hartmann Center. Admission is $7 for Bradley students.

Walk It Out

A look at the annual senior pub crawl

BY LISA FITCH
of Voice

There are many rights of passage for the average college student, but the one that stands head and shoulders above the rest manages to come at the magical age of 21.

It is only then, hopefully, when alcohol virgins are either given the liquor-laden badge of drinker or teetotaler.

However, between homework and extracurriculars, it's often difficult to find the time to stretch out those new drinking muscles which by senior year, have become flabby. Luckily for those wanting to get a workout, Senior Walk provides the perfect opportunity for those wanting to test out those new drinking chops.

Students with hedonistic ambitions better be up to the challenge, since Senior Walk begins May 15 at 9 a.m. and wraps up the following day at 2 a.m.

The fun begins at Kelleher's, where the Irish pub is planning on serving traditional breakfast drinks, such as screwdrivers, Bloody Marys and mimosas. On a side note, the pub encourages students to park in its lots, where those celebrating all night won't need to be fearful of the boys in blue towing their cars.

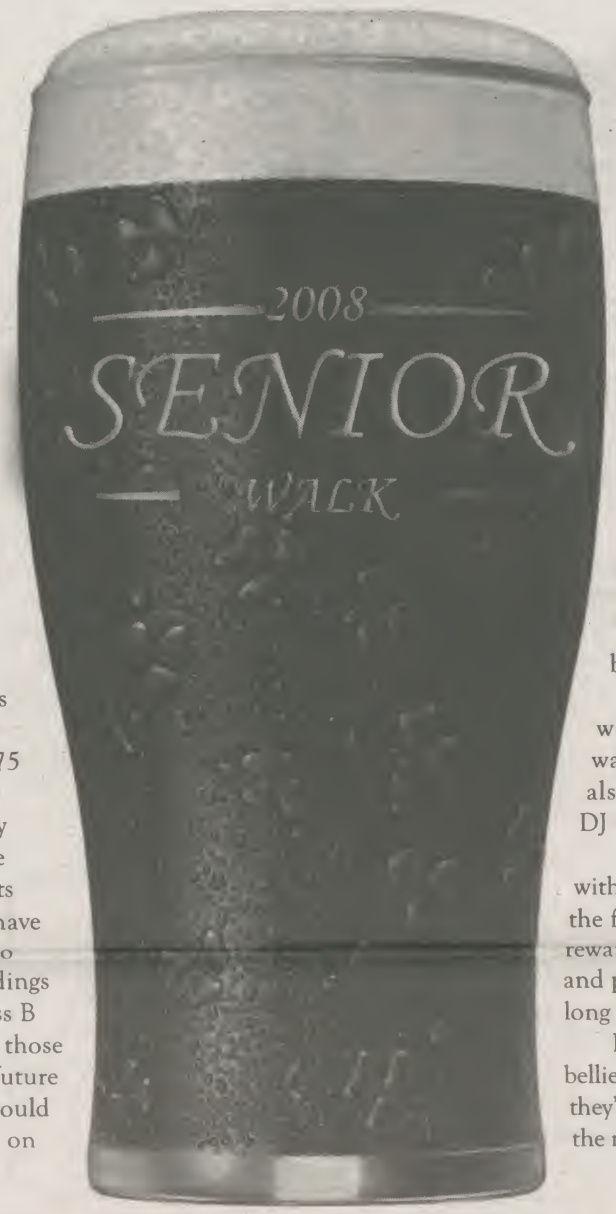
Martini's brings a bit of class to the event. This follows Kelleher's with $4 dessert martinis and a $2 special on domestic beer.

At around lunchtime, students begin to make their way to Sully's, where a number of specials await them.

These include $5 pitchers of Coors in either original or light, along with $3 pints of Langunitas. Those who can manage to put down their cold ones will also be able to enjoy various mixed-drink specials.

Richard's and Euro Jack's follow up, with both Main Street bars serving various food and drink specials. Richard's specifically is offering tall boys for $2.75 a pop.

Typically by lunchtime most students will usually have meandered to various buildings holding Class B licenses, but those looking for future blackmail should not miss out on Big Al's amateur show, starting around 3 p.m.



Those who manage to survive the downtown area will make their next stop at Gorman's, hopefully managing to make the trek up the hill without too many drunken blunders.

The pub will be offering $2 you-call-its, $1.25 Coors Light drafts and $3 you-call-it bombs. Food will also be served for those needing to give their livers a break before hitting up the Farmington Road bars.

Those making it down the hill get to enjoy the Farmington lineup, with The Dormitory being the first stop. The bar will serve domestic pitchers for $3.50, as well as $2 you-call-its and $2 UV bombs. Also make sure to wave a wobbly "hi" to your underclassmen buddies before stumbling into Crusens.

Crusens own specials include $2 you-call-its with no cover charge and $1 Coors drafts. Those wanting to burn off all those extra calories will also be able to enjoy music courtesy of a Kiss FM DJ as well.

This is where the infamous walk winds down, with only the few and proud being able to make it to the finish line at Jimmy's. These brave souls will be rewarded with the bar's traditional serving of pretzels and popcorn, along with a pat on the back for their long pilgrimage.

It's at this point that those with heavily ethanol lined bellies hope for the superhuman ability to metabolize all they've drunk, just in time for commencement to begin the next day.

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ATMOSPHERE PAINTS IT GOLD ON SIXTH DISC

BY BROOKS COURTRIGHT
of Voice

I'm going to go ahead with every other guy who has said it – times are hard for hip-hop.

After listening to Soulja Boy at every party every weekend for two months this fall, and hearing Flo-Rida stumble over his half-witted lyrics on every major pop radio station for far too long, it's beginning to look grim for what used to be such a socially oriented and artistic underground genre.

If it weren't for the underground indie labels, which press on in the search for talented emcees and the next J Dilla of our young generation, I would just give up. Luckily for me, Nas was wrong – or at least bluffing.

Hip-hop ain't dead.

And thanks to the Minneapolis duo Atmosphere, and its new album "When Life Gives You Lemons, You Paint That S-- Gold," hip-hop is still alive and kickin'.

The two members of Atmosphere, Slug and Ant, have come a long way with their sound, gaining commercial success in 1997 with their release of "Overcast!" and underground notoriety with "Lucy Ford" in 2001. Slug's tone and lyrics have lost their angst perhaps, but like Biggie's progression from "Ready to Die" and Jigga's path since "Reasonable Doubt," that doesn't mean he's lost that edge.

At the same time, Ant has mastered his own style. Throughout his career his sampling has been flawless, but on the new album, he has abandoned the vinyl-distorted kick drums for a complex series of guitar loops and keyboard riffs.

The group has grown together, and "When Life Gives You Lemons" is proof Atmosphere can develop a more mature sound but still spit mean lyrics, kick a beat and rock the house.

Compared to earlier albums, Slug's style, lyrics and content are all more laid-back. It's clear just by listening to the opening track "Like the Rest Of Us" that Slug has been on and off the streets, and his tone is a jaded one. Ant complements Slug's retrospective singing with a wavering keyboard loop, backed by a subtle kick and a more prominent snare.

It's a beautiful song, but the lyrics purposefully contrast the melody, as Slug raps "See I've been here for thirty-some years / Lookin' at myself in the same dirty mirror / So it ain't like I don't comprehend / Open that bottle, swallow that friend."

The next track, "Puppets"

Atmosphere

"When Life Gives You Lemons..."

Rhymesayers; 2008

Grade: A-

is built on a simple keyboard riff with a kick-snare backbeat that comes in halfway through the song, just as Slug gets warmed up.

"I think it's great how you used to be great / I can't hate on how you choose to relate." This track is hook heavy, though something that Slug never used to rely on, instead letting his political and social commentary wind out of control on a three-minute track.

Anyone who has listened to Atmosphere for more than a minute and a half would know about half of Slug's songs are about fictional female characters whose troubles range from domestic battles to eviction and single mothers.

"Dreamer," "Your Glass House," "The Waitress" and "In Her Music Box" all detail separate stories of young girls experiencing hardships, and Slug's storytelling style is perfect for the harsh realities he describes.

Throughout the album, Ant explores an impressive range of tonalities and sounds to back Slug's erratic and changing moods. On "Can't Break," Ant samples a heavy electric guitar power chord riff, and using simple flangers and other post-production modulation he creates an airy effect.

"Wild Wild Horses" is much closer to the soulful horn section-backed style of 9th Wonder, and on "Guarantees," Ant plays rhythmic fills and strums chords on a distorted guitar to back Slug's speak-style rhymes. This versatility is not something you find in many major, mainstream records. It takes experience, talent and guts to pull off something like that.

On "Guarantees," there aren't even drums, and perhaps this, combined with Slug's monotone semi-chant rapping, are homages to the backpacker movement of the early '90s.

"When Life Gives You Lemons" is clearly an attempt to say something about a different side of Atmosphere – a side we as hip-hop fans haven't yet understood. Through the introspective rhymes and thoughtful but compelling beats, a new emotion is conveyed. It's something sad, something dark. It has an undeniable "morning after" feel to it, and every song plays into these themes.

To reference the rest of the underground scene, it's the lyricism of Pharoahe Monch, and the musical versatility of the Roots, but it's still all Atmosphere. Wu-Tang Clan may have nine members – ODB rest in peace – but next time someone asks you how many hip-hoppers it takes to make a fresh, thought-provoking album, think of Slug and Ant, and you'll know the answer. It takes two, baby.

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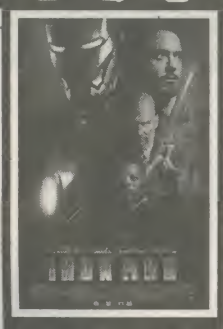

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"Guantanamo Bay" buddy comedy is torturously funny

BY ALEX BAHLER
of Voice

In "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay," one of the title characters actually sums up the movie best.

"It's going to be exactly like 'Eurotrip,' only it's not going to suck," cocky stoner-bud Kumar Patel (Kal Penn, "National Lampoon's Van Wilder") says to his friend Harold Lee (John Cho, "American Pie") in an airport as they await their flight to – you guessed it – Amsterdam.

And he's right – the sequel to the weirdest late-night food run of all time employs the same relentlessly random humor on which those two movies barely scraped by. The difference is a good 90 minutes of louder laughs as Harold and Kumar try to get to their women while the government tries to get to them.

And while the movie falters in the beginning, fussing with backstory, the plot really takes off when the guys book an international flight to surprise Harold's new squeeze, Marie (Paula Garces, "Dangerous Minds"). Kumar also runs into college ex Vanessa (a yummy Danneel Harris, TV's "One Tree Hill") who, to Kumar's dismay, is marrying her smug beau, Colton (Eric Winter).

Kumar can't wait a few hours to smoke all the weed he wants, so he fires up in the plane's bathroom, using a smokeless bong he invented while staying home unemployed. Pulling the racial profiling card got the weed through security. Clever.

The flight's token Nervous Nancy sees him lighting it and takes him for a terrorist setting off a bomb. Even verbal clarification does nothing, as people mishear "bong" for "bomb." The flight makes a landing and the gentlemen are brought to questioning by overzealous FBI official Ron Fox (Rob Corddry, pumping up the intensity of his "Daily Show" persona).

Corddry is absolutely hysterical as the prejudiced Fox, who thinks getting Harold and Kumar's two Jewish friends to talk is as easy as pouring out a bag of coins on the table. To get answers out of a black witness to a car crash, he threatens to pour out a whole can of grape soda, eliciting shock and excitement from bystanders ("Ask him if he got any Kool-Aid!").

Ah, stereotypes ... do they ever get old?

Cho and Penn own the screen, with Cho as the uptight yin to Penn's freeballin' yang. The film lacks in the star power area, but Neil Patrick Harris is back to compensate as a 'shroom-tripping, womanizing version of himself. Harris stole the show in "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle," but after his real-life coming out last year, it makes the hypersexualized character here all the funnier. The image of his initials cow-branded on a whore's buttocks will be similarly burned in viewers' minds.

A bit of advice – take the R rating seriously. The writers use every toilet gag, expose all body parts – the "bottomless" party thrown by a high school friend will have teenage boys in the audience tittering – and spark reefer on a regular basis. Even the happily-ever-after ending shot has a joint in it. In a rare dark moment, one character gets killed with two bloody shotgun blasts.

But it's only a brief lapse that falls between a whorehouse trip gone soggy and being sent back to Guantanamo, thanks to Vanessa's double-crossing tool boyfriend (note to the men: always trust first impressions – good-looking rival boyfriends are forever evil!).

The premier characteristic of "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay" is its stubborn refusal to let up on the funny excursions, from crashing a KKK meeting to smoking cocaine-laced pot with the most powerful man in America ("it chills you out and keeps you goin' at the same time"). The film jumps from gag to gag without stopping for air, dipping into campy, "Scary Movie" surrealism – Kumar dreams about a steamy threesome with Vanessa and a giant bag of weed.

But enough spoilers. Just drop the paper and hit the theater for the first must-see movie of 2008. "Escape From Guantanamo Bay" is rip-your-pants hilarious, a raucous comedy that spends most of its time letting loose.

Even with a couple bad hits of misplaced political morality – federal bullies make Americans look bad, patriotism and government loyalty aren't always the same thing – the movie still blazes bright.

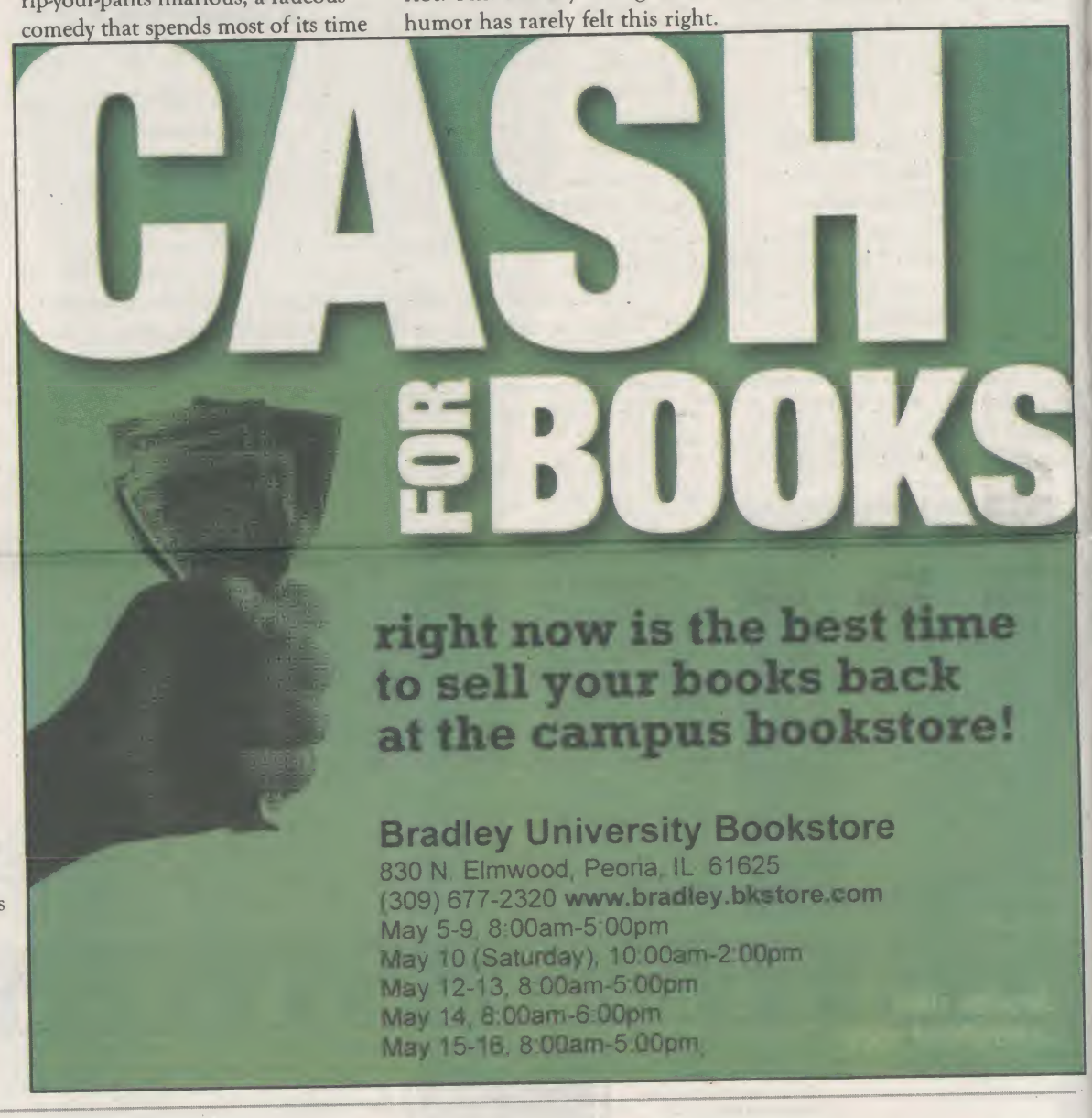
The editing of the fantasy scenes was clumsy as well, but if you go to see "Escape" for the cinematography, you're the horse in this pigpen.

The movie was at its best when it dropped the fantasy, forgot morality and stuck to the riot. This socially wrong kind of humor has rarely felt this right.

"Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay"

John Cho, Kal Penn

Grade: A-



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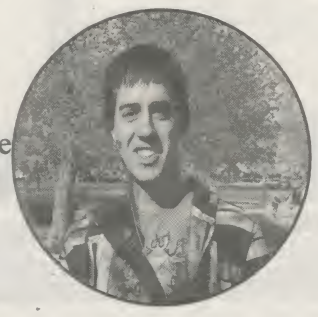
social work



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Daniel Shore
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Sam Parker
freshman
art, spanish

"English 190. I research and type the paper."
Nadine Madanat
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plan.

A "Good Samaritan rule" will take effect as part of the plan, Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky said. The rule releases a student from disciplinary action from the university if he or she calls for help because of an alcohol-related medical emergency of another student.

However, Galsky said the rule does not free any student from paying fines imposed by the city.

The plan also calls for alcohol-free programming on weekend nights to offer alternatives to drinking.

Galsky said the programming, called Late Night BU, may include intramurals or entertainment for students that may last as late as 2 a.m.

The program was influenced by similar programs at other universities, Galsky said.

Student Body President Jordan Ticaric said the committee isn't aware of any other university that is making as much progress as is being made with this plan.

"The objective is to change the culture on campus so drinking is not seen as the cool thing, the only thing to do – because it is not," Ticaric said.

Glasser said increased alcohol education programming at freshmen orientation and as part of EHS 120 classes and dorm programming is also included in the plan.

"Our objective is to continually and repeatedly give our students the information necessary to help them make good choices," she said.

The plan provides for a full-time position of a coordinator of alcohol awareness programs who will oversee all programs and activities associated with the plan, Galsky said.

The plan also will create a Student Leadership Board to encourage responsible drinking.

"It's a fact that student leaders influence others," Glasser said. "We hope that this will begin a change in our culture."

The plan was created by a committee formed in February comprised of faculty, staff and students to address the problem of alcohol use and abuse on campus.

Alcohol Action Plan overview

- Students who violate the alcohol policy will be fined an extra $50 by the university.
- If a student hosts a party that is attended by minors, that student will be fined $250 by the university.
- The university will offer increased alcohol education programming.
- Late Night BU programming, such as intramurals or entertainment, will be offered as alternatives to drinking on weekend nights.
- Students who violate the alcohol policy three times within two years may be subject to suspension.
- Students who violate the policy twice within their first year will be prohibited from living in greek houses.
- A "Good Samaritan rule" releases a student from disciplinary action from the university if he or she calls for help because of an alcohol-related medical emergency of another student.

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and honor."

Glasser said the garden is located in a "wonderful setting," and it's "long overdue."

Senate chose the location because it could be used temporarily until construction is complete on Glenwood Avenue, Ticaric said. It will then be moved to a location on Glenwood yet to be determined.

Ticaric and Student Body Vice President Ben Koch planted the first flowers in the garden, with the assistance of Associate Provost for Student Affairs Alan Galsky and Glasser.

Freshman math education major Kameron Matthis attended the dedication and said he isn't sure the garden will get the attention Senate intended it would get.

"I don't think people will know what it's for," Matthis said. "It's still a cool idea though."

Sophomore chemistry major and senator Maggie Hammar said she hopes students notice the garden.

"[Senate] spent a lot of time working on the garden and raising money for it," she said. "It's a goal we've had all year and something Jordan [Ticaric] really wanted."

Hammar said the garden is something Senate hopes students will use and reflect on.

"So many students have lost their lives while attending school," she said.

And Ticaric said she agreed.

"It's a place for us to join as one and come together as a university," she said. "It's a place to pay tribute to those we miss so dearly."

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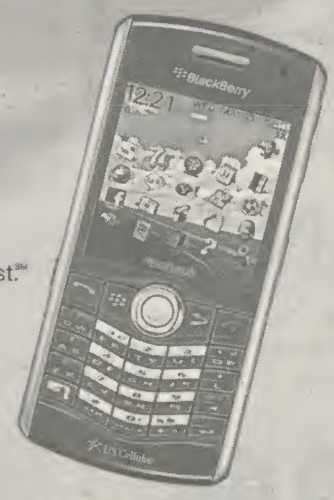

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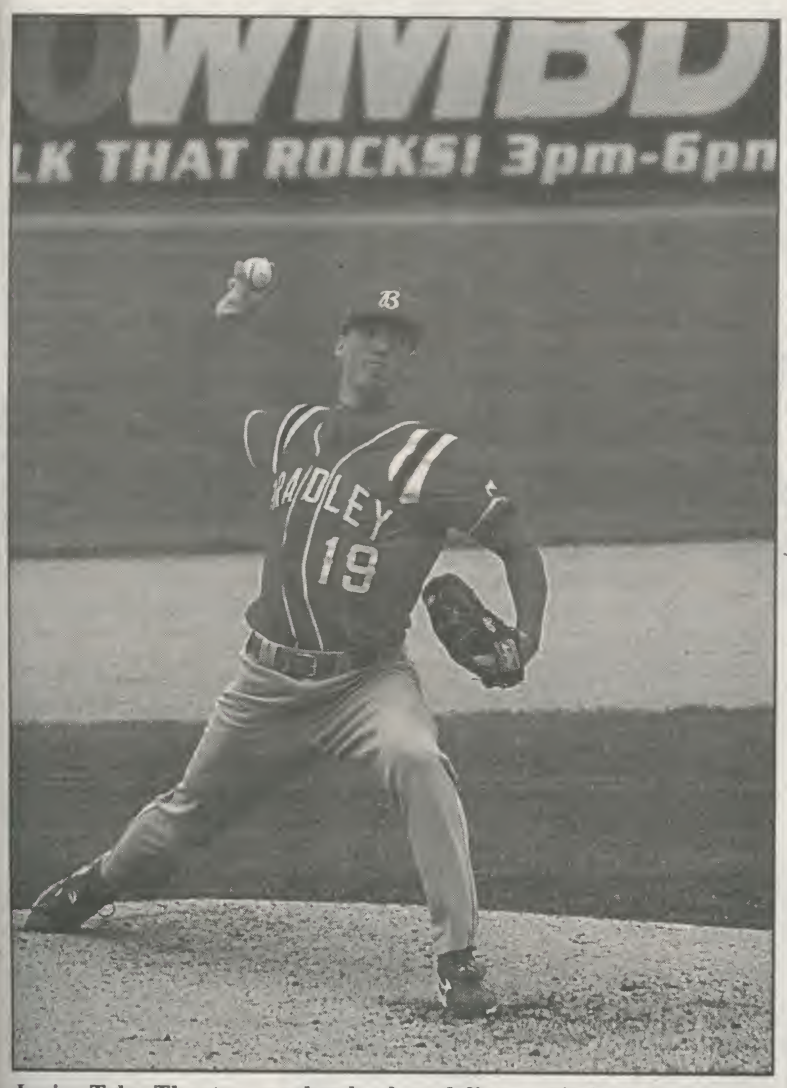
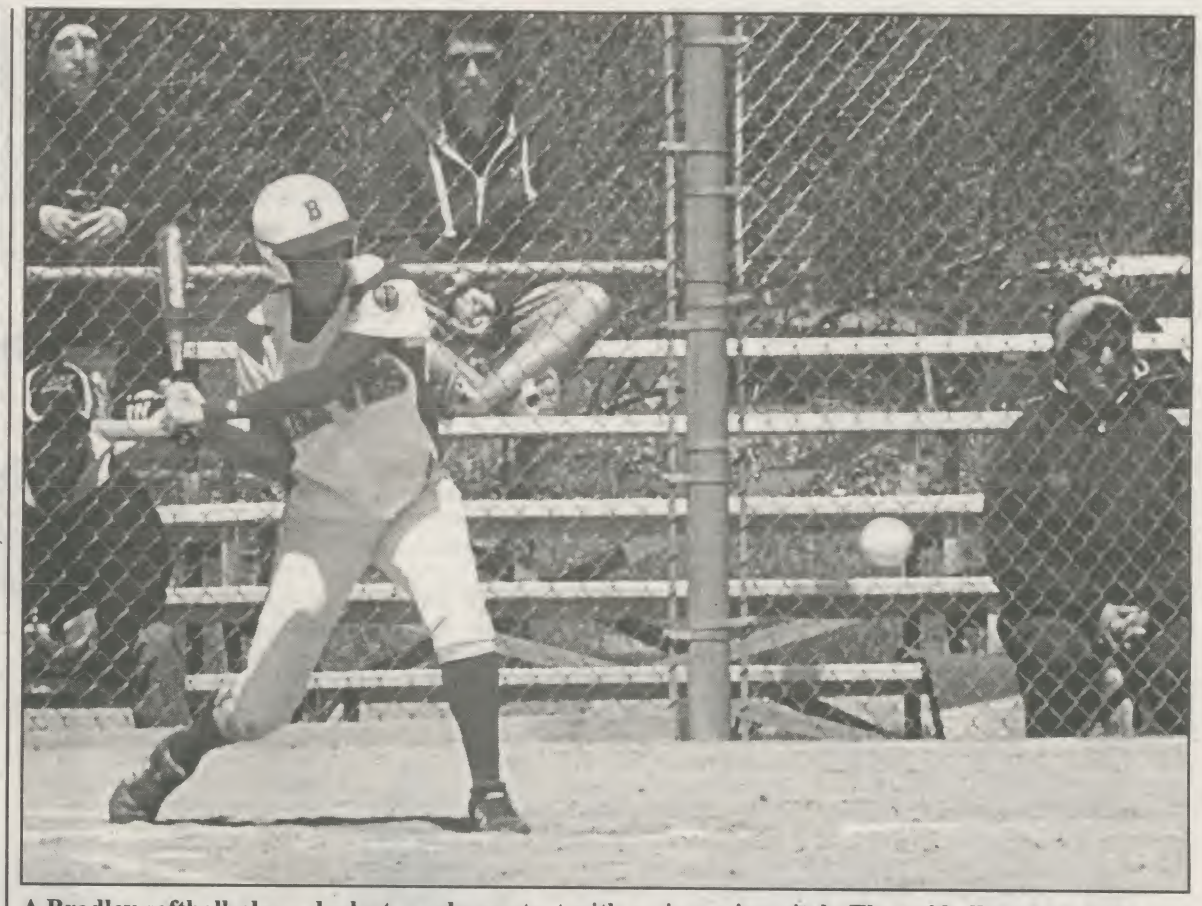


Junior Tyler Thorton reaches back to deliver a pitch on Sunday when he picked up his first win of the season. *photo by Megan Loos*



A Bradley softball player looks to make contact with an incoming pitch. The softball team won the game 1-0 Saturday, snapping its 12-game losing streak. *photo by Megan Loos*

BASEBALL

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sophomore shortstop Tommy Fitzgerald dropped a ground ball to allow a runner to reach base.

Scahill kept his composure, and after striking out the next batter, freshman catcher Brett Hendricks threw out the runner at second to keep Scahill at the minimum number of batters faced.

With one out in the seventh, Scahill gave up a single to center field to end the no-hitter.

He would eventually come out of the game after the eighth, having given up just one run on two hits while striking out eight.

Bradley's pitching faltered in the second game, but the Braves backed their pitching with the bats and went on to win the game, 14-7.

Senior Jon Goebel picked up the win pitching two innings of relief. Goebel relieved junior Collin Brennan after four innings.

The Braves got back-to-back gems from their pitchers in the final two games of the series.

In Game 3, senior Chris Wright picked up his second win of the season giving up one run over six innings and fanning 10 batters.

Junior Tyler Thorton reached the win column for the first time this year, as he held the Cougars scoreless through eight innings in the final game.

Kalmer said he liked what he saw from Thorton.

"He may be the best pitcher on our staff," he said. "He's really my kind of pitcher. Somebody who goes out there, gets the ball, and throws it in there and makes them hit it."

Bradley extended its winning streak to seven games when it captured both games in a double-header against Vanderbilt.

The Braves won the opener 5-3 with Eitan Barbalat picking up the victory.

Brewer and junior Matt Fritz each recorded two hits in the game.

Junior Lendsey Thomson picked up the win for Bradley in Game 2.

Fritz homered in the game, and junior Colby Lutrell went 2-for-3 and recorded his ninth double of the season.

The Braves won the game 2-1.

The contest ended a season-long 10-game home stand for Bradley.

The Braves will look to add to their winning streak this weekend, when they travel to Normal to take on the Redbirds.

SOFTBALL

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to pitch and struck out her first batter for the second out, but Evansville capitalized as Jacki Bradley cleared the bases with a double to put the Purple Aces on top, 5-4.

"[Jacki] Bradley got the big hits at the right time," Foster said.

The Braves tied the game at 5-5, but Evansville had different plans. Birdsong allowed a solo home run to Brittany Herald.

The next three batters reached base, and Evansville broke the game open with a single to bring in two more runs.

"We shut the likely player of the year in Brittany Herald down, and that was our goal," Foster said.

The next day, the Purple Aces came back to Laura Bradley Park and handed Bradley a goose egg in Game 3.

Evansville put Jacki Bradley on the mound to fend off the Braves in a complete-game shutout.

"You've got to give her credit for coming through," Foster said.

Ramsey was able to get two hits including a last ditch effort in the seventh inning, but she alone couldn't give the Braves a victory.

Bradley had an opportunity with two runners in scoring position early, but those runners were left stranded as were five others throughout the game.

The second inning was led off by junior Alycia Bachkora with an infield hit.

Mitchell reached on a two-base error by Evansville to give Bradley runners on second and third with no outs.

Evansville's Bradley stopped the bleeding there as she sat down the next three batters in a row, putting them all away with strikeouts.

The Purple Aces tapped into Birdsong with clutch hitting and unselfish play in the sixth inning.

"She's been our horse and she's still our go-to person," Foster said.

Evansville led the inning off with a single, and the next batter knocked one up the middle to give the Purple Aces the lead.

Evansville then piled on three more runs in that inning and tarnished Birdsong's pitching statistic line with four earned runs in the game.

"You're going to throw your best out there, and if she gets beat, she gets beat," Foster said.

Foster said he thought his team was in position to get a victory in the third game, but like the rest of the season, the Braves didn't get big hits when they needed to.

Bradley will hit the diamond this weekend against Southern Illinois, a team it already defeated in the Coach B Classic earlier this season.

"We beat them earlier in the year when we were playing a lot better," Foster said. "I told the kids they owe it to their seniors to send them out on a winning note."

WOLICKI

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Enterprises.

"It has always been a dream of mine to work with professional tennis players and this new opportunity was one that I could not refuse," he said.

The Braves will now begin a search for their fourth coach in as many seasons.

"We appreciate coach Wolicki's contributions over this past year and wish him all the best with his future endeavors," Director of Athletics Ken Kavanagh said in the release. "In turn, we will now focus our energies toward a search to find a replacement of his caliber in a timely manner."

Kavanagh said he hopes to hire a coach who will help the Braves climb out of the MVC's cellar.

"We seek to find a quality individual who is capable of utilizing our combined resources in a successful pursuit of the upper echelon of the Missouri Valley Conference and beyond," he said.

Turning the program around will not be an easy task for the new coach, however, as Bradley has not posted a winning season in several years.

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Top 5 BU sports stories of 2007-08

Soccer team defies the odds, Crouch breaks 3-point records and the fieldhouse meets its demise

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

It's been a rollercoaster of a season for Braves fans.

In a year, we've witnessed everything from tragic deaths to postseason success, from player suspensions to postseason awards. The 2007-08 school year has been a memorable one in the sporting world.

With so many memories, the following are the Scout's picks for the top five sports stories of the year:

1. Soccer overcomes tragedy, makes Elite Eight

In a season that started with the tragic passing of redshirt freshman Danny Dahlquist, the soccer team rose up to its best season in program history in honor of its missing teammate.

Playing without Dahlquist and the three other players dismissed from the team, Bradley had a season remarkable enough to be made into a movie.

The team went undefeated in conference play, finishing the season as Missouri Valley Conference champions with a record of 16-6-4.

Soon after, the Braves used back-to-back shutouts of Eastern Illinois and Creighton to be crowned MVC tournament champs and began their run in the NCAA tournament.

After defeating DePaul 2-0 in the first round of the tournament, Bradley traveled to Bloomington, Ind., to take on Indiana.

The game stayed tied at 1-1 after two overtimes, and after the Braves went 5-for-5 on penalty kicks, the Hoosiers missed their final shot to clinch a spot in the Sweet 16 for Bradley.

The team left no time for pulses to drop. Trailing 2-0 against Maryland with less than 3 minutes remaining, the Braves scored two goals to tie the game and force overtime.

Then, with 75 seconds remaining in double overtime, Bradley scored and advanced to the Elite 8.

Although the team lost 4-0 to Ohio State, the Braves had a season that will never be forgotten.

Senior Joe Donoho was named MVC Player of the Year and a NSCAA third team All-American, and coach Jim DeRose was named national Coach of the Year by "Soccer America."

2. Ruffin, men's basketball faces off-court troubles

Senior point guard Daniel Ruffin was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery after allegedly choking and cutting the lip of his 20-year-old ex-girlfriend.

Ruffin was suspended for two games because of his actions, including the team's final home game of the regular season against Southern Illinois.

He had already missed time earlier in the season because of injury.

Coach Jim Les said the suspension affected the team.

"We have a little deeper relationship than a player-coach," he said. "It made for an emotional day for everybody. This is a family and any time something happens within the family, it affects all of us."

Before the Ruffin incident, juniors Theron Wilson and Tyrone Cole-Scott were arrested on alcohol-related charges after being pulled over while speeding.

Wilson was taken in on charges of zero tolerance, illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and speeding, while Cole-Scott was cited for illegal consumption.

Senior Matt Salley was also in the vehicle, but was not ticketed as he is of legal age.

3. Men's basketball reaches inaugural CBI finals

In a season in which the Braves faced many ups and downs, the men's basketball team was selected to compete in the first ever College Basketball Invitational and made it all the way to the finals.

Though many players missed time because of injury and suspension, Bradley still found a way to record its third straight 20-win season and reach a postseason tournament.

After losing in the first round of the MVC tournament, the Braves welcomed back sophomore guard Andrew Warren for the start of the CBI.

The return of Warren, along with the development of freshman Sam Maniscalco and the emergence of junior David Collins, helped Jeremy Crouch and Ruffin lead the team to the finals.

Bradley took down Cincinnati, Ohio and Virginia on its way to a match-up with the eventual champion Tulsa Golden Hurricane.

In a best-of-three series, both Bradley and Tulsa won their home games to send the series to a third and final game at Tulsa.

The Braves lost the game 70-64, and their season came to an end.

The tournament allowed Bradley to reach the postseason for the third consecutive year.

4. Robertson Memorial Field House demolished

The historic Robertson Memorial Field House served its last season of duty this year.

But the fieldhouse will be remembered as much more than a home for women's sports.

When Bradley finished construction of the fieldhouse in 1949, it housed the men's basketball team, but also was used for many historic events, including a campaign stop by Dwight D. Eisenhower.

It has since been demolished, and the men's team now plays its home games at Carver Arena, but the memories will never be forgotten.

"Look and see how unique this place was, because in its day it was the greatest basketball facility ever built," David Snell, "the voice of the Braves" on WMBD radio, said during the fieldhouse's last event.

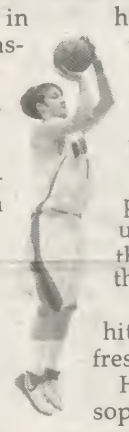
Over a 33-year period the men's team won 400 games at the fieldhouse.

5. Crouch breaks 3-point records

After having one of the best individual seasons in Bradley basketball history, Jeremy Crouch now owns both the single-season and career 3-point records.

In a year in which the senior led the team in both scoring and steals, he knocked down 118 3-pointers to break the single-season record and earn the All MVC First Team honors.

He also broke Bradley's career 3-point record, connecting on 262 shots from behind the arc on his way to becoming the all-time leader.



Crouch was a workhorse this year, starting all 38 games for the Braves.

In the absence of other players, Crouch stepped up and took command of the team, leading them all the way to the CBI finals.

Crouch started his career hitting 46 3-pointers as a freshman.

He then went cold his sophomore year, connecting on only 15 threes, but picked things up again during his junior season, hitting on 83 attempts.

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8TH ANNUAL BESPY AWARDS

Bradley's Elite Sports People of the Year awards honor this year's best in BU athletics

With both the school year and the sports year coming to a close, it's time to look back at this year's athletics and present the eighth annual BESPY awards.

The BESPYs are selected each year by the Scout's sports staff and are meant to honor Bradley's top-performing athletes, coaches and teams for their outstanding seasons.

Although the awards have been fairly basketball-dominated in the past few years, a new team has emerged as the BESPY front-runner this year.

So without further adieu, here are the Scout's selections for this year's awards:

Male athlete of the year: Joe Donoho, soccer

Joe Donoho

Senior Joe Donoho's success this season landed him a spot on the NSCAA All-American third team, and he became the first ever Braves player to be named Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year.

Statistically, Donoho finished as the team's third-leading scorer with a total of 15 points. Those points were comprised of six goals and three assists while playing sweeper for the team, a defensive position.

During an inspiring season for the Braves, Donoho partook in nine shutouts as the sweeper.

His most notable game came against Western Kentucky as he provided an assist to the game-tying goal and minutes later slammed home the game winner to wrap up at least a tie for first place in conference.

Honorable Mention: Jeremy Crouch, men's basketball

Female athlete of the year: Bari Erais, women's golf

Bari Erais

Junior Bari Erais inserted herself into the Bradley record books this year with the most career top-10 finishes in women's golf.

She shot 24 out of her 30 rounds in the 70s this season, as well as recorded five top-ten finishes.

In what seemed like a storybook tale, Erais headed into the William and Mary Invitational tied for the school record for most top-10 finishes and tied with another individual for first place in the tournament.

Erais stepped up her game and lowered her score.

She carded a 76, which was good enough to hold off her opponent and etch her place in Bradley history with another season to go.

Erais' efforts helped her team finish fourth or better six times on the season.

Honorable mention: Skye Johnson, women's basketball

Freshman of the Year: Sam Maniscalco, men's basketball

Sam Maniscalco

Freshman Sam Maniscalco stepped up in a big way for this year's men's basketball team.

With star senior Daniel Ruffin missing a number of games because of injury and some "extra-curricular activities," Maniscalco stepped in to start 15 games at point guard and was consistently helpful off the bench, becoming one of only three Braves to clock in over 1,000 minutes.

Maniscalco was fifth in scoring for the Braves, averaging nearly eight points a night, and also had perfect attendance on the year, playing in all 38 games – a feat that was accomplished only by Jeremy Crouch, Matt Salley and himself.

Most importantly, Maniscalco brings hope to Bradley fans.

With both Ruffin and Crouch graduating, the future of the Braves' backcourt looked to be pretty grim.

But with the way Maniscalco composed himself on the floor this year and the big game experience he acquired, this freshman gives Bradley basketball fans plenty to look forward to.

Honorable Mention: Sonya Harris, women's basketball

Coach of the Year: Jim DeRose, soccer

Jim DeRose

Without a doubt, this year's BESPY for Coach of the Year goes to Jim DeRose.

After winning his third straight regular season MVC title and leading Bradley to an impressive 16-6-4 record on the year, DeRose's team rounded out the season with Bradley's first trip to the Elite Eight in the men's NCAA tournament.

The team finished ranked as the 10th best squad in the country.

In addition to his prestigious BESPY, DeRose also claimed "Soccer America's" National Coach of the Year award, NSCAA Midwest Region Coach of the Year honors, and his fourth MVC coach of the year award for keeping the Braves unbeaten in the conference.

Off the field, DeRose did a remarkable job rallying not only his team, but the entire Braves community after the untimely death of redshirt freshman Danny Dahlquist on Aug. 12. He was able to maintain a positive outlook on the 2007 season.

As the winningest coach in Bradley soccer history, DeRose remains one of the many bright spots for the 2008 season.

Honorable Mention: Jim Les, men's basketball

Team of the Year: Soccer

In a season that could have just as easily been filled with excuses and shortcomings, the soccer team overcame unimaginable adversity to become the Team of the Year in Bradley sports.

The Braves finished the season with a school-record 16 victories on the way to winning their first MVC Tournament, as well as earning their way into the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament, also for the first time.

Although Bradley will lose eight seniors to graduation, including defender Teddy Anderson and midfielder Drew DeGurian, both of whom earned All-Midwest second team honors, they look forward to the return of sophomore Chris Cutshaw, whose postseason heroics left soccer fans with a season that will not soon be forgotten.

Honorable Mention: Men's Basketball

Game of the year: Soccer beats Maryland 3-2 in overtime

Sometimes 90 minutes can pass by and not a single goal is scored, but sophomore Chris Cutshaw only needed a few minutes in regulation to put the game-tying goal in the back of the net.

Maryland had the early lead of 2-0 at the end of the first half.

The Braves came out in the second half aggressively but were unable to convert their opportunities.

With only 3 minutes remaining, hopes looked bleak for Bradley and the fans traveling alongside the team.

Senior Drew DeGurian clobbered a rebound home to put the Braves within one. Cutshaw then worked his magic and gave the Braves a new life.

One overtime wasn't enough time for either team to grasp victory and the second overtime was just barely enough for Bradley to capture the victory.

Cutshaw saw the ball coming towards him in the air and used his head to redirect the ball past the goalkeeper, sending the Braves to the Elite Eight.

Honorable Mention: Men's basketball buzzer-beater against Drake.

BESPYS compiled by Dru Tate and D.J. Piehowski

Tennis seasons come to end

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

For the second time this season the women's tennis team picked up a victory against Creighton.

There was more on the line this time, however, as the two teams were squaring off in Omaha, Neb., for the Missouri Valley Conference Championship last Friday.

Keeping pace with their regular season, the Braves were able to pick up the doubles point.

Sophomores Jessica Buterbaugh and Kelly Donohue won the No. 1 doubles pairing against the Bluejays, 8-4.

"We both work really well together and I think if we keep playing together it will only get better," Buterbaugh said.

That win was all they needed to secure the point in doubles because Creighton didn't have enough players to complete a third doubles team, resulting in a forfeit of the third match.

Junior Erin Krubeck was the first Braves' player to pick up a singles point as she won in straight sets at No. 5 singles, 6-1, 6-1.

Junior Kim Braun was placed in the No. 6 singles and was automatically given the point since Creighton didn't have enough players.

"Whatever gets the team to win is fine with me," Buterbaugh said.

With only one more point needed to seal the victory, Buterbaugh didn't give her opponent any extra chances as she swept Creighton 6-1, 6-3 in the No. 4 singles match.

"It was basically just hitting the ball back over to make her make one more shot so that she will make a mistake," she said.

The victory would be short lived, however, as they had to turn around and face top-seeded Indiana State.

"We had to play two matches in one day so we were all pretty tired," she said.

The Sycamores were able to wrap up the doubles point by defeating Buterbaugh and Donohue 8-1 in No. 1 and then took down the No. 3 doubles match against Braun and Krubeck 8-2.

Sophomore Emily Regenold stepped into No. 1 singles but fell short of victory as she was swept, 6-0, 6-0.

Krubeck was defeated in No. 5 singles 6-0, 6-0 as well.

The Sycamores only needed one more victory in singles to clinch a win, and they got it quickly as Buterbaugh was defeated in No. 4 singles, 6-2, 6-1.

"I think that we had confidence but they were a really good team," she said. "We definitely didn't have as much confidence as they did."

The men's tennis team also played in Omaha last weekend, but like the women, it was defeated and sent home on the first day.

Wichita State took the doubles point from the Braves with victories in the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles matches.

Junior Evgeny Samoylov was able to steal the first set away in No.1 singles, 6-4.

The early advantage was not enough to seal a victory against the Shockers as they won the next set 6-3 and followed it up with a 6-1 score for the third and final match.

Freshman Vuk Bolic was beat in No. 3 singles in identical scores, 6-1, 6-1.

The fourth and final point to end the match came against sophomore Michel Macarachvili. He competed in No. 4 singles and was beat 6-2, 6-2 to end the season.

Nowak breaks Bradley's 800-meter record

BY D. J. PIEHOWSKI
of the Scout

As the regular season winds down, the track and field team has picked up some strong momentum to carry with it into the last regular invitational of the year.

Led by junior Katie Nowak, the Braves recorded seven season-best performances in as many events on Saturday at the Stan Lyons Open, hosted by Butler University and held in Indianapolis.

"Many of the girls on the team had season-best performances, Nowak said. "I love watching and cheering on my teammates at the meets."

Nowak's time of 2:12.80 was not only good enough to win the 800-meter run, but it also broke her own outdoor school record of 2:13.01 which was less than a month old.

Nowak's record-breaking performance also led to her being named this week's Bradley Scholar-Athlete of the Week for the fifth time, which was announced Tuesday.

Nowak, a mechanical engineering major, also sports a 3.96 cumulative GPA to complement her success on the track.

Outside Nowak's events, the Braves continued to succeed Saturday night with six finishers in the 1,500-meter landing in the top 15.

Sophomore Marlana Haefelin was the top finisher for Bradley in sixth place with a time of 4:45.

Bradley also received a solid performance from junior Shelby Lile, who placed 11th in the 5,000-meter with a time of 18:42.

The Braves success continued into the field events as they chalked up another top-10 finish, this time from junior Trish Martens in the triple jump. Marten's leap of 34 feet, 9 inches was good enough to earn her seventh place in the event.

Sophomore Anne Bucalo and senior Kim Martin rounded out the field events, each taking home 11th-place honors – Bucalo for her season-best discuss toss of 133 feet, 4 inches, and Martin for her heave which flew 41 feet, 2 inches.

"I am very excited to see how everyone on our team is going to do at the conference championship meet on May 16 to 18," Nowak said. "Everyone has put in the hard work that is needed to have good performances."

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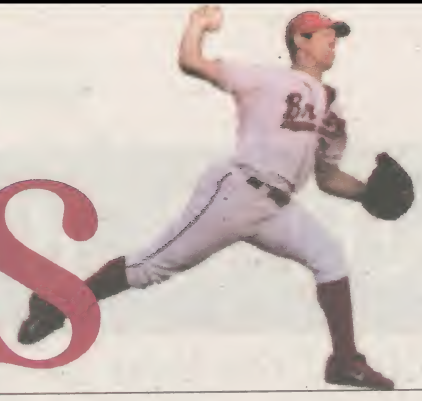

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Baseball's win streak hits 7 games

BY ALEX MAYSTER
of the Scout

The baseball team continued its dominance in Illinois this weekend, sweeping Chicago State in a four-game series and extending its in-state record to 23-7 since 2007.

The sweep of the Cougars marked the Braves' fifth consecutive victory of the season and their ninth win in their last 13 contests.

The four victories also extended Bradley's winning streak in the state to 11 consecutive games.

"That says something about our program and our league, which I'm proud of," coach Dewey Kalmer said.

Bradley (24-19, 8-7 MVC) scored 33 runs in the series, pitching two shutouts and playing clean games defensively. The team committed just one error over the final three games.

Junior center fielder Dan Brewer's strong performance backed the offense with his bat and on the basepaths.

Brewer finished 6-for-12 in the series. He knocked in seven runs while scoring four, including his three-run home run in the series opener. He also tied his own record for stolen bases at O'Brien Field, snagging three in the final game.

"Our coach told us they hadn't thrown out many guys, so I was probably a little bit more aggressive than I normally am," Brewer said.

Junior Mike Brumleve slides safely into home after a play at the plate during Bradley's win on Sunday against Chicago State. *photo by Megan Loos*

Junior right fielder Colby Luttrell added to the Braves' offense with his fifth and sixth long balls of the season.

Although the offensive numbers were good, Kalmer said he thought the team could have performed better with the bats against a team that is 11-17. Defensively, Kalmer said he was happy with what he saw.

"This is probably the best defensive team we've had, I'd say, in the last four or five years," he said.

The weekend's sweep over Chicago State was led by three strong pitching performances.

Sophomore Rob Scahill flirted with a perfect game in the series opener and eventually picked up the win.

The bid for perfection ended with one out in the sixth when

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Wolicki resigns as tennis coach

BY ADAM METTRICK
of the Scout

Jacek Wolicki

Jacek Wolicki resigned as coach of the men's tennis team on Wednesday after one year at the helm of the program.

The team struggled in Wolicki's year on the Hilltop, finishing the season at 2-18 and going winless in Missouri Valley Conference play.

Wolicki's resignation marks the third consecutive year in which the men's tennis coach has abandoned his post following the season.

Former coach Mark Dolan resigned at the end of the 2006-07 season and Drew Barrett quit the year before that.

Like Wolicki, both coaches struggled in their one year at Bradley.

Wolicki said he is excited to pursue this new opportunity, but he is disappointed to be leaving Bradley after such a short time.

"It has been a genuine pleasure to work for Bradley University in the last year," Wolicki said in a news release announcing his resignation. "The experience this year has been truly great for me. It has been with both regret and anticipation that I leave this university."

Wolicki said he is leaving to pursue a career coaching professional tennis players at Mamba

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Birdsong shuts down Evansville to snap skid

BY DRU TATE
of the Scout

Junior Ashley Birdsong snapped out of her losing skid in a big way against Evansville as she pitched a one-hit shutout last weekend.

"We got the monkey off of our back," coach Buddy Foster said.

Birdsong wasted no time sending the first three batters of the game back to the dugout with strikeouts.

Bradley had the bases loaded in the bottom of the first with only one out, but Purple Aces pitcher Jacki Bradley got out of the jam without any damage done.

The pitchers battled back and forth until the bottom of the fifth when senior Trish Kowalewski hit the home run that not only gave Bradley enough for victory, but also ended her 0-for-20 slump at the plate.

Birdsong allowed just three batters to reach first base.

"Birdie set the tone for the first game and that's what she needed to do for us," Foster said.

Playing under the lights was just what the Purple Aces needed to bounce back against Bradley in the second game.

"I felt like we let the second game on Saturday slip away," Foster said.

The Purple Aces struck first as they hit a two-run home run in the third inning.

Bradley didn't get down as it came back in the bottom half to tie the game at 2-2.

Bradley continued in the fourth inning, knocking in another two runs. Sophomore Jacqueline Vitale scored two as she hit her first round-tripper of the year.

The 4-2 lead was not safe, as in the next inning Evansville capitalized on Bradley mistakes. The Purple Aces led off the inning with a double followed by a Bradley error.

With just one out and the bases loaded, Birdsong came on

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